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# Global Signature Program: Environmental Resilience

**Our ambition is to drive new ways of conserving and sustainably managing natural environments for the benefit of future generations.**

Sustaining the natural environment on which we all depend is one of the most pressing challenges of our time. The natural resource demands of the world's growing population are placing unprecedented pressure on finite land and water resources and accelerating biodiversity loss. Climate change amplifies this challenge.

Wherever people live in the world, they need resilient natural environments to survive and thrive. A resilient environment sustains peoples' cultures and communities. It requires planned, multiple-use landscapes that support people's livelihoods and food security. It preserves biodiversity and maintains water resources. And it helps society to respond to climate change. Resilient environments are particularly important for Indigenous peoples, who have profound connections to their traditional lands.

## Our vision

We aim to support the conservation and sustainable use of the natural environment for the benefit of future generations. We are investing in a portfolio of large-scale projects that empower people to manage natural environments to achieve environmental and socio-economic sustainability. These projects aim to improve how the environment is valued, enhance conservation planning and share learnings with others.

## What we do

The BHP Billiton Foundation was established in 2013 and works to address some of the most critical global sustainable development challenges facing our generation. By working in partnership with others we seek to raise the bar, find new solutions and set new standards for the future.

We invest in projects that bring together international institutions, governments, civil society and business – aligning our aspirations behind a common goal to achieve lasting change. Through our investments, we seek to:

- Deliver high-impact, enduring interventions in areas of international significance
- Engage with people who live in the landscapes to involve them in our efforts, build their capacity and support their livelihoods
- Use these projects to pilot new approaches and share our learnings so that others can take them on with confidence
- Develop replicable environmental policy frameworks to advance the future of conservation.

Enhancing the environmental, cultural and socio-economic resilience of Indigenous peoples' lands is a key focus of the program.

## Who we are

We are a charity funded by BHP Billiton, a leading global resources company, and through our programs we address challenges that are directly relevant to the resources sector. Our global programs focus on Natural Resource Governance, Environmental Resilience and Education Equity.

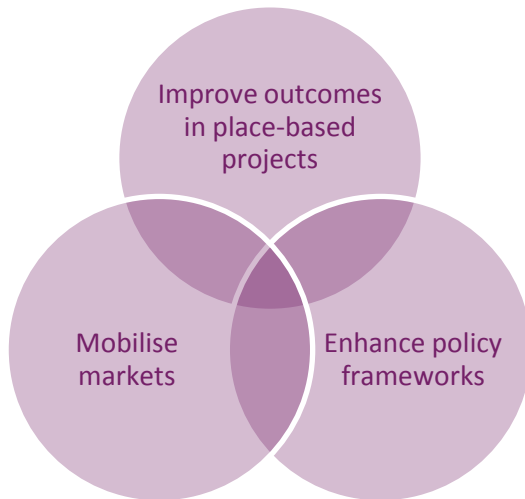
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## Our projects

Each project in the portfolio of the Environmental Resilience program will contribute to one or more of three categories:



Our projects to **improve outcomes in place-based projects** include:

- Conserving landscapes
- Establishing conservation corridors
- Delivering environmental, cultural and socio-economic benefit to Indigenous peoples
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Projects that **enhance policy frameworks** are either standalone or connected to place-based projects. The work of these projects includes advancing recognition within legal and regulatory systems of new tradeable units of carbon, biodiversity and water rights, and also looking at

how the associated benefits from trading these units can be shared among Indigenous and local communities.

Projects that **mobilise markets** will assist in channelling the financial capital flows necessary for achieving environmental resilience. These projects will help to identify ways to use markets to value carbon, water and biodiversity.

All of our programs are designed to be significant, innovative and enduring and will make a contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Environmental Resilience program contributes to the following goals:



**“Resilient environments underpin thriving societies. They sustain cultures and livelihoods, provide food security and water resources, support biodiversity and address climate change. We help to manage natural environments, conserving them for the benefit of future generations and improving how their resources are valued.”**

Karen Wood  
Chairman, BHP Billiton Foundation