

Land-Use Stewardship

A. Intent

The intent of this standard is to ensure sustainable stewardship of the land, which Rio Tinto owns, leases and / or manages. This requires an understanding of the current and potential use of the land, its value and community expectations followed by development of an integrated and strategic approach to land management that identifies and mitigates the impacts of our operations and ownership on that land and progresses biodiversity and generates beneficial business opportunities that flow from effective management.

B. Scope

This standard is applicable to all Rio Tinto Business Units and managed operations and applies to all lands owned, leased and/or managed (RT land) by the group. It covers all activities of the group from exploration through mining and mineral processing to closure and includes the substantial component of the land that is not used directly for mining, processing or ancillary activities.

Other relevant documents are:

- Environmental Management System Standard
- Water Use and Quality Control Standard
- Greenhouse Gas Emission Standard
- Rio Tinto Closure Standard (under preparation)
- Biodiversity Guidance Note
- Progressive Rehabilitation Guidance Note
- Land Use Stewardship Guidance Note
- Community Relations Standard (under preparation)
- Cultural Heritage Management System Guidance Note (under preparation)

C. Requirements

Rio Tinto Business Units and/or managed Operations are required to:

1.0 *Planning*

1.1 Develop and maintain a documented description of all the aspects and implications of the land owned, leased and/or managed (RT land) by the operation. This information base must include:

- a. The tenure, customary ownership, community expectations, former and current use of RT land and its immediate surroundings;
- b. The environmental, social and physical characteristics and capabilities of RT land and its immediate surroundings;
- c. The location of significant natural features;
- d. The location of cultural heritage features, in consultation with those for whom the features have meaning/significance;
- e. The location of potential legacy issue sites.

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- 1.2 Develop in consultation with key stakeholders a Land Use Zoning. The zoning must be compatible with local and regional regulatory land use management plans and shall:
 - a. Identify and map all land units on RT Land;
 - b. Register acceptable uses and any restrictions pertaining to the land units.
- 1.3 Develop targets to drive improvements in land management. Progress towards the targets must be supported by a suitable set of actions.
- 1.4 Develop and implement a Land-Use Management Plan based on the Land-Use Zoning that promotes an integrated and sustainable approach to land management. The plan shall address:
 - a. Issues of biodiversity conservation;
 - b. Environmental offsets;
 - c. Interactions with adjoining lands, including communities;
 - d. Legacy and protection of socio-cultural and natural heritage features.

2.0 *Implementation and Operation*

- 2.1 Integrate Land-Use Management Plans into Business Unit and/or Operations planning, closure planning, progressive rehabilitation programs, project evaluations and capital expenditure reviews.
- 2.2 Assign clear responsibilities and accountabilities for land-use management. Responsibilities must include progressing the Land-Use Management Plan and its associated targets.
- 2.3 Implement an authorization procedure to ensure that all development on RT land is compatible with the Land-Use Zoning and the Land-Use Management Plan.
- 2.4 Ensure that any alterations to the Land-Use Zoning and or Land-Use Management Plan are adequately researched, justified and documented. Management authorisation must be obtained before any alteration to the Land-Use Zoning or the Land-Use Management Plan can be made.

3.0 *Performance Measurement*

- 3.1 Conduct a systematic auditing procedure of all aspects of land-use management procedures in order to verify their adequacy, performance and areas of risk or opportunity.

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