COMPLEX PROBLEM:
Consumers and investors increasingly demand that companies look beyond short-term profit when developing their supply chains. Companies must effectively manage the demands of economic growth, environmental protection, fair labor practices and business ethics – and they must do so in the context of continuously evolving markets and relationships.

INTEGRATED SOLUTION:
Winrock International’s approach to addressing this complex challenge encompasses business incentives, scientific rigor, risk management and sustainability monitoring. Our solution helps companies embed sustainability principles into their procurement practices. We help companies optimize supply chain efficiencies while achieving economic, social and environmental targets at the corporate level and in communities.
Understand business incentives

To be sustainable and assure future livelihoods, supply chains must be grounded in economic viability. Winrock International applies labor-saving technologies and practices to increase productivity and economic returns. We strengthen livelihoods by helping smallholder farmers diversify income and find off-farm employment. Our clean and renewable energy solutions support off-farm employment and improve local services. For example, clean, reliable energy not only connects off-grid farmers, but also enables businesses to increase irrigation and water services, reduce food loss and waste, develop innovative processing and packaging, and improve transportation logistics and cold chain solutions.

Assure environmental and social performance

As a leader in the measurement and monitoring of ecosystem services and social well-being, Winrock International knows that data collection standards and protocols are essential to meeting global sustainability goals. Our multi-faceted programs cut across economic and development sectors and have helped communities, governments and companies achieve and report progress toward their environmental and human impact commitments.
Through its American Carbon Registry, Winrock developed and approved the first methodology for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from rice production. Rice cultivation is the third largest source of methane emissions in the agricultural sector. Under the rice methodology, 3.4 million acres across six states are eligible to generate revenue from carbon offsets. The result: potential emissions reductions of over one million tons over the next 10 years, an amount currently valued at around $10 million.

Smallholders produce 40 percent of the world's palm oil. Pilot activities have successfully increased smallholder productivity, which could decrease pressure to clear additional forests. Winrock has prepared technical and financial analyses for reducing methane emissions at 30 processing mills in Indonesia, leveraging more than $40 million in investments and offsetting 420,000 metric tons of emissions annually.

Many global suppliers and buyers have committed to eliminate labor trafficking from their supply chains. In partnership with the nonprofit organization Concordia, Winrock has launched a campaign to develop a collaborative, standards-based, industry-wide approach to addressing human rights and labor abuses in the fishing industry. The initiative will establish a transparent, collective governance mechanism to set and enforce standards, and will draw on the latest technology to allow for data-driven decisions and monitoring.

Winrock's collaboration with the Coffee Quality Institute (CQI) and a multi-national coffee trader has provided approximately 5,000 Burmese coffee farmers with access to international markets for the first time. The first coffee exports from Burma received specialty grades under CQI's grading system, allowing the coffee to fetch premium prices at as much as two times what the farmers earn in the domestic market. Our holistic approach includes pre-harvest training for farmers, assistance with post-harvest processing and help meeting quality standards.
CROSS-CUTTING THEMES:

Winrock’s integrated solutions are rooted in the following principles:

**Results-Focused**
We measure our success in terms of impact by delivering direct, demonstrable results.

**Human-Centered**
Our solutions are developed and sustained by the people they are designed to serve.

**Science-Based**
We apply the best available science to solve development problems. When key evidence is missing, we conduct our own research to find it.

**Market-Oriented**
Our solutions are rooted in long-term economic viability. We provide business training as well as access to markets and finance in the communities we serve.

Winrock’s integrated solutions incorporate the following tools and processes:

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