

Ground Truth Advisory

Community safeguards for biodiversity and nature finance

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Ground Truth Advisory is a specialist social safeguards practice based in Bangkok. We deliver community engagement assessments, FPIC process design, safeguard frameworks, and compliance documentation for conservation organizations, biodiversity credit developers, and corporations navigating TNFD, CSRD, and development finance safeguard requirements. Every service addresses a compliance gap that generalist environmental consultancies cannot fill.

SERVICES

Conservation Program Design & Grant Writing CEPF · Darwin Initiative · USFWS · GEF

Theory of change development, logframes, and embedded community engagement plans for major conservation funders. Monthly fundraising retainers available.

Development Project Safeguarding World Bank ESF · IFC PS · ADB SPS · GCF

Social assessments, stakeholder engagement plans, indigenous peoples planning frameworks, and grievance redress mechanisms built to World Bank ESF, IFC PS, ADB SPS, and GCF ESP.

MEAL Systems for Conservation & Safeguards Participatory M&E · Equity Indicators

Monitoring frameworks integrating safeguards indicators alongside ecological metrics. Participatory monitoring protocols with community-led indicator sets and equity tracking.

Biodiversity Credit & Nature Finance Compliance Verra SD VISta · Verra CCB · BCA

FPIC process design, social baseline and impact assessments, and benefit-sharing frameworks built for Verra SD VISta validation and BCA High-Level Principles alignment.

Corporate Disclosure & Social Risk Assessment TNFD LEAP · CSRD ESRS E4 · CSDDD

Community dependency mapping, engagement plans, consent frameworks, and social risk registers. Delivered as standalone modules or subcontracted to ESG consultancies.

Training & Capacity Building Workshop Delivery · Licensed Curricula

Workshops on FPIC implementation, community engagement for nature disclosure, and social safeguards for conservation practitioners. Licensed curricula available for internal capacity building.

CREDENTIALS

PhD candidate, Environmental Justice

University of Colorado Boulder · Political Ecology

Consultant, ZSL Thailand

Agroforestry safeguarding, GEDSI implementation, MEAL systems

33 months participatory action research

Farming communities, Prachuap Khiri Khan. 40 semi-structured interviews, participatory mapping.

Inductee, The Explorers Club (2025)

Computational text analysis

TF-IDF vectorization, NVivo, R-based statistical analysis

Certified

CMP Open Standards, Conflict Management, Program Management, Facilitation

Languages

English (native) · Thai (conversational/fieldwork)

FRAMEWORK COMPETENCIES

Disclosure

TNFD LEAP · CSRD ESRS E4 · CSDDD

Biodiversity Credits

Verra SD VISta · Verra CCB Standards · BCA High-Level Principles

Development Finance

IFC PS1 / PS5 / PS7 · World Bank ESF (ESS1, ESS5, ESS7, ESS10) · GCF ESP · ADB SPS

Conservation

CMP Open Standards for Conservation · IUCN Guidelines

GEOPGRAPHIC FOCUS

Field-based: Thailand & Mekong Region

Remote delivery: Global

SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Human-wildlife conflict · Agroforestry · Protected area management · Palm oil & rubber supply chains · Nature-based solutions · Biodiversity credits · Benefit-sharing · Community monitoring · GEDSI