



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Gifts in Wills help fund our vital work around the world. As the second largest unrestricted income stream, without them we simply wouldn't be able to continue the important work we do.**

**We are often asked questions when people are deciding whether to leave WWF-UK a gift in their Will. We have put together some of the most common queries which will hopefully answer any questions you may have.**

**A gift in your Will could help us protect our incredible planet for future generations.**

## How and why should I make a Will?

If you don't have a Will, your estate will be divided according to the law when you die. This could mean that your wishes are not carried out as you would want them to be. Having a Will, especially one written by a solicitor, is the only way of ensuring that your loved ones and chosen charities will be remembered as you wish.

## What kind of gift could I make?

There are three main types of gift that you can leave in your Will:

- A percentage of your estate can make a big difference. You can leave a percentage of your estate after your family and friends are provided for. This is called a residuary gift.
- You can leave a pecuniary gift – which is a fixed sum of money.
- Or you could leave a specific gift such as a piece of jewellery or art, etc.

All gifts are vitally important to WWF-UK.

However, residuary gifts (a percentage of your estate) are particularly helpful as they usually maintain or increase their value over time, and will remain proportional to the value of your estate as time goes by.

## How will my gift be used?

Your legacy can live on for generations and will help us continue our vital work to protect our coasts and oceans, our forests and rivers and the species that depend on these habitats. A gift in your Will can help build a world where people and nature thrive.

## I'm not wealthy – would anything I leave be useful?

We're very grateful for every gift we receive, no matter how large or small.

All of the legacies we receive are used to help protect our incredible planet so even a small percentage of your estate would mean a lot to us.

## I've already made a Will. Do I need to make a new one?

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will, you may not need to make a new one. Small

changes to your Will can be stated in a document called a codicil, which is read in conjunction with your Will. However, your solicitor will need our registered address and charity details, which can be found throughout this form.

## Do I need a solicitor to make a Will?

We would encourage you to discuss your Will with your solicitor to ensure that all legal requirements are met and that your Will is valid. A properly drafted Will can help reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate and increase the value of the assets that you pass on to the people you care about.

## Sample wording for your Will

If you do decide to leave a gift in your Will to WWF-UK, you may wish to discuss the following wording with your solicitor.

As mentioned earlier, to leave a residuary gift, choose the percentage of your estate that you would like to leave to WWF-UK. To leave a pecuniary gift, choose a specific sum of money you would like to leave instead.

'I give \_\_\_\_\_% of my residuary estate or £ \_\_\_\_\_ to WWF-UK of The Living Planet Centre Rufford House Brewery Road Woking Surrey registered charity number 1081247 for its charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of WWF-UK for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.'

## Help with your Will

WWF-UK is not able to offer legal advice but will be able to assist with simple queries – please find Maria Dyson's contact details below. WWF-UK is also part of the National Free Wills Network and is able to refer its supporters to have a simple Will written at no cost to you and with no obligation.

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