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## Wildlife Habitat Council certification



*Cerro Verde is one of the sites that received Wildlife at Work certification for its scientific research of the guanaco.*

**January 27, 2012** - Candelaria, Cerro Verde, El Abra and PT Freeport Indonesia recently joined the list of Freeport-McMoRan sites to receive Wildlife Habitat Council certification through its Wildlife at Work program for efforts to conserve and restore wildlife habitats on Company land.

The certification program recognizes commendable wildlife habitat management and environmental stewardship efforts. Participation is voluntary and calls for efforts that exceed regulatory requirements.

“Freeport-McMoRan is dedicated to preserving wildlife and ecosystems at our mining operations worldwide,” said Bill Cobb, Vice President-Environmental and Sustainable Development. “WHC certification is recognition of our commitment to habitat conservation and enhancement in the areas where we do business.”

The certification process is stringent. Sites have to demonstrate their program has been active for at least one year, provide a management plan including goals and objectives, document the program and apply for periodic renewal.

Below is a list of our Wildlife at Work programs that received new certifications:

- El Abra – the rescue and relocation of cacti/native wildlife affected by mining operations. The site also manages and recharges a freshwater spring at the Salar de Ascotán – a critical water resource in the Atacama Desert – and monitors flamingo populations at the spring.
- Candelaria/Ojos del Salado – a partnership with Fundación Chile to monitor the Copiapó river wetland which is considered an ecologically important stopover for migratory birds.
- Cerro Verde – scientific research of the guanaco, a mammal native to South America, including radio-tracking and assessing migratory patterns of local populations.
- PTFI – a broad range of biodiversity programs including repatriating Papua wildlife confiscated from poachers, promoting tropical reforestation through community tree-planting activities and restoring mangrove islands in estuarine ecosystems.

The four Freeport-McMoRan sites that maintained prior Wildlife at Work program certifications in 2011 include Bagdad, Fort Madison, Henderson and the former Amax Research and Development Center in Golden, Colo.