

Biodiversity Protection Commitment

As Zorlu Enerji, in line with Zorlu Enerji's values and priorities in scope of Sustainability and Environmental Policies, we care about the protection of the ecosystem, natural landscape, biological species diversity and being aware of its commitment to protecting the environment and nature in the regions where it does business.

Economic and social development is closely linked to the usage of natural assets, and that usage of natural assets causes the integrity of ecosystems and biodiversity to be affected.

Zorlu Enerji considers the protection of ecosystems and biological diversity as a fundamental condition for global sustainability.

The scientific community, consisting of scientists from countries party to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, accepts that there is a serious decrease in biological diversity and a deterioration in ecosystems. The loss of biodiversity, which is a direct result of the impact of human activities, occurs quite rapidly and poses serious environmental, economic and social risks. Zorlu Enerji, as a leading company in the energy sector, is aware of these risks and responsibilities. With a proactive attitude that goes beyond the definition of biodiversity, Zorlu Enerji implements strategies and practices to eliminate biodiversity loss, mitigate or limit damages.

Zorlu Enerji accepts that the sustainability of economic and social development will be possible with the protection of ecosystems and biological diversity in line with the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the National Biological Diversity Action Plan, and get guidance from these conventions and action plans.

Zorlu Enerji, which transparently shares all its actions with its stakeholders in order to comply with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), acknowledges the strategic value represented by policy, protection and promotion in line with the relevant SDGs, and confirms its companies' commitment to sustainable development.

Biodiversity provides the environment necessary for the continuity of the economic and social life of humanity. Biodiversity is also important for the services nature provides, such as pollination, climate regulation, flood protection, soil fertility, and ecosystem services such as food, fuel, fiber and medicine production.

Zorlu Enerji's activities cause interactions with various ecosystems, natural landscapes and species throughout their life cycle.

For this reason, Zorlu Enerji accepts and undertakes to protect the integrity and biodiversity of ecosystems, which are a natural heritage, and to promote a balanced coexistence and the development and growth of natural heritage. For this purpose, it creates projects that will contribute to research, conservation, mitigation and biodiversity conservation in a sustainable way. As Zorlu Enerji, we are also committed to promoting a social culture that focuses on raising awareness among all its stakeholders.

Through this commitment, we encourage the protection of biodiversity, planning and subsequent implementation of activities, determination of impact analysis methods, development of actions and contribution to the issues that employees should pay attention to in their daily work, and the achievement of targets set in this area, at various levels of Zorlu Enerji organization and other Zorlu Enerji companies.

In order to fulfil its commitment to biodiversity, the following main behavioural principles will be guided by Zorlu Enerji.

Gradually in all activities and businesses.

We are committed to;

- integrate the protection of biodiversity into Zorlu Enerji's Business Strategy,
- prioritize evaluation within the scope of biodiversity in all of its activities, which include construction, operation and decommissioning phases, especially in power generation plants, electricity distribution, natural gas distribution and infrastructure projects,
- implement a preventive approach to minimize the effects of new infrastructure on biodiversity,
- prepare environmental guidelines for each infrastructure project to be implemented, taking into account biodiversity and species life,
- incorporate this preventive approach and environmental guidelines into environmental and social impact assessments of new infrastructure projects in sensitive ecosystems and protected areas,
- develop practices that will take into account the protection of flora and fauna, especially endangered or endangered species, in all projects carried out by their companies,
- encourage the balancing of the negative effects arising from the activities and the restoration of natural capital,
- encourage our stakeholders to work towards the protection of biodiversity,

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