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## **Zorlu Enerji Deforestation Combat Policy**

- Forests are critical components of a healthy environment and serve as significant carbon sinks.
- Deforestation, hinders the forest's ability to sequester carbon dioxide, plays a substantial role in contributing to global warming, that is the main driver of the climate crisis.
- Scientific reports clearly demonstrate that protecting and restoring natural ecosystems are integrated to mitigating the impacts of climate change and limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.
- The Global Biodiversity Framework aims to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030. This framework includes the sustainable management of forests to ensure long-term productivity, efficiency, and food security, as well as the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of biodiversity, ecosystem functions, and the contributions of nature to human well-being.

## **Zorlu Enerji's Approach to Combating Deforestation**

- At Zorlu Enerji, we prioritize sustainability at the core of our activities. We focus on investments in renewable and clean energy while accelerating efforts to reduce carbon emissions.
- We are dedicated to mitigating the adverse effects of climate change and preserving natural ecosystems. As a company operating in the energy sector with a renewable energy portfolio, we are aware of our responsibility to contribute to the protection of the natural environment and the efficient use of natural resources.
- Under the topic of biodiversity loss and deforestation, we work on deforestation issues within our working groups and take action plans at top management and committee levels.
- In all our endeavors, we adhere to national and international standards, aiming for comply with expectations and requirements.
- We contribute to reforestation efforts in areas affected by deforestation or land degradation. Through partnerships with local communities, environmental organizations, and government agencies, we actively participate in sapling planting initiatives to protect and enrich forest ecosystems.
- We conduct informative activities to increase awareness among our stakeholders about the importance of significant carbon sinks, such as forests, and the impacts of climate change.
- Through our Zero Carbon Footprint Forests Project, we aim to plant 1.2 million saplings by 2030, with 90,000 saplings plantings each year.

## Our Commitments as Zorlu Enerji

- We are committed to ensuring that our activities, both directly and throughout our supply chain, do not contribute to deforestation. As part of our business strategy, we will address deforestation combat within our operations.
- We recognize the critical role of forests in maintaining ecological balance and combating climate change. As part of our environmental responsibility, we commit to developing and supporting reforestation projects that preserve biodiversity, restore ecosystems, and sequester carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Our reforestation project aims to plant 1.2 million saplings by 2030.
- In line with global goals, we commit to focusing on the sustainable use of natural resources, particularly forests, to prevent the destruction of natural habitats and manage deforestation-related risks in our supply chain by 2030. We work towards preserving the value of our equipment dependent on forest resources through a circular economy approach.
- We believe in the power of collaboration and knowledge sharing to drive positive change. Accordingly, we commit to working in collaboration with stakeholders, promoting research and awareness. We collaborate with other industry players, research institutions, and environmental experts to exchange information and contribute to the development of best practices in reforestation and ecosystem regeneration.
- We are dedicated to strengthening our fight against deforestation by embracing new technologies, innovative approaches, and scientific advancements. We invest in R&D and innovation to advance our efforts in this field.



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