

ZORLU ENERJİ DEFORESTATION COMBAT POLICY

- Forests are critical components of a healthy environment and serve as significant carbon sinks.
- Forests serve as a vital cornerstone in curbing global warming through their carbon-capturing capabilities. In the current global landscape, biodiversity loss is deemed a critical risk alongside the climate crisis; the combined pressures of habitat destruction, pollution, and climate instability continue to jeopardize species' life cycles and fundamental ecological integrity.
- Scientific reports clearly demonstrate that protecting and restoring natural ecosystems are integrated to mitigate 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

- Zorlu Enerji identifies biodiversity loss and deforestation as primary environmental risks. Within this framework, we are committed to going beyond impact mitigation to achieve a net positive impact on nature by 2035. Viewing biodiversity loss as a paramount risk that exacerbates the climate crisis, we are evolving our strategy from 'balancing' to 'restoration.' In line with our sectoral responsibility, we deploy science-based, restorative applications to preserve species viability at both the operational and local levels.
- 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 to 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 2035.

Our Commitments as Zorlu Enerji

- By 2035, we pledge to reach a net positive impact across all operations, moving beyond zero net deforestation to actively protect and conserve our forests.
- We promote forest conservation and no deforestation to our employees, shareholders, customers, suppliers and/or partners, other internal and external stakeholders.
- 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.
- 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 2035. 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.
- We respect internationally recognised human rights, the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, and the fundamental labour standards of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in all geographies affected by our operations and our supply chain. We respect the customary rights of local communities and indigenous peoples to land, resources and living spaces, and we engage in dialogue with the communities affected by our projects in line with the principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC).

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