

ZORLU ENERJİ BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION POLICY

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 are committed to safeguarding the environment and nature in the regions where we operate.

We recognize that economic and social development is intricately linked to the responsible use of natural resources. However, such use can negatively impact the integrity of ecosystems and biodiversity. Zorlu Enerji considers the protection of these elements as fundamental 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. As a leading company in the energy sector, we are aware of these risks and responsibilities. We are committed to achieving a net positive impact on biodiversity. We will go beyond mitigating our footprint to actively enhance ecosystems and biodiversity within our areas of operation. We will establish measurable targets for habitat restoration, species population increases, and ecosystem service improvements.

As Zorlu Enerji, we accept 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. We transparently share all our actions with our 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.

To fulfill our commitment to biodiversity, Zorlu Enerji will be guided by the following core principles, implemented progressively across all activities and businesses:

Integration into Business Strategy: We will integrate biodiversity protection into Zorlu Enerji's Business Strategy.

Prioritization in All Activities: Biodiversity evaluation will be prioritized throughout all our activities, encompassing construction, operation, and decommissioning phases, particularly in power generation plants, electricity distribution, natural gas distribution, and infrastructure projects.

Preventive Approach: We will implement a preventive approach to minimize the negative impacts of new infrastructure on biodiversity.

Environmental Guidelines: We will develop environmental guidelines for each new infrastructure project, meticulously considering biodiversity and species life cycles. These guidelines will ensure that our infrastructure and operations not only meet but exceed the performance thresholds set by the ministry.

Impact Assessments: This preventive approach and the environmental guidelines will be incorporated into environmental and social impact assessments, particularly for projects in sensitive ecosystems and protected areas.

Protection of Flora and Fauna: We will develop practices that prioritize the protection of flora and fauna, especially endangered or vulnerable species, in all projects undertaken by our companies.

Balancing Negative Impacts and Restoration: We are committed to finding solutions that balance the potential negative effects arising from our activities with the restoration of natural capital.

Stakeholder Collaboration: We will actively encourage our stakeholders to collaborate with us towards biodiversity protection.

Value Chain Integration: We recognize that our impact on biodiversity extends beyond our direct operations. We will integrate biodiversity considerations throughout our entire value chain. This includes requiring our suppliers and partners to adhere to biodiversity-conscious practices. We will not engage in operational activities near sites containing globally or nationally significant biodiversity unless exceptional circumstances exist, and a robust mitigation plan is in place.



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