

## Our Biodiversity Commitment

At AES Andes, our approach to biodiversity is based on the AES Environmental Policy, the Aes Andes Management System Policy and the compliance with the Corporate Standard for Biodiversity Evaluation and Protection.

The AES Andes Management System Policy commits to: "Analyze, monitor and manage environmental impacts, preventing and mitigating their potential effects, promoting a commitment to caring for the environment, the efficient use of natural resources, the conservation of areas of high biodiversity value in the vicinity of our operations and the protection of species of conservation concern in those areas and the relationship with the communities in which we develop our activities".

The Biodiversity Standard mentions that AES Andes businesses promote Biodiversity by following the mitigation hierarchy described by the International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard 6 which includes avoidance, minimization, restoration, and offsets, where appropriate.

Our Biodiversity approach translates into a commitment to promote the conservation of areas of high value for biodiversity and ecosystems in the surroundings of our operations, protecting and promoting knowledge of species in the conservation category with the ultimate goal of achieving no net loss in biodiversity, in our operations.

The scope of our Biodiversity approach and commitments applies to all AES Andes businesses. Together with our local teams we work with external partners to fulfill this commitment.



## Biodiversity Risk assessment

According to the standard, each AES Business must include Biodiversity impacts and/or enhancements in project planning for all new construction as well as a review of its existing and ongoing Biodiversity impacts and opportunities for enhancement, as reflected through our aspect impact assessment.

The analysis of Impact of biodiversity is carried out from the development of our projects considering construction and operation phases.

During project development, biodiversity risks assessment is based on the characterization of the area of influence of the project and the identification of the degree of impact it will have in biodiversity of such area. The processes are carried out based on Guidelines developed by local environmental authorities as well as international frameworks such as International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard for biodiversity.

According to what has been indicated, all our business have a study of impacts on biodiversity reported and evaluated by environmental authority.

Once the impacts are identified, appropriate mitigation, avoidance, reparation or compensation measures are established in order to take care of significant impacts. This information is included as part of the Environmental Impact Studies, that are evaluated by the relevant authorities, and define the main action plans in our facilities.

We believe our Biodiversity Management plans (including risk assessment, impact assessment, and management and monitoring plans) undergo a due quality assurance process as the biodiversity studies that support the plans are reviewed by

Environmental Authorities. In some cases, depending on the complexity of the project this also is open to the public for comments during consultation phase.



We have 17 operational sites, covering more than 5 thousand hectares. Of such sites, 8 are in close proximity to critical biodiversity (over 4,000 hectares) and have biodiversity management plans in place.

During 2024 we have begun with the identification and evaluation of risks, opportunities, dependencies and impacts in relation to nature with focus operational of our facilities in Chile, using the Task Force on Nature-related Financial Disclosure (TNFD) recommendations through the LEAP methodology.

The LEAP assesment process involves four stages on analitic activity: **Locate** the interface with nature, **Evaluate** dependencys and impacts, **Assess** risk and oportunities and **Prepare** to respond and report.

We are working to complete the first phase, "Locate" during 2024.

Country	N° sites	Area in hectares	Management Plans
Chile	13	3307	10
Argentina	1	105	-
Colombia	3	1897	1



## Business Action Plan on Biodiversity

In 2024, Aes Chile began to form part of an Strategic Committee along with other companies in Chile, in order to develop a Biodiversity Business Action Plan that consolidate a shared business vision contributing to the fulfillment of Target 15 of the GBF. This Plan is worked with Chilean Environmental Ministry and Business Action, organization dedicated to promote business sustainability in Chile, in association with Conservation International and Business for Nature.

GBF Goal 15 calls the companies take legal, administrative or policy measures to encourage and enable business, and in particular to ensure that large and transnational companies and financial institutions:

(a) Regularly monitor, assess, and transparently disclose their risks, dependencies and impacts on biodiversity, including with requirements for all large as well as transnational companies and financial institutions along their operations, supply and value chains, and portfolios;

(b) Provide information needed to consumers to promote sustainable consumption patterns;

(c) Report on compliance with access and benefit-sharing regulations and measures, as applicable; in order to progressively reduce negative impacts on biodiversity, increase positive impacts, reduce biodiversity-related risks to business and financial institutions, and promote actions to ensure sustainable patterns of production.

