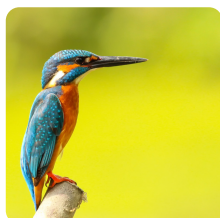




THE INDUSTRIAL
MINERALS ASSOCIATION

BIODIVERSITY STATEMENT



Biodiversity is the foundation of life on earth and a prerequisite for sustainable development. Yet, biodiversity is being lost at an unprecedented rate, seriously eroding the capacity of our planet to sustain life. The Earth Summit held at Rio de Janeiro in 1992 became a turning point in global politics by putting this concern at the heart of the work of the United Nations. By 2015 this ambition crystallised in the Sustainable Development Goals set up as part of the 2030 Agenda. The 15th objective, "Life on Land", is devoted to *"protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss"*.



PRIORITY SDG 15TH OBJECTIVE LIFE ON LAND

As a global reference on sustainable development, the European Commission has mirrored this objective within the Green Deal, developing a Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 to put in place a comprehensive, ambitious, and long-term plan to protect nature and reverse the degradation of ecosystems.

The European Industrial Mineral sector is aware that biodiversity and functional ecosystems are crucial to humankind's future. Thus, we are committed to revising our ambitions and practices to actively contribute to the conservation and enhancement of our sites and the local communities.



250
Members



42.500
Workers



700
Quarries & Mines



750
Processing Plants

WE RECOGNISE THAT

- 01 Our activities and services may temporarily impact biodiversity, which is consciously mitigated during our operations and after decommissioning through site restoration projects.
- 02 Mining is temporary land use. Therefore, biodiversity within our sector is considered throughout the entire production cycle by a comprehensive management strategy that reduces impacts, facilitates coexistence, and ultimately creates new natural areas once our operations are closed.
- 03 The [EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials](#) (2021) combined with effective environmental stewardship are crucial factors governing mineral operations' future.

WE UNDERTAKE TO

Understand the diversity of species and the richness of ecosystems in mineral sites and areas of interest before developing new extraction projects.

Integrate biodiversity, its continuous evaluation and active management practices into our decision-making processes along all life cycle stages of an operation site until its closure.

Cooperate with public administrations, local communities and other stakeholders to preserve and promote biodiversity in mineral operations.

Support the development and implementation of sound, scientifically-based approaches to biodiversity conservation, meeting the requirements set out in the Nature Directives whilst developing a coherent regulatory framework both at the EU and the national level.

Implement biodiversity management standards and principles in our sites and advocate for their use along our supply chain, supporting the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 and enhancing biodiversity.

Preserve & promote compatibility and coexistence of extractive activities and the management of natural areas within the Natura 2000 network in our mineral operations.

Communicate regularly the efforts invested and progress made on biodiversity conservation by our companies on dedicated events, research projects and other initiatives to enhance awareness of biodiversity preservation efforts for our stakeholders and communities.



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