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# Protecting Biodiversity

## Our Ambition

As a major player in the energy transition, TotalEnergies puts sustainable development in all its dimensions at the heart of its projects and operations to contribute to the well-being of people.

The Company has pledged to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including those related to the conservation of biodiversity.

Aware of the challenges related to environmental management and the use of the planet's natural resources, TotalEnergies strives to manage the environmental effects of all its projects and operations according to the Mitigation Hierarchy principle of avoidance, minimisation, restoration and offsetting.

On the occasion of the preparation of the United Nations Plan for Biodiversity, TotalEnergies reasserts its commitments to protect biodiversity.



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# Our Commitments

## 1 Respecting Our Voluntary Exclusion Zones

- We commit, in recognition of the universal value of UNESCO World Natural Heritage sites, not to conduct oil or gas exploration or extraction operations in these areas.
- We commit not to conduct any oil field exploration operations in Arctic sea ice areas.
- We commit to publicly report on the implementation of these commitments.

### HOW?

- **By annually publishing a map of our licenses in the Arctic sea ice areas, on [totalenergies.com](https://totalenergies.com).**
- **By annually updating an internal atlas of UNESCO World Natural Heritage Sites, based on UNESCO public data and comparing the list of new sites to that of our operations.**

## 2 Managing Biodiversity In Our New Projects

- We commit to developing biodiversity action plans for each new project on sites located on an area of interest for biodiversity, that is, IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Protected Area Categories I to IV and Ramsar areas. The action plan shall be in place, at the latest, at the time of commissioning of the site.
- We commit to producing a net positive impact on biodiversity, confirmed by a third-party institution, for each new project on sites located in an area of priority interest for biodiversity, that is, IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) Protected Area Categories I to II and Ramsar areas.

### HOW?

- **By annually publishing the number of biodiversity action plans in place or under preparation and reporting on implementation.**
- **By annually reporting on the implementation of our net positive impact plans.**
- **By publishing certificates of net biodiversity gain for these projects.**

## 3 Managing Biodiversity At Our Existing Sites

- We commit to putting in place a biodiversity action plan at each of our environmentally significant sites\* which are ISO 14001:2015 certified, and to report on the implementation of this plan to our stakeholders.
- For sites which are ceasing operations, we commit to considering the development of a dedicated area rich in biodiversity (e.g. rare species habitats, biodiversity sanctuaries, etc.) as one of the options for their rehabilitation.

\*All operated exploration-production sites in production, refineries, petrochemical and polymer sites, gas-fired power plants.

### HOW?

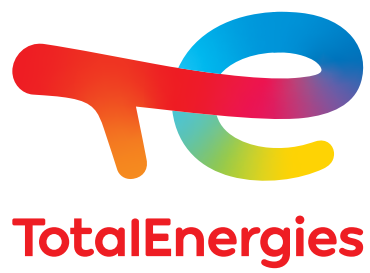
- **By deploying biodiversity action plans in three stages over the period 2021-2025: biodiversity surveys, design of the action plan, implementation and communication of results.**
- **By raising awareness of biodiversity within teams on each site.**
- **By assessing the possibility of redeveloping our closed sites into areas favorable to biodiversity.**
- **By communicating progress and results of the programs publicly, locally and on [totalenergies.com](https://totalenergies.com).**

## 4 Promoting Biodiversity

- As part of TotalEnergies Foundation's Climate, Coastal and Oceans program, we commit to supporting biodiversity related awareness programs, youth education and research actions concerning the ocean and coastal environments.
- As part of TotalEnergies Foundation's Action! program, we commit to offering our employees dedicated workdays to conduct action in favor of biodiversity to promote the civic engagement of the Company's employees.
- We commit to sharing biodiversity data, collected as part of our environmental studies, with the scientific community and the general public.

### HOW?

- **By annually publishing the list of projects supported and partners funded, in France and internationally, and results.**
- **By evaluating and publishing our performance indicators (e.g. number of youths made aware and trained, number of employees involved on these issues in France and internationally).**
- **By annually sharing biodiversity data from five projects or sites on the international biodiversity data sharing platform Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) and reporting on this.**
- **By collaborating with the United Nations World Conservation Monitoring Center (UNEP-WCMC) on the mapping of sensitive and priority areas.**



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