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**EDP commitments for act4nature Portugal**

Protecting biodiversity is an integral part of the EDP Group's corporate strategy. Our **environmental policy** focuses on three dimensions of action: climate change; efficient management of natural resources; and the protection of biodiversity, for which two specific commitments have been adopted:

1. "Aid in the prevention and reduction of the loss of biodiversity, [...];
2. Contribute to deepening scientific knowledge [...], namely through the establishment of partnerships."

Based on this policy, since 2008 the EDP Group has maintained a corporate environmental management system certified by ISO 14001:2015, with the scope of "corporate management of the policies, commitments and environmental performance of the EDP Group worldwide".

Internally, the daily work of learning about and understanding the impacts of our activities on biodiversity loss includes:

- assessing risks and opportunities to enable taking early and effective action;
- anticipating regulatory pressures by promoting dialogue with policy makers;
- responding to society's expectations taken into account in our decision making;
- monitoring through impact indicators;
- periodic reporting of the Group's performance.

**Aiming for a positive biodiversity balance**

In this regard, EDP has assumed a corporate goal of achieving "No Net Loss" in all new projects identified with significant residual impacts,

aiming to achieve an overall positive balance in biodiversity, as a result of its activities. To this end, the Group is gradually ensuring the application of the mitigation hierarchy to its various projects, implementing it in the earliest stages of planning, before the impacts occur.

**Deepening scientific knowledge and establishing partnerships**

EDP's work in this area is underpinned by participative, long-term processes and adaptive management, capable of dealing with the natural dynamics of ecosystems and the uncertainties associated with their behavior and responses. In this context, EDP is actively engaged in scientific knowledge areas, in particular the **EDP Chair in Biodiversity** (EDP Chair), currently focused on two research areas of importance to the Group: Environmental Genomics and Mitigation of impacts in electricity generation and distribution technologies.

The remaining partnerships with organizations working in the field not only promote the generation and sharing of knowledge but have also proved to be an essential pillar in building up society's trust in the company and the sector. In this regard, we highlight EDP's most recent collaboration with the IUCN to promote best practices in **mitigating the impacts on biodiversity generated by renewable energies**.

**Duty of Transparency**

Reporting is a standard practice for us at EDP, which is recognized worldwide for its contribution to sustainable development by different raters and indexes, among which the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) stands out. For 12 consecutive years EDP has been included in this index, having been recognized in 2019 as the #1 company in the world among the utilities on the list.

In the field of biodiversity, reports on EDP's approach, performance and practices have been published since 2009 and can be consulted in the recently released **Biodiversity Report 2015-2019**.



*At EDP we recognize the impacts of our activity on biodiversity and we work daily to improve our social license to operate. Taking on the commitments of act4nature Portugal is a logical step for us and the beginning of a collaborative approach between the various players in Portugal.*



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Individual SMART* Commitments	Monitoring Indicators	Start   End Date
Draw up an internal No Net Loss (NNL) Biodiversity guide for the entire EDP Group	Completion percentage, internal publication	2020-2022
Launch a NNL training program	Number of employees covered	2022-2023
Achieve NNL for biodiversity in all new projects with significant residual impacts	Percentage of new NNL projects	2022-2030
Assess and value the environmental externalities of EDP Group	Completion percentage, internal publication	2020-2023
Assess the effects of risk reduction measures for mortality (by electrocution and collision) among the threatened avian population occurring on electricity distribution lines	Scientific publication	2020-2021
Create electrocution and collision risk charts for the 6 main threatened bird species in Mainland Portugal	Number of risk	2020-2021
Achieve the target of 700 km** of improvement of existing electricity distribution lines established in areas of high mortality risk for threatened birdlife	Kilometers of improved distribution lines	2020-2021
Carry out a study on sedimentation in EDP's Douro system reservoirs	Completion percentage, internal publication	2020-2024
Publicly disseminate data obtained in the context of environmental impact assessment and monitoring studies, and environmental compensation	Biodiversity data published on the GBIF** platform (objective: 750,000 pieces of data published)	2020-2021



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Establish partnerships through the EDP Invited Chair to increase scientific knowledge about the environmental compensation and impacts of EDP's projects	Scientific publications Academic theses	2020-2021
Establish partnerships through the EDP Invited Chair to develop and test new biodiversity monitoring methodologies	Scientific publications Academic theses	2020-2021
Support <a href="#">long-term research activities in the Baixo Sabor LTER Site</a>	Scientific publications Academic theses Publication of biodiversity datasets and environmental parameters <a href="#">on the DEIMS platform</a>	2020-2021

\* *Specific | Measurable | Additional | Realistic | Time-bound* .

\*\* Target to be updated periodically

\*\*\* *global biodiversity information facility*