

Hydro biodiversity policy

Preserving the variety of life on Earth: The biodiversity challenge and our commitments

Respect for the values of the Earth and the resources it provides for present and future generations belongs to the key values that Hydro lives by.

We recognise that:

- Our operations have impacts that, if not properly addressed, may result in reduced biodiversity; i.e. losses in the variety of ecosystems, species and genetic material
- Action is required now to protect the variety of ecosystems as providers of services to people
- There is need for a global regulatory framework for the safeguarding of biodiversity
- There is need for knowledge of the primary and secondary effects of industrial activity on biodiversity

Our ambition is to be aware of risks to biodiversity from our activities, and to contribute to biodiversity conservation where we operate.

To meet the biodiversity challenges - we will

- Respect the IUCN classification of protected areas and management regulations applicable to them
- Take actions to avoid or mitigate impacts on biodiversity from our operations. This will include compensatory measures to conserve biodiversity in sensitive areas
- Consider primary and secondary effects on biodiversity in our Environmental and Social Impact Assessments
- Monitor biodiversity in connection with our activities
- Contribute to the development of a better knowledge on the effects on biodiversity of our business
- Actively support the development of frameworks on biodiversity conservation
- Engage in partnerships and stakeholder dialogue to meet our ambitions