

Biodiversity Policy

Objective

Ascendi is a road concessionaire and intends to commit to the sustainable use of resources and the protection of biodiversity in the network under its management. Roads and their traffic cause significant and continuous impacts on ecosystems and natural communities, and so one of our main challenges will be to mitigate, reduce these effects and protect biodiversity and ecosystem services. We aim to be a means of change, a living laboratory for the conservation of biodiversity, from genetic diversity to ecosystems and habitats.

Guidelines

The basis of the Biodiversity Policy is a strategy outlined by three principles – Monitoring, Awareness and Conservation. In this way, we intend to minimise and compensate the impacts already studied and identified, as well as assess others, with a view to constantly evolving towards greener roads.

In this way, we work towards:

- Including the principles of biodiversity conservation and protection of ecosystem services in the company's internal processes on the basis of the "no net loss" guideline;
- Carrying out advance biological monitoring of all activities with an impact on biodiversity, promoting the safeguarding of all living specimens;
- Continuously monitoring the state of ecosystems and natural communities adjacent to our infrastructure;
- Continuously and proactively listening to the different stakeholders, including issues such as Ascendi's performance regarding biodiversity;
- Entering into collaborative partnerships with academic institutions, such as Universities and Research Centres, boosting scientific production through the synergy between academia and the economic activities developed;
- Developing, adapting and implementing mitigating measures, with scientific support and proved effectiveness in the company's current activities whenever applicable;
- Providing ecosystem restoration by favouring the establishment of stable indigenous natural communities that are more resilient to human-induced change;
- Ensuring commitment to environmental protection and biodiversity preservation involving the whole organisation;
- Promoting environmental awareness and education in favour of the protection of biodiversity by involving local communities;
- Training and raising awareness among employees and contractors on a continuous basis about the aspects and impacts on biodiversity inherent to their functions.

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