

Biodiversity Policy

Arkad spa commitment to biodiversity is set out in its Health and Safety, Environment and Quality Policy and is further elaborated in these guidelines:

- Integrating biodiversity conservation in the activities of design, construction, operation, maintenance, and technical management of gas infrastructures through specific initiatives in environmental management plans and programs of the company.
- Defining indicators and measuring impacts on natural capital and biodiversity reporting framework.
- Target of no net loss of nature and biodiversity in 2040 and target of positive net impact on nature and biodiversity in 2050 through measures based on the mitigation hierarchy that aim to conserve ecosystems and their biodiversity in Arkad spa' activities and areas of operation.
- Target of no net deforestation through reforestation measures by 2040. In this way, Arkad spa implements actions aimed at:
 - Identifying the main threatened ecosystems, habitats, species, and communities with ecological, social, economic, cultural, or scientific value and importance, for each project. With the aim of monitoring to enable the adoption of measures to avoid and mitigate impacts on them and their interdependencies.
 - Adopting restoration and rehabilitation measures: to Restoring surfaces via decompaction and replacement of topsoil. o Replanting affected land by sowing herbaceous species and planting trees and shrubs environmentally compatible, and not entailing any threat against biological diversity of the area to replant. o Implementing species recovery programs.
- Adopting, where necessary, collaboration measures with local communities as incentives for biodiversity conservation through social and economically accepted initiatives.
- Promoting and encouraging research, training, and awareness in biodiversity conservation, both internally through its inclusion in training programs, and externally through the participation in associations and initiatives promoting such action.
- Following legal procedures to ensure an adequate and strong environmental impact assessment of the projects, collaborating and reporting to authorities and the rest of interested parties about activities with adverse effects in biodiversity.
- Keeping stakeholders regularly informed about adopted measures for the application of these directives regarding biodiversity conservation.
- Collaborating with third parties and professionals in the field to fulfil the commitments set out by the company in these guidelines.
- Promoting the application of these principles and commitments to third parties associated with, working with, or acting on behalf of Arkad, such as contractors and suppliers.

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