



## SOCAR TURKEY'S POSITION ON BIODIVERSITY

**Biodiversity** refers to the variety of life on Earth, including diversity of ecosystems, genes and species, and ecological practices that support them. There is a growing concern about the loss of biodiversity and ecosystem services in many areas of the world, including the associated impacts on human health and economic development.

Natural diversity in ecosystems provides essential economic benefits and services to human society - such as food, clothing, shelter, fuel and medicines - as well as ecological, recreational, cultural and aesthetic values and thus plays an important role in **sustainable development**. As an integrated energy company, SOCAR Turkey recognizes the importance of conserving biodiversity and believes it is an important shared responsibility.

At **SOCAR Turkey**, we are committed to protecting the communities and natural environments where we live and work. We recognize that our operations may impact local ecosystems and biodiversity. We impacts of strive to avoid and reduce significant impacts our projects and operations may have on sensitive species, habitats and ecosystems.

### This means that we:

**Integrate biodiversity** into our business decision-making and management

Drive and assess our performance relating to biodiversity through key **SAFE HSE Management System** principles, expectations and associated operational and business processes

Decide whether and how to operate in a **protected or sensitive area**, based on consideration of the specific circumstances of the area and operation involved

Operate in such areas with **government legal authorization** when required and where we are confident we can comply with all regulatory requirements and use operating practices appropriately protective of the area

Undertake a biodiversity reviews at all our key facilities and maintain a **biodiversity action plan**, in areas where significant potential impacts on local ecosystems and biodiversity exist.

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