

Biodiversity Protection Position

At Arca Continental, we recognize the importance of preserving biodiversity, both for our operations and for the community at large. We understand that there can be no development without proper biodiversity management, and we have promoted its care, conservation, and growth since before joining the United Nations Global Compact in 2006.

Arca Continental does not operate in any protected natural areas or similar locations, nor directly adjacent to a megadiverse area of natural interest listed by UNESCO or any area cataloged by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Following the hierarchical principles of the UN Global Compact, as well as the Coca-Cola Guiding Principles, Arca Continental:

- Will always maintain a preventive approach that favors the environment.
- Will promote initiatives that encourage greater environmental responsibility.
- Will support the development and dissemination of environmentally friendly technologies.

The company's position aims for net neutrality within the shortest financially feasible period. Arca Continental's strategy for implementing its biodiversity protection commitment is divided into 4 pillars:

1. Biodiversity and Ecotones
2. Water Footprint
3. Deforestation
4. Minimization, Mitigation, and Compensation

Biodiversity and Ecotones

Arca Continental's operations, directly or indirectly, will not endanger the survival of any animal or plant species. We understand the vital importance of biodiversity for the survival of the human race, and therefore, we will promote its preservation and recovery in the areas where we have the opportunity. The ecotones and ecosystems within them will not be affected in any way by the company's operations. Arca Continental will promote the health of ecotones that contribute to the recharge of aquifers. The company does not operate in any site declared as megadiverse and will ensure that the indirect impact of its operations does not affect them either.

Water Footprint

Water is fundamental to Arca Continental's operations; therefore, we have been carrying out activities to replenish the water consumption of our production centers for several years.

Deforestation

AC's activities should aim for net zero deforestation within the shortest financially feasible period.

Minimization, Mitigation, and Compensation

Arca Continental will always seek to minimize the environmental footprint of its operations.

When minimization is no longer feasible, mitigation will proceed, and as a last resort, compensation will take place, prioritizing in-situ compensation. As previously stated, Arca Continental will aim for net neutrality within the shortest financially feasible period. This hierarchical order, as mentioned, applies to all direct and indirect operations of the company.