

# STATEMENT FOR NATURE



## **INTRODUCTION**

At Argos we are aware that our activities depend on nature, we value its importance and prioritize it as a critical asset for economic growth, human health and social well-being. Consequently, at Argos we identify, value and manage the impacts we generate on nature. Therefore, we commit to having a net positive impact on biodiversity and making efficient use of water to help maintain the flow of ecosystem services for our direct operations, supply chain, communities and ecosystems that depend on them.

## **SCOPE**

Includes the operations of Cementos Argos S.A. and subsidiaries that are under the direct or indirect administration of the company. This commitment establishes the framework of action that our operations must consider when executing business activities and to establish relationships with our suppliers, customers, communities, governments and other interested parties, regarding the responsible management of nature.

## **ACTIONS**

We will do it by:

- Applying the mitigation hierarchy in the planning and execution of our activities based on avoiding, mitigating, correcting and ultimately compensating residual impacts, always seeking to achieve a positive net impact.
- Prioritizing biodiversity management actions in high value areas by establishing biodiversity management plans (BMP). For the initial identification of these high-value areas, we will rely on the use of integrated biodiversity assessment tools.

- Establishing Rehabilitation Plans for all our operations where progressive and definitive closures are carried out in areas released from our active and inactive operations. Encouraging natural regeneration processes through enrichment with native and endemic species and those that increase the value of biodiversity.
- Making efficient use of water, measuring consumption in our operations, promoting the use of reuse systems and developing consumption reduction plans.
- Managing the reduction of risks and the enhancement of opportunities associated with water and biodiversity by identifying, evaluating and establishing improvement actions in our facilities and our supply chain.
- Developing, with our critical suppliers, management strategies for their environmental impacts in order to align our supply chain towards the purpose of achieving a net positive impact on biodiversity and making efficient use of water.
- Involving our employees, communities, suppliers, customers and other interest groups in the responsible management of nature through communication and training.

## **APPROVAL**

This statement was endorsed by the Sustainability and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors.



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