

Biodiversity conservation

Due to the characteristics of our activities, they often have impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems in the sites where we operate. Therefore, we are committed to apply measures to minimize these impacts and to promote positive impacts by implementing a hierarchy of mitigation and best available and/or applicable practices, based on an environmental culture of care for ecosystems. We also commit our third parties to follow similar measures, as indicated in our Sustainability Policy and our ethics and integrity guidelines. These measures are applied throughout the value chain and the life cycle of our operations.

With a firm commitment not to occupy areas or carry out activities where environmental risks compromise the integrity of key species and irreversibly affect ecosystems, all of our operations are conducted outside protected natural areas.

Impact and risk management

At Industrias Peñoles, we manage biodiversity conservation efficiently at the local level, based on the regulatory framework applicable to the ecosystems where we operate and the permits of each business unit. Before starting any project or during its operation, the competent entities carry out an environmental impact assessment.

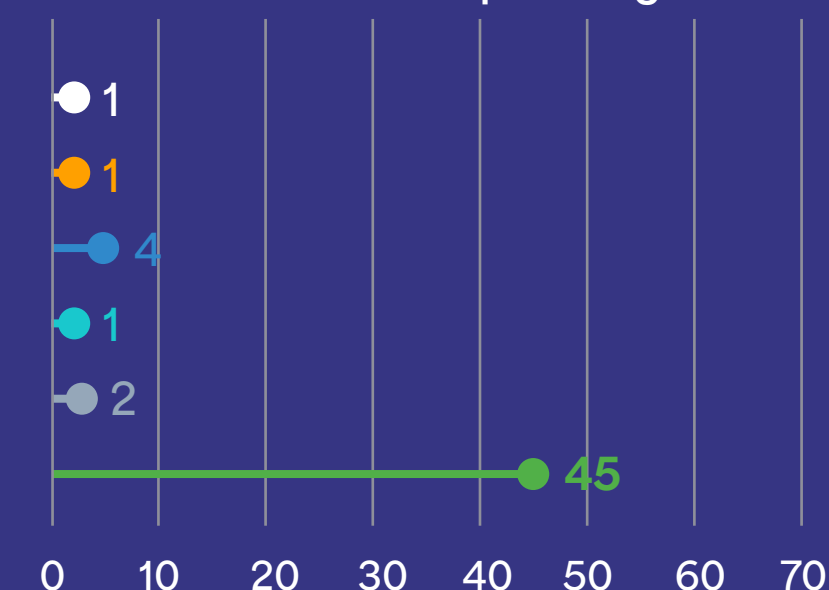
We then manage the corresponding risks, giving priority to their elimination or maximum reduction. We also restore the impacted environment, and as a last resort, make the corresponding compensation. Our management plans cover legal compliance, and we are progressively maturing on other points:

- **Legal compliance:**
 - › Delimitation of forest areas with environmental permit
 - › Training and qualification of personnel
 - › Installation and maintenance of allusive signage for the protection of species
 - › Identification of species with risk category
 - › Rescue and relocation activities of individual flora and fauna
 - › Constant progress reporting.
- **Avoid:**
 - › Extraction of flora or fauna outside the authorized property
 - › Unauthorized clearing with fire or chemical products
 - › Entry of non-native flora or fauna
- **Restore:**
 - › Conservation of the natural landscape of the region where we operate
 - › Progressive preservation actions in authorized areas
- **Regenerate:**
 - › Execution of soil conservation and water infiltration works
 - › Extraction and relocation of native species in neighboring areas
- **Follow up** and monitor biodiversity in the sites where we operate
- **Evaluate** risks and significant impacts of the operation on the ecosystems
- **Include** our stakeholders in strategic actions and promote good environmental management practices

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Each mining operation conducts an environmental impact assessment based on regional forestry studies, and classifies local flora and fauna species identified in the [IUCN Red List](#) at properties or facilities that manage wildlife.

Categories of IUCN species (fauna) Industrias Peñoles operating units



Categories of IUCN species (flora) Industrias Peñoles operating units

