



## **BIODIVERSITY POLICY**

Biodiversity and ecosystems are exposed to such threats as land degradation, urbanisation, invasive species, overfishing, pollution, and climate change caused by the activities of human beings.

TEKFEN commits itself to taking such measures as to reduce the impact of its activities in biodiversity-rich areas that need to be protected and to prevent problems that may arise in the future.

In order to fulfill these commitments, TEKFEN acts in accordance with the following principles.

- ✓ Assesses the impact of planned investments and projects on biodiversity,
- ✓ Conducts detailed risk assessments in order to better understand the environmental impact of new investments and projects that are to be carried out in biodiversity-rich areas,
- ✓ Before initiating investments and projects in international protected areas, develops Biodiversity Action Plans (BAP), identifies the potential impacts of investments and projects during the planning, operation, and post-operation stages, and engages in efforts to minimise such impacts,
- ✓ Takes measures to help restore natural ecosystems to their former state in localities where its operations have an impact on biodiversity and ecosystems,
- ✓ Makes a positive contribution to biodiversity conservation in areas where its operations are,
- ✓ Incorporates biodiversity-related risks and opportunities into its decision-making processes,
- ✓ Raises awareness of biodiversity issues, supports initiatives and practices in nature-conservation and collaborates with stakeholders on such matters.

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