

Coca-Cola HBC Statement on Fostering Biodiversity

A key part of growing our business sustainably for the long term is to preserve ecosystems for future generations. As part of our Mission 2025, we are committed to enhancing biodiversity by reducing emissions and water use, preserving and re-instating water priority areas, and by sourcing agricultural ingredients sustainably.

1. Emissions reduction

We are transitioning our business to a low-carbon future. [By 2025 we are committed to:](#)

- Reduce direct carbon emissions ratio by 30% vs. 2017;
- Make 50% of our refrigerators in customer outlets energy efficient; and
- Derive 50% of total energy used in our plants, and 100% of electricity in EU and Switzerland from renewable and clean¹ sources.

We have set a science-based target by 2030² to reduce our absolute emissions in direct operations by 55% (scope 1 and 2) and indirect emissions by 21% (scope 3).

As part of our strategy to reduce emissions, we have introduced a Green Fleet programme to reduce CO₂ emissions from vehicles through new options of Electric, Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Hybrids and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) powertrains, where practical.

Beyond that, we are investing in initiatives which deliver the technology, infrastructure and activities needed to achieve the transition to net zero and biodiversity/Natural Capital restoration. We are also supporting the development of transparent and effective carbon offset markets which will enable a further biodiversity restoration through emission reduction and carbon capture.

2. Water reduction and stewardship

In order to protect and reinstate watersheds that foster biodiversity, we are reducing our own water consumption and contributing to the secure access to water in priority areas via water replenishment activities, wetland restoration, WASH projects and other initiatives. [By 2025 we are committed to:](#)

- Consuming 20%² less water³ in plants located in water priority areas; and
- Helping secure water availability for all our communities in water priority areas.

Additionally, we will certify all our bottling plants using international water stewardship standards, i.e. Alliance for Water Stewardship or European Water Stewardship. Both certificates require us to assess and report on our biodiversity impact, water eco-systems and High Conservation Value Areas in the related watersheds. Moreover, we have committed that each of our bottling plants will achieve the Environmental Management System ISO 14001 standard, which includes an evaluation of overall environmental compliance.

We also ensure, and report publicly, that 100% of all wastewater from our bottling plants is treated to the levels supporting aquatic life before it is returned to watersheds.

¹ i.e. the energy from combined heat and power plants using natural gas

² compared with the 2017 baseline

³ per litre of beverage

3. Sustainable sourcing

We are committed to sourcing 100% of our key ingredients in line with the [Principles for Sustainable Agriculture](#)⁴ as set out by The Coca-Cola Company. These principles protect and support biodiversity and ecosystems, uphold human and workplace rights, ensure animal health and welfare, and help build thriving communities. They apply to primary production, i.e. at farm-level, and form the basis for our continued engagement with Tier 1 suppliers⁵ to ensure sustainable long-term supply at a lower environmental impact.

This extends in particular to the sections *Conservation of Forests, Conservation of Natural Habitats, Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Soil Management and Agrochemical Management*.

4. Conservation of forests and other ecosystems

We are committed to promoting sustainable forest management and help protect woodlands from deforestation and illegal harvesting. New bottling operations are not established in or next to World Heritage locations or areas which are protected by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. If an operation or facility is already located in- or adjacent to areas with critical biodiversity, we will preferably avoid, or minimise and otherwise restore any negative impact from it.

5. Sustainable packing

Our approach to delivering a World Without Waste (our joint approach to sustainable packaging with The Coca-Cola Company), will deliver a positive impact on ecosystems by ensuring that our packaging will not end up as waste, affecting oceans, waterways and marine wildlife there or harming biodiversity through air pollution as a result of incineration. [We are committed to:](#)

- Making 100% or all our primary packaging is recyclable (currently 99.6%);
- In the EU to use 50% recycled PET and/or PET from renewable material across our portfolio and outside the EU by 35%;
- Helping collect the equivalent of 75% of our primary packaging by 2025 and by 2030, collecting 100%; and
- Partnering with local authorities, environmental NGOs and innovation partners to deliver 20 Zero Waste partnerships in cities and along coasts by 2025.

Besides, many of our volunteering initiatives are routinely (and increasingly) focused on beach, lake and waterway clean-ups that support biodiversity.

6. Due diligence, governance and reporting

We regularly measure and report on the progress made against our Mission 2025 commitments, including those related to biodiversity. The annual performance is disclosed in our annual report and GRI Content Index (under GRI 304 – Biodiversity), verified by an independent auditor.

⁴ Replacing the previous Sustainable Agriculture Guiding Principles, this new standard is reflecting most recent science and the perspectives from external stakeholder.

⁵ The Coca-Cola System is working exclusively with Tier 1 suppliers who in turn maintain a direct contact to primary production.

For full compliance, agricultural suppliers are assessed and certified in accordance with acknowledged third-party standards, i.e.

Standard name	Key commodities	Scope
SAI Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) minimum Bronze	Universal crops (cane sugar, beet sugar, fruit, soy)	Global
Bonsucro Standard	Cane sugar	Global
Fairtrade International	Coffee, tea, fruit	Global
Field to Market	HFCS (corn)	USA/Canada
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	Pulp, paper	Global
GlobalGAP and FSA (preferred)	Fruits, vegetables	Global
GlobalGAP and grasp	Fruits, vegetables	Selective
International Sustainability & Carbon Certification (ISCC+)	Cane Sugar, HFCS (Corn)	Global
Programme for Forest Certification (PEFC)	Pulp, paper	Global
Proterra Standard	Universal crops (Cane sugar, soy)	Global
Rainforest Alliance (Farm Assurance Standard)	Coffee, tea, fruit	Global
Renewable Energies Directive Certification (RedCert)	Beet Sugar, HFCS (Corn)	EU
Roundtable on Responsible Soy (RTRS)	Soy	Global
VIVE Claim	Cane sugar, beet sugar	Global

Prior to any merger, acquisition, investment, or divestment, we apply a comprehensive due diligence process, i.e. evaluate the impact on biodiversity by an independent company with a view to implementing our own policies and standards and taking any remedial steps required.

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