

No Deforestation Position



Our Commitment to No Deforestation

At Arca Continental we reaffirm our commitment to the protection of nature and sustainable development, recognizing that forest ecosystems are essential for climate stability, biodiversity conservation, water security and the well-being of communities. In line with our **Biodiversity Protection Position**, this **No Deforestation Position** establishes the principles, commitments, and guidelines that guide our operations.

Scope and general principles

Arca Continental adopts an approach aimed at making our activities tend to be **zero net deforestation**, seeking to achieve it in the shortest possible financially feasible period. This objective applies to all of our direct operations.

Our position is based on:

- The preventive approach that favors the protection of the environment.
- The hierarchy of **minimization, mitigation, and compensation** defined in our Biodiversity Position.
- The principles of the United Nations Global Compact, oriented to the 2030 goals of the same organization, and the Guiding Principles of The Coca-Cola Company.

These initiatives are aimed at reducing the loss of biodiversity in forests, recovering as many hectares as possible, in line with the sustainable development goals stipulated by the United Nations.

Specific commitments on no deforestation

Arca Continental is committed to:

1. Non-conversion of forest ecosystems

Our operations will not cause the conversion or degradation of natural forests, jungles, mangroves or other forest ecosystems of high conservation value.

2. Responsible Land Use Operation

The company will not develop infrastructure or productive activities in protected natural areas, megadiverse sites defined by UNESCO, or in areas prioritized by IUCN, either directly or adjacently.

3. Protection of biodiversity and ecotones

Consistent with our Biodiversity Position, we will avoid any negative impacts on ecotones and associated ecosystems, especially those that contribute to aquifer recharge and climate resilience.

Implementation and management

To ensure compliance with this position, Arca Continental:

- It will integrate criteria of no deforestation in the planning, evaluation and authorization of projects.
- It will prioritize the minimization of the impact on land use; Where this is not possible, it shall apply mitigation measures and, only as a last resort, compensation, giving preference to on-site actions.
- It will promote conservation, restoration and reforestation initiatives that contribute to the recovery of ecosystems and net neutrality.

Transparency and continuous improvement

Arca Continental will promote the continuous improvement of its environmental performance and transparency in relation to the management of impacts associated with deforestation, aligning this position with its sustainability strategy and its commitment to protect biodiversity.