

Bureau Veritas's individual commitments to act4nature international

Bureau Veritas is a service company delivering testing, inspection and certification services with 78 000 employees in 140 countries. Despite its limited impact on biodiversity, Bureau Veritas is committed to act to preserve it.

Bureau Veritas confirms its engagement to act for biodiversity preservation along with other leading companies in association with act4nature international.

Environment protection and biodiversity preservation are both fully part of Bureau Veritas mission which consists in verifying the conformity of activities, assets and products with standards related to quality, safety, environment and social responsibility.

In addition to act4nature 10 common commitments, Bureau Veritas takes the following engagements to preserve biodiversity during the next 3 years 2021-2023.

1 Offer biodiversity-related services and solutions to help our clients protect environment and preserve biodiversity.

→ Linked to common commitments: 1 and 2

→ Indicator: At Bureau Veritas, biodiversity-related services⁽¹⁾ are mainly part of its Certification activities. These services include:

- Biodiversity progress⁽²⁾ is a label newly developed by Bureau Veritas and LUCIE, an agency which is in charge of promoting and building capacity for corporate biodiversity impact reduction.
- Several other services which include biodiversity in their scope, such as:
 - *Food & seafood*⁽³⁾: GlobalGap, Rainforest Alliance/UTZ, MSC, ASC...
 - *Forestry & wood*⁽⁴⁾: FSC, PEFC...
 - *Biofuels & biomaterials*⁽⁵⁾: RSPO, REDCert, ISCC, 2BSvs.

These biodiversity-related services are part of Bureau Veritas Green Line services and solutions⁽⁶⁾. Over the last 3 years (2018-2020), Bureau Veritas Certification has delivered more than 87.000 audits in 95 countries.

Bureau Veritas commits to promote these biodiversity-related services internationally towards all its clients, with the support of LUCIE in France for the promotion of Biodiversity Progress certification.

As part of its engagement to preserve biodiversity, Bureau Veritas proposes the assistance of its experts to enhance company mobilization and/or to develop biodiversity, environment and sustainability certification in collaboration with NGOs, associations or industry leaders.

2 Ask all suppliers to preserve biodiversity and reduce their environmental impact

→ Linked to common commitments: 2 and 4

→ Indicator: Bureau Veritas implements a Business partner code of conduct⁽⁷⁾ which requests to protect biodiversity. Suppliers are requested to «be engaged to preserve the biodiversity and more extensively to reduce their environmental impact and to act against the climate change». Surveillance of the most critical suppliers is performed regularly.

In addition, Bureau Veritas commits to source when it is possible, recycled paper and certified as sustainably sourced wood products and to upgrade accordingly its operational eco-efficiency policy.

Bureau Veritas aims at reaching 80% of suppliers conforming to Bureau Veritas in 2023 (from 53% in 2020), with the ambition to reach 100% in 2025.

3 Launch an internal communication campaign

(webinars, posters, contests, newsletter ...) to raise employee awareness for biodiversity regarding their professional activities and their personal actions.

→ Linked to common commitments: 8

→ Indicator: 75% of employees will be covered by such campaigns in 2023.

4 Add a call to biodiversity preservation to Bureau Veritas CEO's environment statement

→ Linked to common commitments: 1 and 2

→ Indicator:

- Communicate CEO Environment statement⁽⁸⁾ to all stakeholders
- Reach 80% of BV activities certified ISO 14001 in 2023.

5 Contribute to biodiversity preservation by reducing our CO₂ emissions

→ Linked to common commitments: 5

→ Indicator: Reduce Group CO₂ emissions (scope 1, 2 & partially 3) to reach 2 tons per year and per employee in 2025, compare to 2,85 tons per year in 2019.

6 Participate in World Environment Day⁽⁹⁾ involving Bureau Veritas employees in special events

organized in line with WED mobilization topics.

→ Linked to common commitments: 8 and 9

→ Indicator: The countries participating represent 60% of company employees in 2023. A yearly report will be prepared and communicated to share the local WED-related initiatives.

7 Mobilize Bureau Veritas offices to plant a tree for each new employee

This action is managed either centrally at Group level or locally by certain Operating Groups.

Donations are made to association financing the plantation of trees in selected countries. By this action Bureau Veritas contributes to create 3 shelters for animals per tree planted, according to reforestACTION⁽¹⁰⁾ association, Bureau Veritas partners with.

Specific attention will be put on reforestation project selection.

→ Linked to common commitments: 5

→ Indicator: A yearly report will be prepared and communicated to share the local tree plantation initiatives.

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