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Biodiversity Commitment of the Volkswagen Group

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Preamble

Environmental protection is of great importance to the Volkswagen Group. Preserving our environment is perhaps the most important task since the existence of mankind. Climate change in particular is an urgent issue that moves our society.

We want to be a role model in the automotive industry in environmental protection. This also applies to our commitment to the protection and preservation of biodiversity.

Volkswagen is aware of its responsibility and has been committed to the protection and preservation of biological diversity through nature conservation projects since 2007. That is why, as a founding member of the Biodiversity in Good Company e.V. initiative, we support the goals of the International Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The Volkswagen Group recognizes the three goals of the International Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

- Preservation of biological diversity
- Sustainable use of its components
- Fair distribution of the benefits resulting from the use of genetic resources.

The Volkswagen Group pursues these goals in its economic activities in the following fields of action

- Commitment to the two-degree target of the Paris Climate Agreement and thus of becoming balance sheet CO₂-neutral throughout the Group by 2050.
- Assessment of risks and opportunities related to our business activities with impacts on biodiversity and ecosystem services.
- Integration of biodiversity into the environmental compliance management system and thus regular review of the effectiveness of biodiversity measures.
- Implementation of projects for the protection and promotion of biological diversity.
- Increasing biodiversity at the production sites and implementation of a biodiversity indicator – with the aim, i.a.,
 - a near-natural development,
 - the reduction of land and resource consumption,
 - the involvement of employees - e.B. by participating in biodiversity projects, training and information,
 - the implementation of projects with partners.
- Reduction of the use of natural resources along the supply chain in accordance with the "Code of Conduct for Business Partners".

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