

STRONG COMMITMENT TO BIO-DIVERSITY

The Company has identified two priority challenges ahead in managing biodiversity, in line with its permanent commitment to sustainable development: a balanced energy portfolio that meets demand without leaving a carbon imprint; and minimizing the impact of its activity in regions notable for their rich biological patrimony.

IBERDROLA therefore always seeks to integrate conservation of the environment in its strategy, developing training and preventive measures to minimize the impact of its activities on the environment.

In liberalized business, the company is promoting projects to preserve the fauna, flora and open spaces, among them its desulphurisation units at Velilla (Palencia), Lada (Asturias) and Longannet (Scotland), which will enable a reduction of around 90% of SO₂ emissions.

In the distribution networks business, IBERDROLA has agreed numerous agreements with local governments and NGOs aimed at minimizing the impact of its distribution networks on birdlife. These include one signed with the Spanish Ornithological Society (SEO) in sensitive zones of Toledo and Guadalajara, another with the Urdaibai Biosphere Reserve Trust (Vizcaya) and one with the Murcia Environmental Department.

In the United States, the IBERDROLA Group is focusing on bird and fauna conservation, with programmes including a Bird and Bat Protection Plan and a wind farm in Penascal, Texas, with a radar system able to detect bird movements and trigger an immediate turbine halt.

In biodiversity activities, another feature has been a conservation programme for the Common Cantabrian Capercaillie, in the Picos de Europa regional park, and another at the Monfragüe National Park.

The Company has also promoted training and environmental awareness programmes for its corporate areas, including courses organised by the IBERDROLA Biodiversity Class and an Environmental Forum with external experts aimed at obtaining outside vision and expectations on company activities affecting biodiversity.

