

Press Release

IOGP welcomes EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

(Brussels, 20 May 2020) The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) welcomes the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 and the EU's intention to lead the World at the 2020 Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in China.

"We call on policymakers to bring together the full range of stakeholders to make this strategy a success. IOGP will continue to promote good biodiversity management practices to complement government efforts to protect local ecosystems and conserve biodiversity" says Marine Julliand, Chair of IOGP's Marine and Environment SubCommittee.

IOGP and IPIECA have been working for twenty years to enhance biodiversity management in the oil and gas industry, recognizing that some activities can take place in or near sensitive environments. In doing so, we support governments and civil society in achieving global and local conservation goals and contributing to enhanced scientific knowledge.

Integrating biodiversity considerations following an environmental risk-based approach, and implementing the mitigation hierarchy (avoid, minimise, restore, offset) into a project's lifecycle constitute good biodiversity management practices.

To help the EU reach its biodiversity objectives, the IOGP together with IPIECA will continue to:

- Bring together experts from within and outside the industry to work collectively and progress environmental performance and science.
- Develop and promote the implementation of industry good practices for the conservation and mitigation of biodiversity impacts.
- Promote the importance of nature-based solutions.
- Support and promote the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Work in partnership with the UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Centre for further integration of the long-term approach to mainstreaming biodiversity into the sector.

"The best outcomes are delivered through collaboration with stakeholders, governments, academics, and civil society - biodiversity is no exception. We're committed to remain a reliable partner in this endeavour, making sure that our projects are in line with EU biodiversity objectives." concludes François-Régis Mouton, IOGP's Regional Director Europe.

About IOGP

IOGP represents the upstream oil and gas industry before international organizations including the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Seas Conventions and other groups under the UN umbrella. At the European level, IOGP is the industry representative to the European Commission and Parliament and the OSPAR Commission

for the North East Atlantic. Equally important is IOGP's role in promulgating best practices, particularly in the areas of health, safety, the environment and social responsibility.

About IPIECA

IPIECA is the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues. It develops, shares and promotes good practices and knowledge to help the industry improve its environmental and social performance. IPIECA is the industry's principal channel of communication with the United Nations.

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