

Press release

Solvay partners with IUCN to deliver on new biodiversity commitments

Solvay has entered a three-year collaboration with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to achieve tangible positive impacts for nature thanks to IUCN's best practices and advanced tools.

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Solvay has entered a three-year collaboration with IUCN to reinforce its biodiversity goals, in alignment with the Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF) adopted at [COP15](#), which calls for urgent action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030. Together, Solvay and [IUCN](#) aim to support the Framework's objectives and accelerate the adoption of best practices for nature conservation across the chemical industry.



Solvay commits to **allocating 30% of permeable land located near biodiversity-sensitive areas to support nature conservation and restoration efforts by 2030**, along with other commitments validated by [Act4Nature International](#)¹. These initiatives build upon Solvay's sustainability strategy and measurable actions launched to protect biodiversity and nature.

Through the collaboration, IUCN will support Solvay in implementing best practices at **priority manufacturing sites located near biodiversity-sensitive areas**. IUCN will assess Solvay's current initiatives and provide science-based recommendations, tools, and indicators to help the Group achieve its commitments. Reviews will consider site initiatives such as ecological inventories, habitat restoration, partnerships with environmental organizations, local communities, and scientific institutions. Tools, including the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool ([IBAT](#)) and IUCN's Species Threat Abatement and Restoration ([STAR](#)) metric, will be used to identify the potential for conservation and restoration.

Susanne Pedersen, Director of IUCN's Centre for Science and Knowledge said: "IUCN is delighted to be working with Solvay and deploying IUCN's tools and expertise to turn our global ambitions into tangible actions in business operations. The combination of Solvay's sustainability leadership in the chemical sector and IUCN's standards and latest scientific approaches - such as the IUCN approach to measuring Nature Positive - should help demonstrate that credible, high integrity outcomes for the planet, the people and the economy can be achieved by transforming business production practices to better integrate biodiversity."

¹ Act4nature international is a business-led initiative, collaborating with scientists, NGOs, and governments, which mobilizes companies to commit to biodiversity conservation actions.

“At Solvay, we understand that protecting nature requires a collaborative approach and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to partner with IUCN. Building upon our recognized initiatives in Brazil, Italy, and Spain, among others, we want to contribute to the Global Biodiversity Framework. Through our new commitment and partnership, we are determined to play a meaningful role by drawing on expert knowledge and delivering tangible positive impacts for nature,” added **Jean-Charles Djelalian, Solvay’s Chief Sustainability Officer**.

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Solvay former limestone quarry in Cuchia, Spain. The quarry supplied Solvay soda ash plant in Torrelavega between 1923-2006. Solvay Copyright.

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About Solvay

Solvay, a pioneering chemical company with a legacy rooted in founder Ernest Solvay's pivotal innovations in the soda ash process, is dedicated to delivering essential solutions globally through its workforce of over 9,000 employees. Since 1863, Solvay harnesses the power of chemistry to create innovative, sustainable solutions that answer the world's most essential needs such as purifying the air we breathe and the water we use, preserving our food supplies, protecting our health and well-being, creating eco-friendly clothing, making the tires of our cars more sustainable and cleaning and protecting our homes. Solvay's unwavering commitment drives the transition to a carbon-neutral future by 2050, underscoring its dedication to sustainability and a fair and just transition. As a world-leading company with €4.9 billion in net sales in 2023, Solvay is listed on Euronext Brussels and Paris (SOLB). For more information about Solvay, please visit [solvay.com](https://www.solvay.com) or follow [Solvay](#) on LinkedIn.

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The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is the world's largest and most diverse environmental network. IUCN harnesses the experience, resources, and reach of its 1,400 Member organisations and the input of around 17,000 experts. IUCN provides public, private and non-governmental organisations with the knowledge and tools that enable human progress, economic development and nature conservation to take place together. Working with many partners and supporters, IUCN implements a large and diverse portfolio of conservation projects worldwide. Combining the latest science with the traditional knowledge of local communities, these projects work to reverse habitat loss, restore ecosystems and improve people's well-being.