



Overview

Southern Company's focus on biodiversity and environmental stewardship is integral to our identity.

Southern Company and its subsidiaries are proud to support the communities we serve and are committed to protecting and conserving our environment. Southern Company believes that a balanced and healthy environment is central to our commitment to provide clean, safe, reliable, and affordable energy to our customers. Given how biodiverse ecosystems underpin all life and human society, we promote conservation, enhance biodiversity, and recognize our role in helping our neighbors and communities do the same.

Commitment

We commit to the following in pursuit of the above:

- **Maintain a *Biodiversity & Environmental Stewardship Governance Team***, as part of our Environmental Management System, including representation from across Southern Company subsidiaries, to evaluate and direct voluntary conservation efforts.
- **Maintain a *Natural Resources Governance Team***, as part of our Environmental Management System, including representation from across Southern Company subsidiaries, to assess risk and seek opportunities to minimize the impact of operations on biodiversity, including protecting at-risk and endangered species.
- **Meet or surpass all environmental laws and regulations**, with a focus on avoiding, minimizing, and/or mitigating adverse impacts on biodiversity.
- **Conduct and support research and evaluate methods to improve operational practices**, including management of our land and rights-of way, and inform future opportunities to enhance biodiversity while transitioning to net-zero.
- **Maintain active partnerships with local, state, federal, and non-profit natural resource conservation organizations to conserve wildlife**, particularly wildlife habitats of conservation concern, in the areas we serve.
- **Communicate, both internally and externally, the full suite of ongoing biodiversity initiatives and conservation work at Southern Company.**

Definition of biodiversity from the U.N. [Convention on Biological Diversity](#): "Biological diversity" means the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, marine, and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems.