

Novonesis water stewardship position

Our **People. Planet. Positive.** sustainability ambition has four strategic agendas, including *Protect nature and biodiversity*, which is linked to our water stewardship approach.

Our biosolutions help prevent water pollution by reducing the need for chemicals and enabling our customers to reduce their water consumption.

Water is essential to our operations and to the ecosystems we depend on, making water stewardship a strategic priority.

We are committed to water stewardship by:

Enabling customers to reduce water consumption and pollution

- We deliver biosolutions that replace chemicals and reduce water use by our customers during production and product applications, helping protect ecosystems and human health.
- We continuously evaluate and substitute regulated substances in our products.

Using water responsibly in our manufacturing

- We are committed to managing and addressing water challenges, as per our commitment to the UN Global Compact and the CEO Water Mandate.
- We aim to improve freshwater withdrawal by recycling or saving 15% more water by 2030 and 20% by 2035 from a 2021 baseline.
- We continue to manufacture high-quality products while optimizing our water use, especially where our water footprint is the greatest.
- We ensure our wastewater discharge meets or is better than relevant statutory and legal requirements.

Addressing local water issues

- We aim to restore 30 billion liters of water by 2030 from a 2021 baseline in basins close to our production sites where water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) is a challenge.
- We prioritize action beyond our operations considering the local context such as high-water stress areas and our local water footprint.
- We partner to restore water through local projects such as recharge trenches, bunds, and check dams – benefiting communities and nature.
- We are active participants in industrial collaboration to improve local water stewardship at key sites, including Kalundborg Forsyning in Denmark, and Tianjin Economic Technological Development Area (TEDA) in China.

Understanding our water-related risks and opportunities

- We assess all existing biosolutions and innovation projects for expected alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), including clean water and sanitation (SDG 6).
- We assess water risk annually using the WRI's Aqueduct and WWF's Risk Filter to monitor regulatory changes and physical risks, i.e. scarcity, quality, accessibility, flooding, and drought.

- We include climate scenarios in our water risk assessment to anticipate future changes in water availability and quality, to ensure resilience and long-term sustainability.
- We act on basin-specific challenges and opportunities, informed by local context.
- We recognize that many of our raw materials are agriculture-based and water-dependent, and we address water risks in the supply chain as described in our [Responsible procurement commitment](#).

Responsible for the implementation of the Sustainability Commitment:

Chief Operating Officer, Executive Vice President of People and Stakeholder Relations

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Novonesis is leading the era of biosolutions.

By leveraging the power of microbiology with science, we transform the way the world produces, consumes and lives. In more than 30 industries around the world, our biosolutions are already creating value for thousands of customers and benefiting the planet. Our 11,000 people worldwide work closely with our partners and customers to transform business with biology. Let's better our world with biology.

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