

Biodiversity Policy Statement

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Renewable energy infrastructure, such as offshore wind farms, contribute to climate change mitigation by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. However, locally they can have impacts on biodiversity. With this in mind Gemini is committed to positively influencing biodiversity by the introduction of measures intended to encourage flora and fauna.

By choosing its location appropriately, Gemini's impacts on biodiversity have been further reduced: Gemini is located far offshore, i.e. way outside the ecological important coastal zone and other valuable marine habitats. Gemini is committed to limit the impact on marine life during operation and maintenance.

Gemini executes an ecological research program that aims at monitoring possible unforeseen effects on biodiversity. This monitoring program specifically aims at determining distributions and behavioral responses of birds, fish, seals and harbor porpoises in the area of the wind farm site.

Gemini also strives to facilitate additional (third party) ecological research to further enhance the knowledge of the ecological function of offshore wind farms.

To support abundance and diversity of marine species, Gemini actively engages in nature restoration projects initiated by nature conservation organizations (such as active restoration of native oysters in the North Sea).