



Aya Gold & Silver Biodiversity Management Plan

The Zgounder Silver Mine has a history of operations that goes back to the beginning of the 20th century. This implies that the baseline identified in the 2022 ESIA resulted in a brownfield site with fragmented landscape and low biodiversity status and significance.

According to Aya precautionary principles and values, however, the Company will conduct a semi-annual biodiversity assessment as per the Environmental and Social Management Plan included in the 2022 ESIA.

At Aya Gold & Silver we believe that the use of the precautionary principle is a key directive of responsible environmental and social governance and is an important factor in the journey towards a more sustainable future.

Although applying the precautionary principle means taking action despite scientific uncertainty, it does not negate the need for, or value of, pursuing a risk-based approach - remaining informed by the best available information and taking into account uncertainties. Our dedicated Environment, Health and Safety department takes the lead on assessing the potential for environmental and social harm and taking preventative measures where possible, erring on the side of caution where extensive scientific knowledge of risks is lacking.

