

## **Contacted on behalf of the media members of the "Fueling Ecocide" project, Perenco sent us the following answers<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> *We only included in this document questions and answers regarding facts included in our article*

### **About Perenco's licences overlapping with protected areas**

Perenco's business model is different from most other E&P companies as it is based on the recovery and optimisation of existing assets. Perenco essentially takes over from E&P companies and thus inherits the footprint.

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Perenco applies local regulations for its operations in protected area and all operations in a protected area are carried out pursuant to all necessary authorisations.

Relevant public data should be viewed in context and without sensationalism. Furthermore, one should distinguish areas that are considered to be listed as protected ones (and may never be) from areas that are already protected (and regimes may vary from one protected area to another). For example, in Cameroon, the Ndongere reserve has been proposed to the government to become a protected sensitive area where hydrocarbons exploitation should be controlled, as opposed to prohibited.

Please note that the Guatemala subsidiary no longer operates in Guatemala since the termination of its licenses on August 12, 2025. The Ministry of Energy and Mines of Guatemala confirmed having received all the assets in optimal conditions of operations, adequately secured, in proper environmental conditions and with no environmental affectation, after three audits in situ.

### **About Perenco's disclosures and self reporting regarding licences overlapping with protected areas**

Perenco holds an inventory of the most sensitive areas in which it operates. In addition, it should be noted that this inventory has been audited by KPMG, thereby adding an extra layer of verification.

[Perenco's Sustainability Report 2024] states that "in 2024, we took our commitment to environmental responsibility further by developing our own biodiversity standard, that will be embedded within our QHSE policy." This publication is part of Perenco's constant efforts to protect the environment and minimise the impact of its operations on the same.

In its 2024 Sustainability Report, Perenco has disclosed:

- 3.14% of operated area overlapping with IUCN (CAT I-IV\*) protected areas
- 2.22% of operated areas are within Ramsar sites

## **About Perenco's licence overlapping with the protected area Sebkhat de l'archipel de Kerkennah in Tunisia**

Perenco Tunisia is aware of the importance of this area as a protected wetland, classified as RAMSAR zone n°2012. The licence Chergui overlaps the zone, but all operational and exploration activities conducted up to now on the concession are outside the protected area.

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Perenco Tunisia's impact on the environment has been kept to the minimum, always in compliance with local regulations.