

**Category:** Certificate of Excellence - Biodiversity  
**Company:** Plattard Granulats (SOREAL)  
**Location:** “Rives du Beaujolais”, Anse, France

The ‘Rives du Beaujolais’ quarry was bought by the Plattard Group in 2004 to ensure a supply of sand and gravel to its plants and to maintain its independence in terms of supply of local raw materials.

Quarrying authorization was granted in January 2006 then renewed in October 2008 (10-hectare extension) with creation of a second lake intended to serve natural ecological purposes.

The first lake (50 hectares) which existed when the quarry was purchased underwent considerable restoration work through reworking of more than 1200 m of banks which represent a wetland area of about 6 hectares beyond the lake, and creation of two peninsulas of about 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> and 13,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

This work, carried out over the last five years, has highlighted interesting evolution of the environment as new species have arrived.

Setting up a sustainable partnership with FRAPNA(\*) which is in charge of monitoring the quarry is a vital factor in the approach aiming to enhance biodiversity.

Being familiar with the site and its evolution and getting feedback are vital for guiding future work.

On the strength of this experience, we hope to achieve high-quality ecological development consistent with the Plattard Group’s ambition to meet its commitments.

