

**Company:** Holcim Bulgaria  
**Location:** Negovan gravel pit, Negovan, Bulgaria

**Objective** Restoration of riverside wetlands with habitats and species of birds, water animals, rare species and plants in former and operational quarries along the basin of Lesnovska river.

**Context** The project encompasses the territory of gravel pit Negovan, which is located 200 meters south of Negovan village and 8 km north of Sofia City. Holcim Karierni material AD has concession rights since 2002 for a period of 18 years. The concession area is approx. 80,270 ha.

**Actions**

- Detailed analysis of the biological background.
- Development of an action plan and implementation of activities for the restoration of habitats according to historical data, geological and hydrological studies, etc.
- Development of an action plan and implementation of activities for reforestation.
- Development an action plan and implementation of activities for introduction of fish species.
- Cleaning-up of an illegal landfill within the project area.
- Information campaigns and PR activities.

**Result**

- Biodiversity protection for plants and fauna, specially for bird species facilitating nesting around the quarry area.
- The restoration of plant species such as *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior*.
- Re-introduction of conservation significant species of water animals and rare plants.
- Promoting the practice of “green technologies” for biological re-cultivation of quarry lakes - type “riverside wetlands” with biological significance.

**Partners** BAPIM (Bulgarian Aggregates Association) and Sofia Municipality

