

## Locate

During this first stage of the LEAP approach, the objective was to identify priority areas where both El Puerto de Liverpool's direct operations and some of its main private-label suppliers could have the greatest impact on nature and biodiversity (sensitive locations). This process serves as the foundation that will enable us to guide and focus a more detailed due diligence effort during the future development of the subsequent phases of the TNFD's LEAP approach.

- Identification and mapping.

In this first stage, we map sensitive locations where EPL interacts with nature in ecologically sensitive areas, in accordance with the criteria recommended by the TNFD:

- Important Areas for biodiversity, including species.
  - + Endemic Bird Areas (EBAs).
  - + Biodiversity hotspots
  - + RAMSAR sites
  - + Globally Important Protected Areas
  - + Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs)
- Areas with high ecosystem integrity or a rapid decline in ecosystem integrity.
  - + Ecosystem condition.
- Areas with high water risks.
  - + Physical hazards in the watershed.
- Areas that are important for the provision of ecosystem services, including benefits for indigenous peoples, local communities, and other stakeholders.
  - + Indicative areas of indigenous lands.

Based on these eight key criteria and in accordance with the "IBAT (Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool) guidelines," three buffer distances were applied to determine the proximity of each EPL location to sensitive areas:

- 2 km: captures the immediate vicinity and the risks of direct disturbance (e.g., noise, dust, physical intrusion).
- 5 km: Consider short-range indirect effects, such as edge effects, hydrological connectivity, and species movement.
- 10 km: Reflects the potential for indirect and broader impacts on air, water, and land.

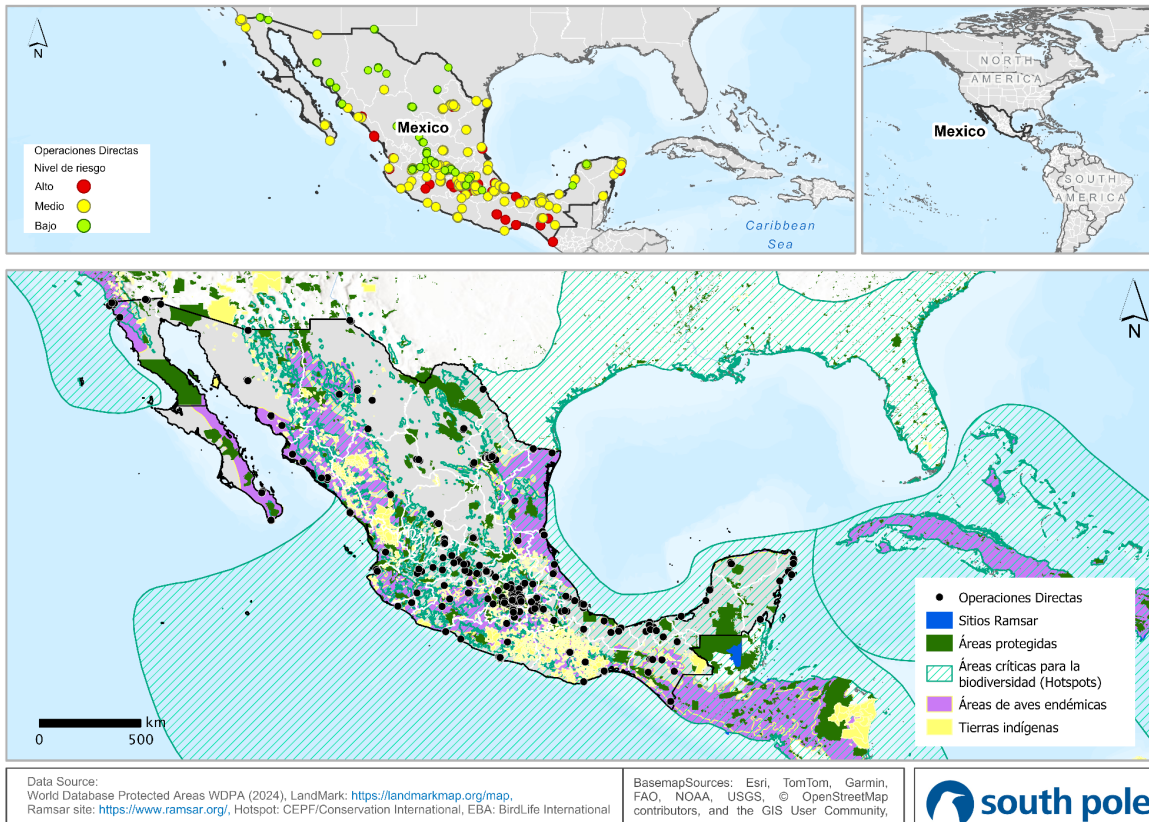
These three distances make it possible to identify sensitive locations for subsequent impact assessments or the planning of mitigation measures.

- Results.

- Geospatial Results (Direct Operations and Suppliers)

We assessed the location of each of EPL's sites and those of our suppliers (we selected the top 10 private-label suppliers, whose factories total 75 sites in various countries) and their interaction with nature in ecologically sensitive areas, based on the eight criteria defined in accordance with the TNFD guidelines.

### Interacción de las operaciones directas con áreas ecológicamente sensibles



Map 1. EPL Locations vs. Criteria for Importance to Nature

#### - Results by criteria (direct transactions and suppliers).

Each criterion is rated on a scale of 0–3 (for both direct operations and suppliers), reflecting the level of risk or exposure associated with the site due to its potential impacts on and dependencies regarding the natural areas with which it interacts.

A score of 3 (high risk) is assigned when the operation or supplier overlaps with sites that are key in terms of biodiversity, ecosystem integrity, or water risk within the 2-km buffer; a score of 2 (medium risk) is assigned when there is an overlap within the 5-km buffer; and a score of 1 (low risk) is assigned when the overlap occurs within the 10-km buffer. If there is no overlap within these buffers, the score is zero (very low risk).

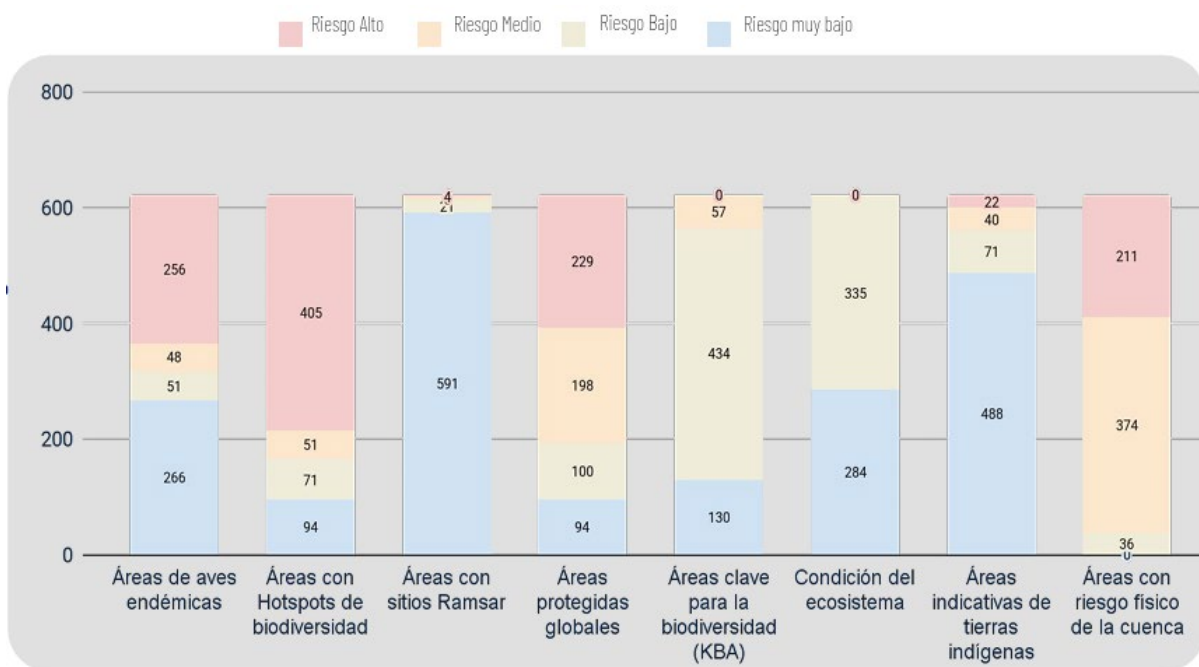
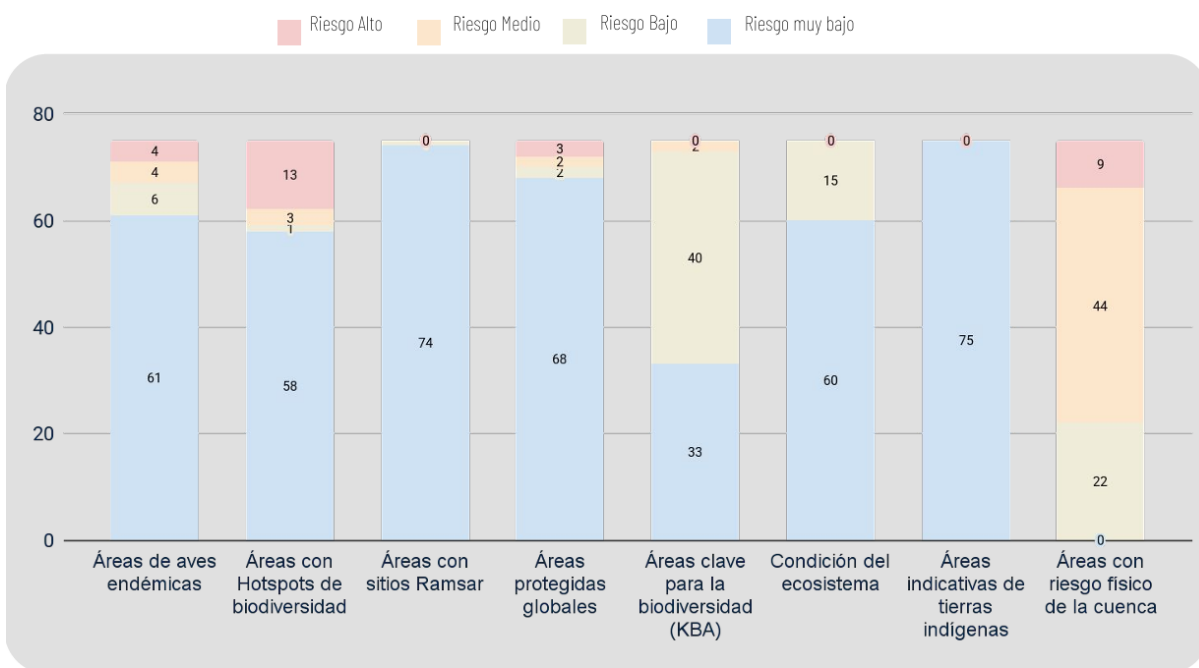


Figure 1. Quantification of criteria of importance for nature versus direct EPL operations.



#### Puntaje por criterio evaluado

Figure 2. Quantification of criteria important to nature vs. major private-label suppliers.

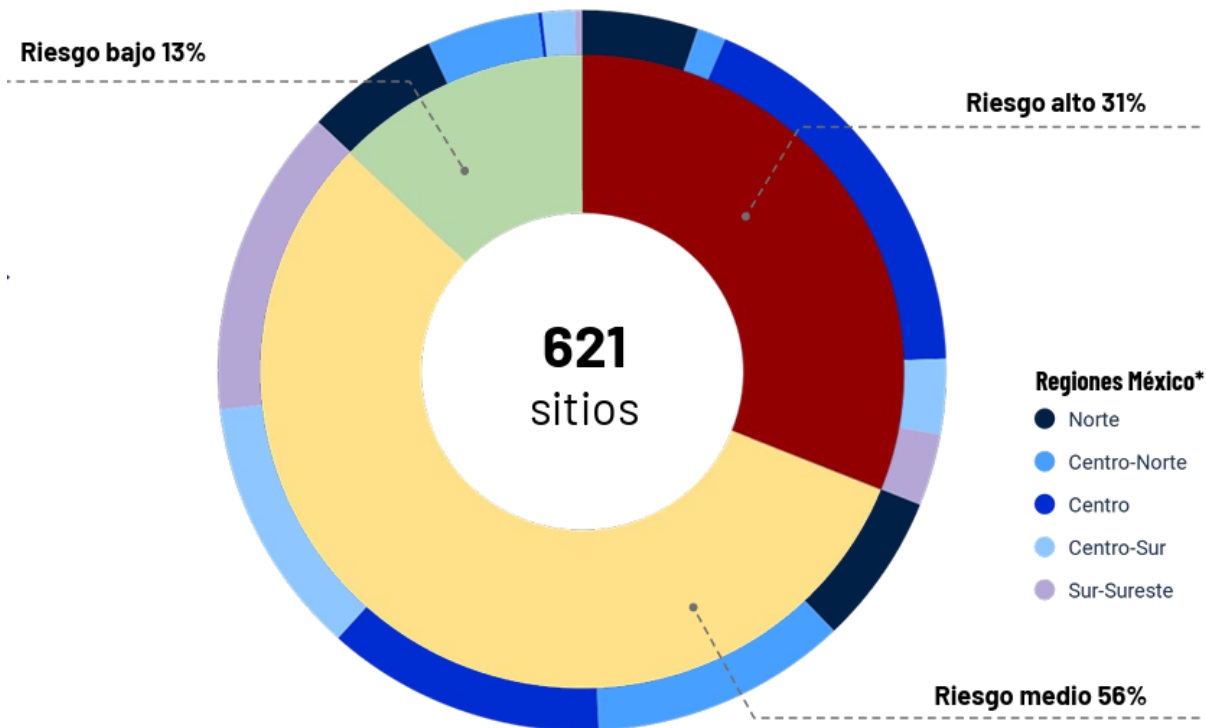
- Final Results (direct transactions and suppliers).

This result represents the overall risk level for each direct operation and supplier, reflecting the site's exposure/sensitivity through a final score that is the sum of the scores obtained for each of the 8

criteria evaluated.

For direct operations, the resulting risk level fell within a range of 2 to 16 points, while for suppliers, the range was 2 to 11 points. These values represent the minimum and maximum scores obtained by summing the results for each criterion evaluated.

A high value indicates overlap and/or proximity to ecologically sensitive areas, which makes this site a priority for management in the subsequent phases of the LEAP approach. This result may indicate a higher probability of materiality in later phases.



\*Regiones de México según la regionalización utilizada por el Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía de México - INEGI, que divide el país en 5 regiones: Norte, Centro-Norte, Centro, Centro-Sur y Sur-Sureste

Figure 3. Level of exposure of EPL's direct operations sites to overlap with or proximity to ecologically sensitive areas.

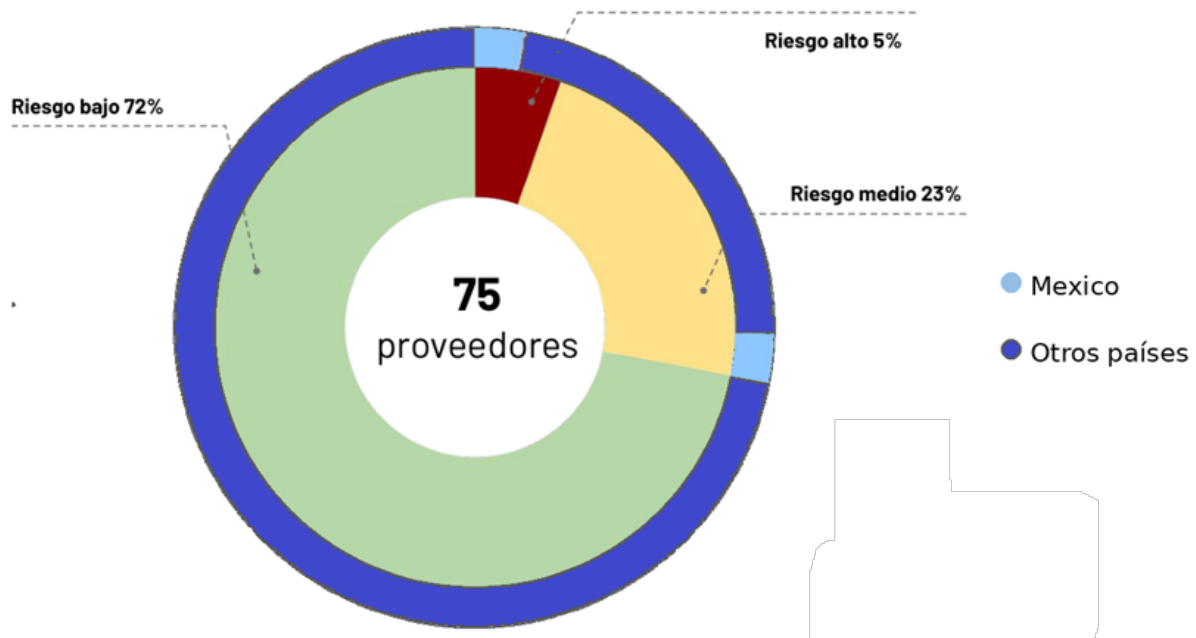


Figure 4. Level of exposure of major private-label suppliers to overlap or proximity with ecologically sensitive areas.