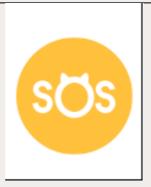


# SOS ANIMAL

SUSTAINABILITY SUMMARY REPORT

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# Action Summary

In 2022, SOS Animal embraced its biggest expansion project: the SOS Animal Sanctuary.

All the work carried out was based on objectives aimed at consolidating SOS Animal's brand awareness in Portugal through excellent institutional communication in order to raise the funds that support the activity through campaigns and events. In terms of sustainability, all the work was geared towards reforesting the sanctuary on a large scale, in order to create a sustainable and attractive agroforest for native species and resident animals, thus fulfilling one of our SDGs. Our sustainability lies not only in keeping this whole project going, but also in creating unique sanctuaries for the various species in the SOS Animal sanctuary, namely for cats, goats, sheep, horses, cattle, ducks, chickens, pigeons, chinchillas and other rodents. In order for us to be aligned with our entire activity, the SOS Planeta environmental awareness programme allows us to create partnerships that are aligned with our entire value chain. All our partnerships are assessed in terms of their social, environmental and governance positioning. Our short-term goal is to measure our impact through ESG reporting. All our actions are already geared towards adaptation so that mitigation can be achieved through biodiversity credits.







### Goals

OUR SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY IS ALIGNED WITH SDG 15 AND 17. THROUGH THE VARIOUS PARTNERSHIPS WE HAVE ESTABLISHED, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEASURE OUR IMPACT. THROUGH THE ESGSUSTAINABLE CONSULTANCY, WE WERE ABLE TO SECURE A PARTNERSHIP TO BE THE FIRST NGO IN PORTUGAL TO PRESENT A SUSTAINABILITY REPORT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ESG STRATEGY AND THE CALCULATION OF THE DUAL MATERIALITY AND VALUE CHAIN. THIS ALLOWS US TO POSITION OURSELVES NOT ONLY AS AN ANIMAL PROTECTION ORGANISATION BUT ALSO AS AN ORGANISATION OF ALL DIVERSITY.

Goal 1:	ADOPTING SDG 15
Goal 2:	ADOPTING SDG 17
Goal 3:	ESG Reporting



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#### Goal 1 Breakdown

Protect, restore and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse soil degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Start Date: Last quarter 2022

Completion Date: 2025

### Steps To Make Goal 1 Happen

- a. Acquire the space to set up the Sanctuary already done
- b. Reforestation of the sanctuary on going
- c. Implement several ecosystems that interact with each other
- d. Ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems in the sanctuary

### Things that MakeThink About

2022 | RESCUED ANIMALS

Canidae - 11 Animals entering the Sanctuary 44

Felidae - 46 Adoptions - 4 Leporidae - 12 Deceased - 6

Sheep - 6 Returned to the wild - 4

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Poultry - 19 **Total - 86** 



### Goal 2 Breakdown

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Support the creation of strong SDG partnerships to achieve the ambitious goals of the 2030 Agenda. Bring together national governments, the international community, civil society, the private sector and others.

Start Date: Last quarter 2022

Completion Date: 2027

### Steps To Make Goal 2 Happen

- Strengthen the mobilisation of internal resources, including through support
- 2. Raising and developing partnerships with the local community
- 3. We partner with companies to cover a range of areas, from ecosystem conservation and waste management
- 4. Promoting social equality and helping to combat climate change through our actions.

### Things that Think About

Partnerships with companies to develop projects:

- Reuse of grey water
- Compounding
- Recycling of all materials
- Vegan food
- Cat sand used as fertiliser
- Construction of a hotel with 100% sustainably sourced materials or FSC certification
- Total change of all lighting to LED and solar panels with a view to self-sufficiency
- Start of agroforestry project



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#### Goal 3 Breakdown

**ESG Report** 

Start Date:	2023
Completion Date:	Every year

### Steps To Make Goal 3 Happen

- 1. Gather all the information
- 2. Answer the questionnaire
- 3. Provide evidence of actions
- 4. Determination of double materiality, control of the value chain, alignment with the GRI and the SDGs

### Things that To Think About

Although ESG reporting is not required, it is important for us to position ourselves in relation to other market players.

The competitive advantage is not financial, but in terms of notoriety and in line with everything we stand for.

In line with SDG 17, we have a partnership with a consultancy firm for reporting.

Good partnerships in projects aimed at sustainable development are a no-brainer. With the complexity of today's social, economic and environmental challenges, we endeavour to develop our actions in a sustainable way and to develop an adaptation and mitigation strategy.



### Meet The Team



SOS Animal - Portugal is a national environmental non-governmental organisation and non-profit association for animal and environmental protection that has volunteers and supporters all over the country. Born out of an informal group in 2004, it was legally constituted as an animal protection association on 12 March 2007 in Lisbon.



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Vice-president of the board and treasurer



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# The SDGs as part of SOS Animal's business strategy

### **Direct contribution**











Despite efforts to achieve the targets of this goal, the UN SDG 2023 Follow-up Report does not offer good prospects and notes that, despite some progress in sustainable forest management, protected areas and the adoption of national biodiversity values and responsibility for natural capital, most improvements have been modest.

Reversing this reality has become a key objective at international level. For this reason, protecting, restoring and promoting the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably managing forests, combating desertification, halting and reversing land degradation and halting biodiversity loss is SDG 15 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, approved in September 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda, which we have adopted as a direct contribution to the Sanctuary in Santarém.

- It is necessary to recycle and reduce the consumption of paper and plastic;
- to reforest burnt land and plant fast-growing trees;
- it is necessary to establish forestry education programs to raise public awareness;
- and to put in place policies that guarantee the protection and development of forests.







#### **Our Contribution to SDG 15**

At SOS Animal, we are committed to SDG 15:

- Protect terrestrial life and we have therefore made a commitment to achieve zero net loss of biodiversity by 2027. To this end, we have developed biodiversity protection programs at all our sites where we operate and incorporated this issue into our management systems.
- We have created a Biodiversity Plan as a course of action adopted by the company to strengthen our commitment to biodiversity and nature. This commitment applies both to direct actions
- and to the value chain and all stakeholders.
- By 2024, 100% of our value chain will be assessed and there will be revised biodiversity action plans.
- We promote the planting of trees and otocune plants by 2027, by keeping the Sanctuary and the Clinic as zero carbon, with the Sanctuary capturing the largest amount of CO2.
- We intend to obtain the Corporate Carbon Footprint certificate and are working towards it.







SDG 17 seeks to strengthen the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, based on the idea that the SDGs can only be achieved through solid associations and cooperation. Unions and partnerships between different actors – such as governments, the private sector and civil society – make it possible to mobilize and exchange knowledge, technical capacity, technology and resources.

According to the UN in its report on progress towards the 2023 SDGs, progress has been uneven. There has been progress in areas such as development aid, the flow of remittances and access to technology. However, the UN considers that financing for development remains a major challenge, especially in low-income countries. Not to mention the geopolitical tensions that have hampered cooperation, as well as the record inflation, rising interest rates and the threat of debt that many developing countries are facing.

The report notes that debt levels in many countries have reached record levels during the pandemic.

These levels of indebtedness represent a possible threat to economic growth.







In addition, despite an unprecedented increase in global trade after the pandemic, the share of exports from the least developed countries has stagnated. In terms of direct Internet access, it is estimated that 5.3 billion people -66% of the world's population- will use the Internet in 2022, a significant increase on the 40% coverage observed in 2015. However, 2.7 billion people remain unconnected, which shows that there is still a long way to go to reach the goal of universal connectivity by 2030. Furthermore, 69% of men worldwide use the Internet compared to 63% of women, which means that there are 259 million more male Internet users than female.

Reversing this reality has become a key objective at international level. That's why it's essential to protect and continue partnerships so as not to leave anyone behind. Only the union of all players will make it possible to achieve the objectives set, which is why SDG 17 of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, approved in September 2015 as part of the 2030 Agenda, is so important.







#### **Our Contribution to SDG 17**

At SOS Animal, we are committed to SDG 17:

Partnerships and means of implementation

- Our aim is to be part of the United Nations Global Compact (UN Global Compact) to generate an international movement of sustainable companies to create the world we want.
- We are a strategic partner in the dissemination of Sustainable Development through television programs at premium times and on the 1st national television channel of the UN (SDSN).
- We collaborate with other associations in order to promote the sharing of knowledge both in technical terms and on Climate Change.
- We promote biodiversity and inclusion by welcoming students from all schools for an exchange of partnerships.







ESG MATURITY provides a superior service focused on impact and results and is carried out through companies focused on sustainability reporting aligned with an ESG strategy, ESG sustainable is the company that presents the SOS Aninal report focused on the axes of:

• Environmental

A company's impact on the natural environment and on the energy and resources it uses to operate.

Social

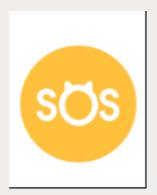
The way a company manages its relationships with employees, customers, suppliers and society in general.

Governance

How a company's internal policies and procedures make effective decisions for the greater good.

This report is drawn up using a questionnaire customised according to the sector of activity, country and size and based on more than 450 metrics that are academically evaluated and validated, inspired by the GRI, SASB and GIIN methodologies.





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