

## ■ Overview of E.SUN's Natural Environment Initiatives

E.SUN is committed to supporting the global Convention on Biological Diversity and advancing sustainable ecological development in alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 13: Climate Action; SDG 14: Life Below Water; SDG 15: Life on Land). Our natural environment and biodiversity strategy is centered on three core pillars: species conservation, habitat preservation, and environmental sustainability. Taking initiative from within, we proactively respond to both international and domestic environmental sustainability advocacies.

In 2022, we voluntarily joined the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and, in 2023, joined the TNFD Early Adopters. In November 2024, E.SUN released the "2023 Climate and Nature Report", which is the first report in Taiwan to achieve the highest grade of "Level 5: Excellence" from the British Standards Institute (BSI) for TNFD conformity, demonstrating our continued progress toward realizing the vision of living in harmony with nature.



### Key Achievements in 2024:

#### "Formosan Black Bear Conservation Project"

95 events held over **13 consecutive years** in partnership with Taipei Zoo.



#### "Beautiful Taiwan, Smile E.SUN "Environmental and Beach Cleanup Activities"

In central Taiwan, events were held at locations including Holiday Forest in Miaoli County and Wenliao Fishing Port in Taichung City, with **over 400 participants**.

#### "Polar Bear Environmental Education Project"

events held with **over 5,000 participants** since project began.

#### "E.SUN-NTU EG Centenary Project"

Cultivated and planted **30,000** Taiwan endemic native cypresses.

#### "Adopting trails in Yushan National Park"

For **16 consecutive years**, we have dedicated efforts to maintaining approximately 260 kilometers of hiking trail facilities and ensuring environmental cleanliness.

#### "Beautiful Taiwan, Smile E.SUN "Environmental and Beach Cleanup Activities"

In southern Taiwan, events were held at Guanshi Platform in Tainan and Qijin Seaside Park in Kaohsiung, with over **1,100 participants**.



#### "Sea Turtle Conservation Project"

Nursed **86 turtles** to health and released **13 turtles** back to the wild in total since project began.

#### "Plant a tree, Plant a life"

A cumulative total of over **60,000 native Taiwanese tree** seedlings have been planted.

#### "Beautiful Taiwan, Smile E.SUN "Environmental and Beach Cleanup Activities"

In northern Taiwan, events were held at locations including Shallow Water Bay and Feicui Bay in New Taipei City, as well as Zhuwei Fishing Port in Taoyuan City, attracting over **2,500 participants**.

#### "E.SUN Malavi Rice"

Assisting in organic transformation and local revitalization while safeguarding biodiversity, we have converted **18 hectares** of farmland and cumulatively procured **420,000 kilograms** of rice.



#### "Beautiful Taiwan, Smile E.SUN "Environmental and Beach Cleanup Activities"

In eastern Taiwan, events were held at the beach beside Huoshui Lake in Taitung City, Beibin Coast in Hualien City, and Yongzhen Seaside in Zhuangwei Township, with over **100 participants**.

- Northern Taiwan
- Central Taiwan
- Eastern Taiwan
- Southern Taiwan

## ■ Nature and Biodiversity Mitigation Hierarchy

E.SUN's strategy for the natural environment and biodiversity development focuses on four main pillars: Species Conservation, Habitat Preservation, Environmental Sustainability, and Employee Participation. We also reference the AR3T1 corporate nature action framework proposed by SBTN to align our activities accordingly. Together with like-minded partners, we strive to contribute to the beautiful nature of Taiwan.

Positive Impacts on Nature	Avoid	Reduce	Restore	Regenerate <sup>2</sup>
Sea Turtle Conservation & Education Project			√	
Polar Bear Environmental Education Project	√	√		
Formosan Black Bear Conservation Project	√		√	
E.SUN–NTU ESG Centenary Project	√	√	√	
Plant a tree, Plant a life Tree Planting Project			√	
E.SUN Malawi Project	√	√	√	
Millet Cultivation Revival Plan	√		√	
Beautiful Taiwan, Smiling E.SUN Environment Cleanup	√		√	
Adopting trails in Yushan National Park	√		√	
Earth Hour / 130 Days Lights Out	√	√		

Note 1: The AR3T framework, proposed by SBTN, aims to achieve transformation through four levels: Avoid, Reduce, Restore, and Regenerate.

Note 2: Since Regenerate involves complex elements that typically require multi-faceted collaboration and long-term commitment, E.SUN's biodiversity initiatives currently focus on Avoiding, Reducing, and Restoring negative impacts on the natural environment, laying the groundwork for future Regenerate efforts.

## 2.7.2 Species Conservation

### ■ Sea Turtle Conservation Project

We collaborated with the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium (NMMBA) for six consecutive years on the "Sea Turtle Conservation Project." A total of 86 turtles were treated and 13 turtles were released back into the wild over the course of the project as well. Wildlife Released Turtles in the past six years:

Turtle Species	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Green turtle	3	1	1	2	1	-
Hawksbill turtle	1	-	-	-	-	-
Olive ridley sea turtle	2	-	-	-	-	2
Total	6	1	1	2	1	2



Lead the students to visit the Sea Turtle Rescue and Medical Center and introduce the man-made objects found in the bodies of sea turtles.



Participants had the opportunity to closely observe the care and rehabilitation of injured sea turtles within the facilities of the rescue center.



During the sea turtle rescue course, veterinarians provided participants with detailed instructions on how to respond appropriately when encountering stranded or injured sea turtles.



Conducted a sea turtle release event at the conservation beach in Houbihu.

### ■ Polar Bear Environmental Education Project

Every year on February 27th, which is International Polar Bear Day, E.SUN collaborates with the National Museum of Natural Science to launch a series of polar bear conservation activities. Over the past 5 years, we have organized a total of 43 events, with nearly 5,000 people participating. The activities in 2024 include the "Mission to Save Polar Bears" seminar, the interactive "Polar Bears and friends fun challenge", and guided tours of the National Museum of Natural Science. Through these events, we aim to encourage public reflection, foster environmental awareness, and promote proactive actions to mitigate global warming.



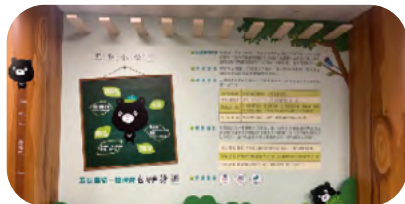
We invited Bai Hsin-Yi, a natural ecology program producer and host, to serve as the speaker for the "Mission to Save Polar Bears" seminar, where she shared her experiences filming polar bears in the Arctic.



We invited teachers and students from E.SUN Seed School at Qiaorong Elementary School in Taichung City to visit the National Museum of Natural Science. Through observing polar bear specimens, the program aimed to guide students in understanding the environmental impacts of climate change.

### ■ Formosan Black Bear Conservation Project

The Formosan black bear is Taiwan's sole native bear species. The preservation of this species in Taiwan not only means their survival, but also implies protecting the integrity of Taiwan's forest ecosystems and overall biodiversity. Since 2012, E.SUN FHC has been working with Taipei Zoo to promote a series of black bear conservation activities. In 2014 we launched the Black Bear Affinity Card and invited our customers to support the conservation of Taiwan's native species. E.SUN Bank's Hualien Branch utilizes the first animal conservation specialty branch in Taiwan "Black Bear Branch" dedicates its efforts to promoting animal conservation and biodiversity.



The lobby of E.SUN Bank's Hualien Branch features the Black Bear Learning Corner, providing customers with access to conservation knowledge while they conduct their financial transactions.

## 2.7.3 Habitat Conservation

### ■ "E.SUN-NTU ESG Centenary Project"

In collaboration with NTU, we will plant native conifers such as the Taiwan Red Cypress, Formosan Hinoki, Cryptomeria-like Taiwania, Taiwan Incense Cedar, and Formosan China-fir in the Yushan mountain range. 100,000 trees are expected to be planted within 10 years beginning in 2022, totaling 50 hectares in area. The forest is expected to absorb 242,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> over the course of a century. After selective thinning, 25,000 trees will be kept to grow over a century, laying the foundation for soil and water conservation, with carbon sequestration and circular economy benefits. In 2024, a total of 15,925 saplings of native tree species were planted.



### ■ "Plant a tree, Plant a life" E.SUN plant trees project

E.SUN has been jointly promoting the "Plant a tree, Plant a life" for 6 consecutive years in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture. In 2024, we adopted 4.58 hectares of national and coastal forests and planted 10,050 native tree saplings, such as Formosan Ash, Formosan Sweet Gum, Formosa Acacia, and Taiwan Gordonia etc.

#### "E.SUN Visa Signature," Taiwan's first charitable card with an emphasis on environmental awareness

E.SUN introduced the first charitable credit card with an emphasis on environmental awareness, the E.SUN Visa Signature card. We continue to invite cardholders to participate in the "Plant a tree, Plant a life" project, and give back to this land through tree planting. We encourage Visa card members to apply for electronic bills or mobile bills, and donate 0.2% of each transaction amount to tree planting programs, resulting in a total of over 60,000 trees being planted through this project.



### ■ E.SUN Malawi Rice

E.SUN has been supporting the "E.SUN Malawi Rice project" for 11 consecutive years along with Yushan National Park Services, Yinchuan Sustainable Farm and Tse-Xin Organic Agriculture Foundation, encouraging local farmers to adopt organic agriculture for sustainable food production and protect biodiversity, which saw the endangered native fish species "Kikuchii's Minnow" return to the paddies. E.SUN has transformed 18 hectares of farmland into certified organic fields and has acquired 420,000 kg of Malawi Rice in total.

### ■ Millet Revitalization Project

In collaboration with National Taiwan University, we jointly initiated the three-year "Millet Revitalization Project," aimed at the restoration of 28 local millet varieties. The project involves establishing millet cultivation demonstration zones, producing illustrated storybooks about millet, organizing millet planting promotion activities, and partnering with Jiumei Elementary School on the "Millet Conservation Land" project. This initiative provides agricultural and cultural education to students through millet-related rituals and planting activities on campus. The project aspires to convey the significance of species preservation, education, cultural heritage, and the promotion of millet cultivation.



### ■ "Beautiful Taiwan, Smile E.SUN" "Environmental and Beach Cleanup Activities"

For 15 consecutive years, we have organized the "Beautiful Taiwan Smile E.SUN" environmental cleanup and beach cleanup activities. In response to World Cleanup Day in 2024, over 7,790 E.SUN volunteers and their families participated across 147 business locations and 15 coastal areas throughout Taiwan. Through these concrete actions, we actively contribute to plastic and waste reduction and safeguard our beautiful homeland.

### ■ Adopting trails in Yushan National Park

We have adopted and maintained 260 km of trails in Yushan National Park trail for 16 consecutive years. We use this opportunity to promote conservation and environmental education, and encourage E.SUN employees to participate and work together to protect the environment.

### ■ Taiwan New Year Bird Count

For two consecutive years, we have participated in the "Taiwan New Year Bird Count," jointly organized by the Chinese Wild Bird Federation, Taipei Wild Bird Association, Kaohsiung Wild Bird Association, and the Biodiversity Research Institute of the Ministry of Agriculture. This event serves as a critical data source for monitoring changes in Taiwan's winter migratory bird populations, to which we are committed to contributing for ecological documentation.



## 2.7.4 Environmental Sustainability

GRI G4 Financial Services Sector: FS4

### ■ Earth Hour

For 13 consecutive years, we have participated in Earth Hour, the world's largest international carbon reduction campaign. Voluntarily extending the lights-off duration, from March 22 to 24, we turned off all signage and exterior lighting at 170 domestic and overseas business locations for three consecutive nights.

### ■ 130 Days Lights Out

For the past 8 years, we've turned off our lights during peak energy hours in summer. From June 5st to October 13th, 2024, all 139 branches across Taiwan shut down their signage lights, exterior wall lights, and television displays for the entire day. Over the past 8 years, a total of 560,018 kWh has been saved, equivalent to reducing 276.6 metric tons of carbon emissions.



### ■ Resource Circulation and Charity Auction

For 13 years in a row, we have held the "Resource Circulation Charity Auction," which amassed 10,000 donated second-hand and brand new items in 2024. This year, over 5,200 colleagues participated, raising over NT\$10 million in proceeds that were all donated to the "E.SUN Care for Schoolchildren Program." The program supports economically disadvantaged families and children facing sudden setbacks by alleviating the financial burden of education by assisting in the purchase of stationery, books, and participation in activities. ensuring that all children can learn happily and participate in both school and extracurricular activities.



### ■ 13-Book Lovers: Magazine circulation day

In order to realize E.SUN's environmental protection spirit, the "13-Book Lovers: Magazine circulation day activity" has been held at E.SUN Headquarter buildings. In order to effectively achieve the goal of resource sharing, we collected magazines that various departments had subscribed to (or had received as donations), along with employees' own books, magazines, CDs, and DVDs, which were made freely available to all employees. We collected a total of 3,322 items in 2024, and circulated 1,845 items, for a circulation rate of 55.54%.

### ■ "E.SUN Environment and Energy Saving Education Day"

On the 13th of every month Environmental volunteers of each department promotes knowledge of environmental protection on the 13th of every month and educational material is regularly displayed on our e-Learning platform. Also, the 13th is also cleaning day, where employees would clean the office environment to put the 4R concept- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Refuse into practice.

Month	2024 ESG Education Topics
January	COP28 Makes First-Ever Resolution to Reduce Methane Emissions
February	Conveying Sustainability to the Silent World
March	Mine Resurgence
April	Planet vs. Plastics
May	Energy storage
June	World Environment Day
July	The Greatest Challenge for the Financial Industry in Achieving Net Zero: Financial Carbon Emissions
August	World Humanitarian Day
September	10 years endeavors of the Malawi Project
October	World Architecture Day
November	UN Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
December	COP29