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Sustainable value creation: Alzchem promotes biodiversity

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Together with climate change, preserving biodiversity is the second major challenge when it comes to the Earth's ecosystem. Biodiversity refers to the diversity of species as well as the diversity of habitats and genetic diversity within species.

Companies can also do a lot for biodiversity on their premises through targeted ecological land use. [Alzchem](#) has been working on this topic for many years and is trying to find a way to make an effective contribution to maintaining a high level of biodiversity. In addition to the areas used for industrial purposes, there are certain areas at Alzchem's production sites that are currently not in use. These are particularly suitable for creating islands where a high level of biodiversity can develop and which serve as "stepping stone biotopes" to connect a larger biotope network.

High biodiversity on an area the size of 30 soccer pitches

Based on this basic concept, the company defined the first areas back in 2020 and carried out a targeted survey of the existing vegetation. Based on the findings, proposals for near-natural maintenance were developed, implemented and further specialized over the years. To date, the program has been continuously expanded and currently comprises 7 areas with a total size of 21 ha, i.e. 210,000 m² or the area of around 30 soccer pitches.

The existing biodiversity is very well developed on all the areas concerned and has a high potential as a habitat for many animal and insect species. Furthermore, the location of the green spaces in the landscape is very favorable and thus promotes biotope connectivity.

Diversity as the basis of life

Humans are dependent on many benefits that they derive from functioning ecosystems. These so-called "eco-services" include, for example, the pollination of plants by insects, the natural

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treatment of drinking water in the soil, the mitigation of climatic conditions, the purification of the air we breathe, the provision of food and the nutrient cycle.

Without the use of ecoservices, human life on earth would not be possible.

And this is where biodiversity comes into play: the higher the biodiversity, the less sensitive ecosystems are to disturbances and pressures. For example, if there are several species that perform the same functions in the environment, the probability increases that not all species will die out locally when environmental conditions change and that the ecosystem will remain functional. A food chain in which there is greater diversity at all levels is also much less sensitive to external influences and more stable.

You can find out more about sustainability at Alzchem on the [website](#).



Caption: Raubett with ox-eye daisy, common thyme, Carthusian carnation and small-flowered mullein. (2021, western flank, Hart landfill)

**About Alzchem**

Alzchem is a globally active specialty chemicals company that is one of the market leaders in most of its fields of activity. Alzchem offers answers to various global developments such as climate change, population growth and increasing life expectancy. We deliver solutions through brands and products of the highest quality and through a sustainable vision to help shape global developments.

The company sees interesting growth prospects for itself in the areas of human and animal nutrition and agriculture in particular. As a result of population growth, it is necessary to achieve efficient food production. Pharmaceutical raw materials and creatine products can contribute to a healthy old age as life expectancy increases. Alzchem is facing up to the goal of sustainability arising from climate change in the field of renewable energies and across the entire company. The fields of fine chemicals and metallurgy offer just as great a perspective.

Alzchem Group AG's broad product range includes dietary supplements, precursors for PCR tests and pharmaceutical raw materials. These offerings are the company's response to global trends and developments. Alzchem is ideally positioned in this respect and considers itself well prepared for an environmental future and global developments.

The company employs around 1,690 people at four production sites in Germany and a plant in Sweden, as well as three sales companies in the USA, China and England. Alzchem generated Group sales of EUR 540.6 million and EBITDA of EUR 81.4 million in 2023.