

## Our Responsibility

Kinross sites operate in unique water contexts. Each operation is subject to a broad range of environmental regulations, complex permit requirements and reporting obligations specific to their jurisdiction. In parallel, they must also meet Kinross' company-wide expectations for regulatory compliance, water efficiency, protecting water quality and stakeholder engagement on topics pertaining to water as a shared resource.

## Our Commitment

Our [Safety and Sustainability Policy](#) embeds our commitment to environmental protection, including our corporate-wide focus on protecting water quality and optimizing water efficiency. Through our water strategy and water management standards, we have the guidance and tools in place to deliver on this commitment.

## Our Approach

Kinross' water strategy establishes a common framework of standards and guidance for every Kinross operation while recognizing the unique characteristics of each of our sites. We look to each site to develop and implement water strategies based on the "Value of Water".

The water strategy at each mine site recognizes the uniqueness of each operation and accounts for:

- Stakeholder locations, needs, issues, and concerns pertaining to water
- Available and at-risk water supplies, physical water scarcity, and excess water scenarios with considerations of how and where these characteristics may change over time
- Appropriate operational and conservation strategies to manage water

Our sites are responsible for implementing their water strategy, including establishing internal water use targets, and doing so in accordance with Kinross' Standard for Water Management. At all stages of the mine life cycle from exploration, through reclamation to closure, these standards provide a framework for sites to:

- Help manage water use
- Mitigate water-related risks
- Protect water quality through water treatment
- Manage water use

Given the diverse range of water contexts across our mine sites, we rely upon our local teams to manage water-related risks specific to each operation. For instance, Kinross' overall water consumption is heavily influenced by our Paracatu operation in Brazil, which accounts for, on average, over half of Kinross' total water consumption. In contrast, Kinross operations at Tasiast in Mauritania and La Coipa in Chile are located in regions that are characterized as "water stressed". However, of those two sites, La Coipa is the only site that uses fresh water. Our Bald Mountain mine, located in the State of Nevada in the United States has also been determined to be in a water stressed area according to most recent assessments by the [World Resources Institute \(wri.org\)](#). Bald Mountain has been working with the State of Nevada to ensure conservation of water within their license requirements. To learn more about water management at these sites and water risks, see our most recent [Sustainability Report](#).

Matters pertaining to water fall within our Corporate Responsibility Management System and as such are the responsibility of the Director, Environment, reporting to the Senior Vice-President, Safety and Sustainability who in turn reports to the Chief Technical Officer. Oversight and governance are the responsibility of the [Corporate Responsibility and Technical Committee](#) of the Board of Directors.



To learn more about our performance and initiatives to manage water, see our most recent [Sustainability Report](#).