

Water

KINROSS

SUSTAINABILITY

Our Responsibility

We have a responsibility to manage all aspects of our water footprint. Across Kinross' mines, our water use is subject to a large number of environmental laws and regulations with a complex variety of permit conditions, standing environmental regulations, and reporting obligations. Our responsibility begins with meeting regulatory compliance while also maximizing operational eco-efficiency, protecting water quality and respecting the resources we share with our stakeholders.

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 consumption. Through our water strategy and water management standards, we have the guidance and tools in place to deliver on this commitment and to meet evolving expectations for water stewardship.

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
- 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 50% 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 also draws a small portion of water from a high-water scarcity area. To learn more about water management at these sites and water risks, see our most recent [Sustainability Report](#).

As with environmental performance across Kinross, accountability and governance pertaining to water quality and water use is aligned with our Corporate Responsibility Management System.



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