



## LETTER FROM THE CEO



Ben van Beurden, Chief Executive Officer

Early 2022 has brought new uncertainties and challenges, and, like so many others, I am horrified by the war in Ukraine. I feel deeply for those suffering no matter where they are. All of us at Shell are concerned about our staff and contractors affected by the conflict and we are doing everything we can to help them. Shell is helping in the relief effort and working with governments to find ways to secure energy supplies for Europe and other markets.

We also took decisive actions in support of global economic measures against Russia and you can read about them in the [media release](#).

As the world faces these new challenges, and even as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it must not lose sight of the importance of taking action on climate change.

Our Powering Progress strategy, which we launched in 2021, sets out how Shell can play a leading role in helping the world to reduce its carbon emissions. At the heart of our strategy lies our own target to become a net-zero emissions energy business by 2050, in step with society's progress in achieving the Paris climate goals.

In this, our 25th Sustainability Report, we share how we are working towards our Powering Progress goals.

### **SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL**

One critical area in which we simply must do better is safety, which is essential to our strategy. We have made progress on improving the safety of our operations since the early 2000s.

We have not been able to eliminate all fatal incidents involving Shell employees and contractors. The number of safety incidents increased in 2021. I am saddened by the deaths of eight of our contractor colleagues in Pakistan, Indonesia and Nigeria, and the death of a government security agent in Nigeria. We must strive continuously to improve our efforts to keep people safe.



## ACCELERATING TOWARDS NET ZERO

In 2021, we took an important step towards becoming a net-zero emissions business with a new target to reduce our absolute emissions from our operations (Scope 1 and Scope 2) by 50% by 2030, compared with 2016 levels on a net basis. By the end of 2021, Shell had reduced Scope 1 and 2 emissions from our operations, and from the energy we buy to run our operations, by 18% from 83 million tonnes in 2016 to 68 million tonnes.

We also achieved our first short-term target of a 2-3% reduction in net carbon intensity (NCI) by the end of 2021. Shell's NCI in 2021 was 77 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ which was a 2.5% reduction from the 2016 reference year.

We are also working with our customers and across sectors to help them find their own pathways to achieve net-zero emissions. This will help grow demand for new low-carbon products.

But Powering Progress goes beyond achieving our net-zero targets. In 2021, we started incorporating new ambitions within our business to respect the environment and to power people's lives.

We also continued to support the UN Global Compact's corporate governance principles on human rights, environmental protection, anti-corruption and better labour practices.

## RESPECTING NATURE

In this report, we have set out our commitments on biodiversity, water, and on helping to create a circular economy and reduce waste.

It is also of the utmost importance that we continue to work to prevent oil spills. In 2021, we reduced the number of operational spills of more than 100 kilograms by 40%, compared with 2020. However, in Nigeria, spills caused by oil theft and sabotage of pipelines continued amid heightened security risks. We are dealing with these challenges and the impact they have on the environment, on local communities and on our business.

## CONTRIBUTING TO COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES

We are working with our suppliers to find ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across our supply chains. In 2021, we rolled out a new digital platform which enables our suppliers to track performance on emissions reduction, share best practice and exchange emissions data with their own supply chains.

The supply of affordable, reliable and sustainable energy is crucial for raising living standards and for addressing other global challenges, including inequality. In 2021, we continued to develop social investment programmes to improve access to energy in Ethiopia, Mozambique, Pakistan and South Africa.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the independent Report Review Panel, who help us provide balanced and relevant reporting. We have made the report more concise this year to make it easier for readers to understand our performance. Each section guides you to our shell.com global website, where updates will keep you informed about our sustainability performance throughout the year. This report sits with the Annual Report and the Energy Transition Report, which also provide information on our sustainability performance.

Sustainability is always a work in progress. Shell has goals to lower our carbon emissions, respect nature and contribute positively to people's lives. This report shows what we have achieved – and where we need to do better.

**Ben van Beurden**

Chief Executive Officer

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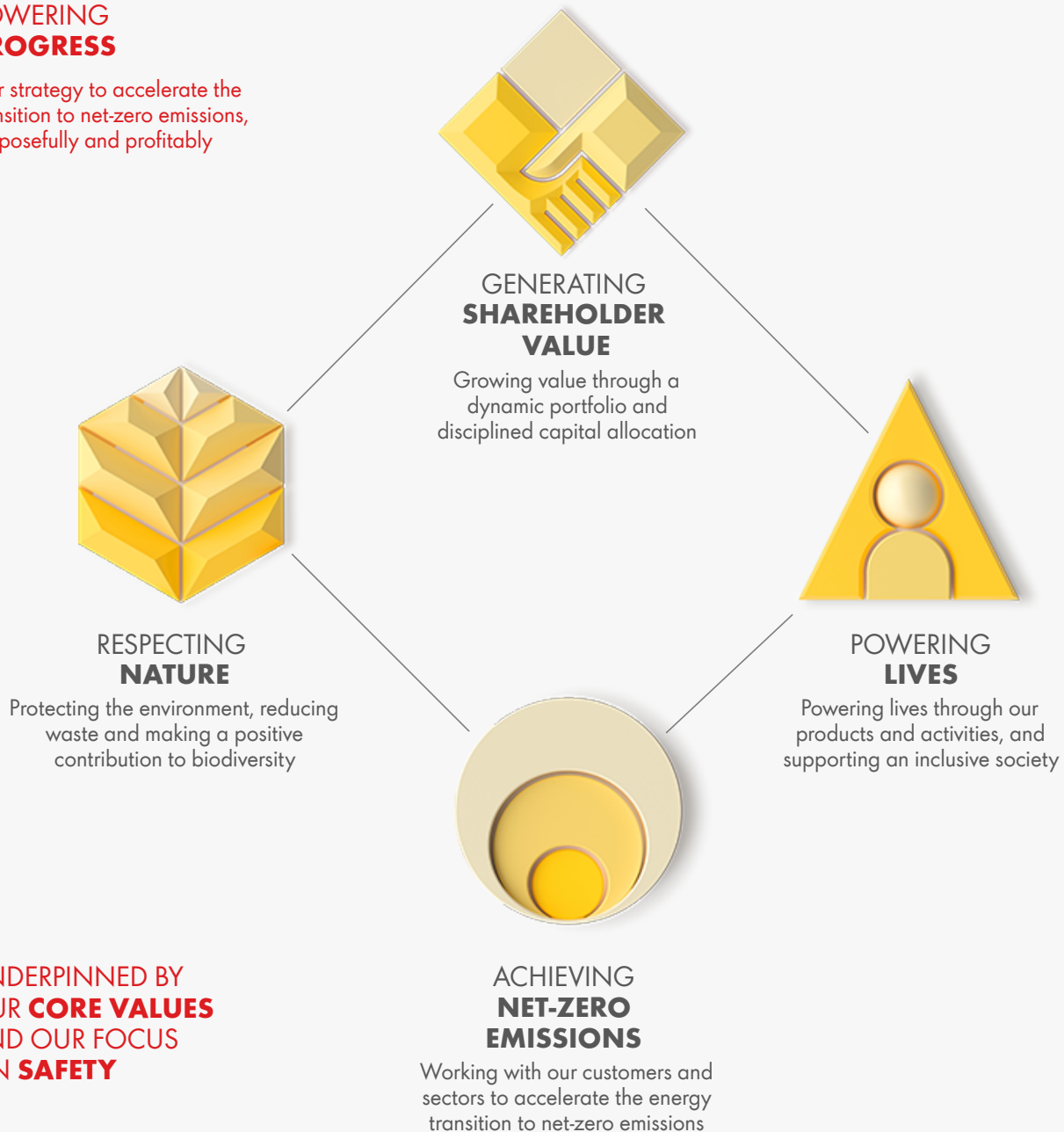


# POWERING PROGRESS

## OUR STRATEGY

### POWERING PROGRESS

Our strategy to accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions, purposefully and profitably



UNDERPINNED BY  
OUR **CORE VALUES**  
AND OUR FOCUS  
ON **SAFETY**

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# OUR APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

## SUSTAINABILITY AT SHELL

Powering Progress is our strategy to accelerate the transition of our business to net-zero emissions, in step with society, purposefully and profitably. It is designed to create value for our shareholders, customers and wider society, and integrates our long-standing commitment to contribute to sustainable development with our business strategy.

We aim to provide more and cleaner energy solutions in a responsible manner – in a way that balances short- and long-term interests, and that integrates our economic, environmental and social commitments and targets.

Powering Progress, launched in 2021, has four main goals in support of our purpose – to power progress together by providing more and cleaner energy solutions:

- Generating shareholder value: growing value through a dynamic portfolio and disciplined capital allocation;
- Achieving net-zero emissions in step with society: working with our customers and across sectors to accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions;
- Powering lives: powering lives through our products and activities, and by supporting an inclusive society; and
- Respecting nature: protecting the environment, reducing waste and making a positive contribution to biodiversity.

Powering Progress is underpinned by our core values of honesty, integrity and respect for people and our focus on safety.

Read more about what sustainability means at Shell at [www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/sustainability-at-shell](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/sustainability-at-shell) and more about our strategy at [www.shell.com/powering-progress](https://www.shell.com/powering-progress).

## UN Sustainable Development Goals

We will play our part in helping governments and societies achieve the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The goals were one of the considerations in the development of our Powering Progress strategy. The actions we take as part of our Powering Progress strategy can help directly contribute to 13 of the SDGs, while indirectly contributing to others.

Information on how we are contributing to these SDGs can be found throughout this report and at [www.shell.com/sdgs](https://www.shell.com/sdgs).

**More in this report** [Climate change and the energy transition](#) | [Our Powering Progress targets](#) | [Sustainability governance](#) | [Performance overview](#)

**More on Shell websites** [Our strategy: Powering Progress](#) | [What sustainability means at Shell](#) | [Commitments, policies and standards](#) | [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

## SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE

We have clear and effective governance structures throughout Shell, along with performance standards and other controls. These include the Shell General Business Principles, our Code of Conduct, and our Health, Safety, Security, Environment and Social Performance (HSSE & SP) Control Framework. They influence the decisions made and actions taken across Shell.

The Safety, Environment and Sustainability Committee (SESCo) is one of four standing committees of the Board of Directors of Shell plc. The overall role of SESCo is to review the practices and performance of Shell, primarily with respect to safety, environment including climate change, and sustainability.

In February 2022, Shell announced the new role of Strategy, Sustainability and Corporate Relations Director. The new director is a member of Shell's Executive Committee.

Read more about SESCo and how Shell manages sustainability at [www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/governance](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/governance) and in our [Annual Report](#).

**More in this report** [Climate change and the energy transition](#) | [Our approach to safety](#) | [Energy transition](#) | [Our approach to respecting nature](#)

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## PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

## PERFORMANCE IN 2021

**6.9**

serious injuries and fatalities per 100 million working hours, compared with 6.0 in 2020. See [Our approach to safety](#)

**77 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ**

net carbon intensity, which measures the life-cycle emissions intensity of the portfolio of energy products sold. See [Delivering our climate targets](#)

**18%**

reduction in our total combined Scope 1 and 2 absolute greenhouse gas emissions compared with 2016, the base year. <sup>[A]</sup> See [Delivering our climate targets](#)

**102**

operational process safety Tier 1 and 2 events, compared with 103 in 2020. See [Process safety](#)

**9.1 billion**

litres of biofuels went into Shell's petrol and diesel worldwide <sup>[B]</sup>. See [Biofuels](#)

**87,000**

public and private electric vehicle charge points operated by Shell. See [Electric vehicle charging](#)

**2,444**

enhanced screenings for higher-risk contracts, to check for potential legal or regulatory integrity-related red flags. See [Ethical leadership](#)

**40%**

decrease in the number of operational spills of more than 100 kilograms. There were 41 in 2021 compared with 70 in 2020. See [Spills](#)

**18%**

increase in flaring. Overall flaring increased to 4.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) compared with 3.8 million tonnes in 2020. See [Flaring](#)

**\$37.5 billion**

spent on goods and services from around 24,000 suppliers globally. See [Supply chain](#)

**29.5%**

women in senior leadership positions. See [Diversity, equity and inclusion](#)

**\$94 million**

spent on voluntary social investment. See [Social investment](#)

**\$4.2 billion**

spent in countries where gross domestic product is less than \$15,000 a year per person. <sup>[C]</sup> See [Local content](#)

**271,000**

formal training days for employees and joint venture partners. See [Diversity, equity and inclusion](#)

**60,000**

students participated in NXplorers, our flagship STEM programme. See [STEM education](#)

[A] From assets and activities under our operational control.

[B] Including 3.2 billion litres through our joint venture Raizen on an equity basis.

[C] According to the UN Development Programme's Human Development Index 2019.



## REMUNERATION

### POWERING PROGRESS

In 2021, we linked the pay of more than 16,500 staff to our target to reduce the carbon intensity of our energy products by 6-8% by 2023, compared with 2016.

### Driving action through remuneration

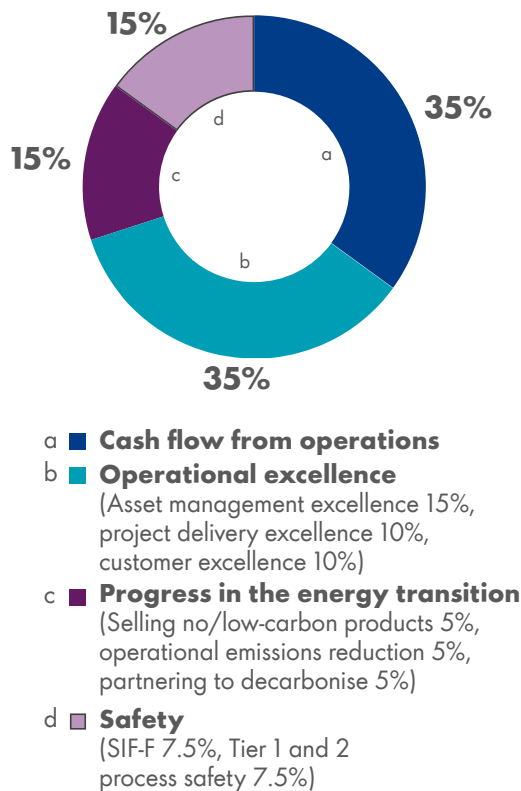
Progress in the energy transition key performance indicators was considered as part of the 2021 annual bonus scorecard (15% weighting) applying to almost all of Shell's employees, as well as the 2021 Performance Share Plan awards (10% weighting) for around 16,500 employees and the 2021 Long-term Incentive Plan awards (20% weighting) for senior executives. The 2021 annual bonus scorecard also included a 15% weighting based on safety performance.

From 2022, we will widen the scope of the progress in the energy transition measure on the annual bonus scorecard, to be based on three key themes: selling lower-carbon products, reducing our emissions and partnering to decarbonise. To emphasise the importance of becoming increasingly customer-led, we will also introduce a new customer excellence measure under operational excellence. In the 2022 Long-term Incentive Plan, we have further refined the energy transition performance condition to avoid duplication of the measures incorporated into the scorecard.

Read more about remuneration in the 2021 [Annual Report](#).

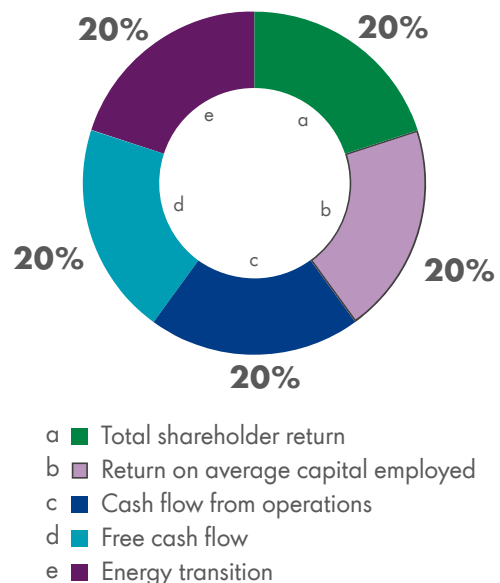
#### ANNUAL BONUS SCORECARD ARCHITECTURE 2022

percentage



#### LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

percentage



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**More on Shell websites** Our strategy: Powering Progress | Leadership | Corporate governance



# ABOUT THIS REPORT

## SELECTING THE TOPICS

The 2021 Sustainability Report, published on April 5, 2022, is our 25th such report. It details our social, safety and environmental performance in 2021.

Each year we use a structured process to select the report's content. We engage with various groups and individuals to understand specific concerns about our business and its impact, particularly relating to the environment and society. We consider the views of others such as non-governmental organisations, customers, the media, academics, investors and employees.

Input from our Report Review Panel of independent experts helps to ensure that coverage is balanced, relevant and complete.

Read more about our topic selection process at [www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency-and-sustainability-reporting/sustainability-reports](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency-and-sustainability-reporting/sustainability-reports).

## Reporting guidelines

We report in line with guidelines developed by IPECA, the global oil and gas industry association for advancing environmental and social performance. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards: Core option (see GRI index for full details). It is also the document we use to communicate our progress in supporting the principles of the UN Global Compact.

As a member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, we support the organisation's updated criteria for membership from 2022, which includes requirements for corporate transparency.

The recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) help to guide and inform our reporting in our Annual Report.

In January 2021, we agreed to adopt the Stakeholder Capitalism Metrics, a set of environmental, social and governance metrics released by the World Economic Forum and its International Business Council.

More detailed information about how we report is available at [www.shell.com/sustainability/sustainability-reporting-and-performance-data/voluntary-reporting-standards-and-esg-ratings](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/sustainability-reporting-and-performance-data/voluntary-reporting-standards-and-esg-ratings).

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 **More on Shell websites** Our strategy: Powering Progress | Voluntary reporting standards and ESG ratings

## REPORT REVIEW PANEL

We use an external review panel to strengthen our sustainability reporting. The panel helps evaluate and improve the quality and credibility of our Sustainability Report. The 2021 Report Review Panel comprised five sustainability and corporate reporting experts:

- Mandy Kirby, UK. Chief Strategist and Co-founder, City Hive (Chair of the Report Review Panel)
- Hilary Parsons, UK. Formerly Head of Creating Shared Value Engagement, Nestlé
- Vanessa Zimmerman, Australia. Chief Executive Officer, Pillar Two
- Renard Siew, Malaysia. Adviser on Climate Change, Centre of Governance and Political Studies
- Elizabeth White, USA. Strategist and Global Head Environment and Social Sustainability, Sector Economics and Impact, IFC World Bank Group.

The panel provided input into our topic selection process. Panel members reviewed the report, discussed Shell's reporting and spoke to relevant Shell employees before preparing their statement. The panel's mandate focused on the quality of Shell's reporting, including credibility, completeness and responsiveness. The panel is not accountable for reviewing the data in the report or material on shell.com outside the bounds of this report. Panel members are offered an honorarium for their input.

Find out more about the panel at [www.shell.com/sustainability-report-review-panel](https://www.shell.com/sustainability-report-review-panel).



## Report Review Panel recommendations

The panel has had the opportunity to review two drafts of the 2021 Sustainability Report and provided both written and verbal feedback to Shell. During this process, Shell has considered our feedback in relation to the quality of sustainability reporting, particularly regarding content and presentation of information.

The panel notes that while the report is situated within the wider shell.com suite of information, the panel has not reviewed content on the website, nor is this part of its remit.

The panel notes that Shell has undertaken significant changes to its approach in the Sustainability Report that reflect a shift in how different stakeholders access information. We welcome the clear movement towards the inclusion of more sustainability-related data within the Annual Report as a signal that it is business-critical and strategic information. We also note that the Sustainability Report has been designed to support stakeholders who wish to access sustainability data. More qualitative content and relevant information material to the organisation, which was previously included in the report, now sits on the main website.

While understanding the evolution of reporting, we note the importance of ensuring that readers who wish to engage further on a topic are directed to the website to find up-to-date and relevant information.

We encourage Shell to think particularly about providing context to sections in which data are presented. Such context would help readers interpret the quantitative information in the report. In addition, we suggest paying special attention to the presentation of visual, tabular and graphic information. These are all useful instruments to convey complex information as long as they are accessible to lay readers, for example by providing relevant comparative elements, benchmarks and signposts to significant data points.

There are areas of disclosure that we welcome particularly, including continued efforts on tax transparency, supplier conduct and compliance, as well as confirming where activities such as Arctic Circle activity will not take place, as well as where they could.

Language in some areas has become more precise and aligned to relevant international standards and external expectations. For example, Shell now uses the term net carbon intensity in relation to measuring progress against net-zero emissions targets.

Looking ahead to the 2022 report, the panel would encourage Shell to:

- Provide clear context for data that are presented;
- Sufficiently explain how Shell plans to reach its targets;
- Depict progress against targets over time;
- Strengthen the human rights section with more explicit information about engaging with suppliers and other business partners, including joint-venture partners, to explain how human rights impacts throughout the value chain are being addressed in line with core international standards;
- Clearly explain what topics are material for Shell;
- Provide data assurance for sustainability topics beyond climate;
- Draw more connections between different ESG issues [including climate and human rights]; and
- Present more reflections on challenges that may have occurred during the year including steps it is taking to respond to litigation, advocacy campaigns or other incidents as appropriate and taking into account external stakeholders' expectations.

**More in this report** [Sustainability at Shell](#) | [About our data](#) | [Our standards and policies](#) | [GRI table](#)

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# LIVING BY OUR CORE VALUES



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# BUSINESS ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY

## ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

### POWERING PROGRESS

Powering Progress is underpinned by our core values of honesty, integrity and respect for people and our focus on safety. These include our commitment to doing business in an ethical and transparent way.

Our core values of honesty, integrity and respect for people underpin our work with employees, customers, investors, contractors, suppliers, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and others. The Shell General Business Principles set out our core values, our responsibilities and the principles and behaviours that guide how we do business.

### Code of Conduct

Shell employees, contractors and third parties can report any potential breaches of the Code of Conduct confidentially through several channels, including anonymously through a global helpline, operated by an independent provider. The three most frequent categories of alleged Code of Conduct breaches raised via the Shell Global Helpline in 2021 related to harassment, conflicts of interest and protection of assets. We maintain a stringent no retaliation policy to protect any person making an allegation in good faith.

### Anti-bribery and corruption

Shell has rules on anti-bribery and corruption in our Code of Conduct and Ethics and Compliance Manual. Contractors and consultants are also required to act consistently with our Code of Conduct when working on our behalf.

Shell has around 24,000 suppliers worldwide (see [Supply chain](#)). Although our largest suppliers often have their own anti-bribery and corruption training programmes, smaller companies may lack the resources. We offer free training in anti-bribery and anti-corruption practices to selected suppliers and contractors. This training is offered in 14 languages. By the end of 2021, we had offered training to more than 1,300 third parties in 16 countries.

Read more at [www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency-and-sustainability-reporting/transparency-and-anti-corruption](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency-and-sustainability-reporting/transparency-and-anti-corruption).

### Protecting personal data

Shell respects the privacy of individuals and recognises that personal data belong to the individual. We take action to manage personal data in a professional, lawful and ethical way.

Shell is subjected to frequent cyber-security attacks. We regularly monitor our IT systems for possible vulnerabilities. Our incident-handling process helps to ensure that we deal effectively with an issue.



## IN 2021 THERE WERE:

**1,479**reports to the Shell  
Global Helpline**181**confirmed breaches of  
the Code of Conduct**244**employees or  
contractor staff subject  
to disciplinary action**67**

people dismissed

**6.7**million counterparties  
screened for trade  
compliance, anti-  
bribery, anti-corruption  
and anti-money  
laundering on an  
ongoing basis**2,444**enhanced pre-  
screenings for higher-  
risk contracts

Read more about how we do business and ethical leadership at [www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/commitments-policies-and-standards/business-integrity](http://www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/commitments-policies-and-standards/business-integrity) and [www.shell.com/values](http://www.shell.com/values) and [www.shell.com/shell-ethics-and-compliance-manual](http://www.shell.com/shell-ethics-and-compliance-manual).

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## COLLABORATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We work with governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), industry bodies, academic institutions, national oil and gas companies and other businesses. We do this in compliance with antitrust rules and regulations. These collaborations range from working together on a project to sponsoring a particular group. These efforts help us learn, share best practice, achieve specific objectives, set future goals and build trust with our stakeholders.

Read more about collaborations and stakeholder engagement at [www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/working-in-partnership](http://www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/working-in-partnership).

**More in this report** Letter from the CEO | Protecting biodiversity | Social investment

**More on Shell websites** Our strategy: Powering Progress | External voluntary codes | Human rights

## POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

Shell engages with governments, regulators and policymakers to help shape comprehensive policy, legislation and regulation. We advocate our positions on matters which affect us, our employees, customers, shareholders or local communities, in accordance with our values and the Shell General Business Principles.

In the European Union (EU) and the USA, we report expenditure associated with our lobbying activities in line with the requirements and guidelines set out in the EU Transparency Register and the US Lobbying Disclosure Act, respectively. There are different rules for which costs should be reported in these two submissions and we are required to comply with the appropriate requirements for each jurisdiction. These submissions are publicly available:

- In the EU, Shell's reported estimated annual costs related to activities covered by the register were €4,000,000 to €4,499,999 in 2021.
- In the USA, Shell's reported expenses related to lobbying practices were \$7,080,000 in 2021.

Read more about corporate political engagement and positions on key public issues, such as climate change and energy transition, at [www.shell.com/advocacy](http://www.shell.com/advocacy).

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## TAX TRANSPARENCY

Our tax strategy is designed to support Shell in delivering our Powering Progress strategy through our commitment to transparency, compliance and open dialogue with our stakeholders, from governments to civil society. Our strategy and actions reflect our values and principles.

Tax revenues enable governments to pay for public services, such as education, health care and transport. In 2021, Shell paid \$58.7 billion to governments. We paid \$6.0 billion in corporate income taxes and \$6.6 billion in government royalties, and collected \$46.1 billion in excise duties, sales taxes and similar levies on our fuel and other products on behalf of governments.

We also made other payments to governments, including \$10.5 billion in production entitlements, \$2.1 billion in fees and \$149 million in bonuses.

Shell publishes a Tax Contribution Report annually which sets out the corporate income tax that Shell companies paid in countries and locations where they have a taxable presence. Our latest Tax Contribution Report includes, for the first time, a breakdown of our total tax contribution in five countries where we have key business activities. These countries are: India, the Netherlands, Nigeria, the UK, and the USA. This breakdown includes the taxes we pay as an employer, such as social security payments, and the taxes we collect from our employees on behalf of governments.

We regularly engage with policymakers to support the development of tax rules and regulations based on sound tax policy principles. In this way, we hope to contribute to the development of fair, effective and stable tax systems. We also provide constructive input to industry groups and international organisations, such as the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), the B Team Responsible Tax Working Group (B Team) and the international business network Business at OECD.

Read more about our approach to tax at [www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency-and-sustainability-reporting/shells-approach-to-tax](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/transparency-and-sustainability-reporting/shells-approach-to-tax). Read our latest Tax Contribution Report at [reports.shell.com/tax-contribution-report/2020/](https://reports.shell.com/tax-contribution-report/2020/) and our Payments to Governments report at [www.shell.com/payments](https://www.shell.com/payments).

**More in this report** Political engagement

**More on Shell websites** Powering Progress – transitioning to net-zero emissions | Tax Contribution Report 2020 | Shell's approach to tax | Payments to governments



# SAFETY

## OUR APPROACH TO SAFETY

### POWERING PROGRESS

Powering Progress is underpinned by our core values of honesty, integrity and respect for people and our focus on safety.

Safety is central to our Powering Progress strategy. We aim to do no harm to people and to have no leaks across our operations. We call this our Goal Zero ambition.

In 2021, we began to move from the Shell Life-Saving Rules, which were in place for more than a decade, to the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (IOGP) **Life-Saving Rules**. This is an important step in our refreshed approach to safety. By the end of 2021, more than 100,000 of our employees and contractors had completed the mandatory training on the new Life-Saving Rules. The new rules came into effect from January 2022.

Read more about our approach to safety at [www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/our-approach](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/our-approach).

### Personal safety

The number of safety incidents increased in 2021, after steady improvements in reducing these over the last few years.

Eight of our contractor colleagues lost their lives in the course of their work on Shell-operated venture activities in 2021. We feel these losses deeply. We are determined to learn from these incidents and spread the lessons from them throughout our organisation so we can help prevent anything similar recurring.

Six people working for a contractor were killed when gunmen attacked a convoy of buses travelling to the Assa North Gas development project site in Nigeria. A government security agent was also killed in the incident and seven other people were injured. Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC), in its capacity as operator of the **SPDC** joint venture (Shell interest 30%), supported the contractor during the emergency response and the investigation of the incident.

In Pakistan a contractor died at a service station operated as a franchise after a flash fire that occurred when a product was being delivered to the site. Two other people were injured in the fire.

In Indonesia, a contractor died after being injured when a wall collapsed during demolition work at a service station. Three other people were also injured.

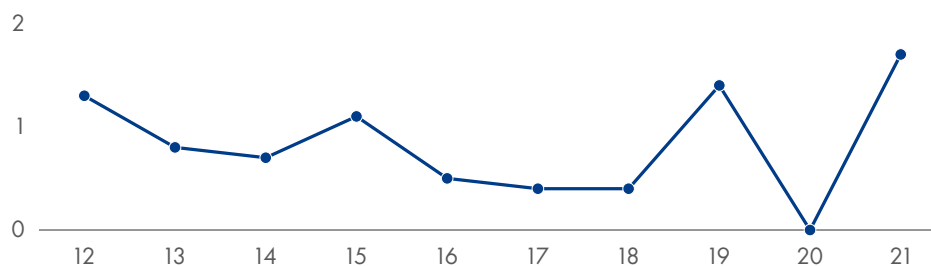
At Shell, we work closely with our contractors to help build a strong safety culture at the frontline.

Read about how we work with our contractors at [www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/our-approach](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/our-approach).

### Fatal accident rate (FAR)

#### FATAL ACCIDENT RATE (FAR)

Number per 100 million hours





Our fatal accident rate – the number of fatalities per 100 million working hours in our operated ventures – increased to 1.7 in 2021 compared with zero in 2020.

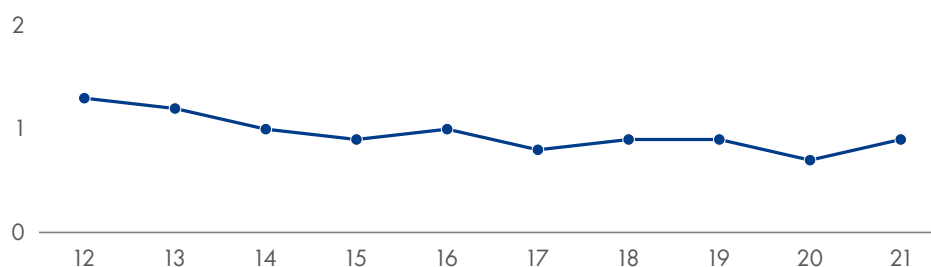
### Serious injuries and fatalities frequency (SIF-F)

To strengthen our efforts to protect people from harm, we now measure the number of serious injuries and fatalities per 100 million working hours. This allows us to focus our efforts to prevent serious injuries and fatalities on the most critical events. In 2021, the number of serious injuries and fatalities per 100 million working hours (SIF-F) was 6.9, compared with 6.0 in 2020.

### Total recordable case frequency (TRCF)

#### TOTAL RECORDABLE CASE FREQUENCY (TRCF)

Number per million hours



In 2021, the number of injuries per million working hours – the total recordable case frequency (TRCF) – was 0.9, compared with 0.7 in 2020.

### Shell's response to COVID-19

In 2021, COVID-19 restrictions meant that many staff members were working from home, fewer people were able to travel on Shell business and many of our work activities, including higher-risk ones, were reduced or carried out differently. Sadly, one contractor died in 2021 after catching the virus in the course of working for Shell. In 2020, two contractors died after they caught COVID-19 at work.

We continued to support our people during COVID-19, for example by providing office equipment for home use for employees through our Home Ergonomics Programme.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a serious impact on people's health and livelihoods in most parts of the world, including communities where we work. We continued to support vulnerable groups and frontline workers through monetary donations and by providing medical supplies and other necessities.

Read more about Shell's response to COVID-19 at [www.shell.com/covid19](https://www.shell.com/covid19).

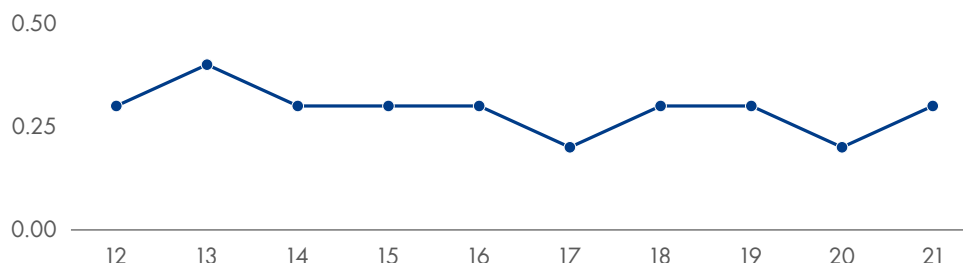




## Lost time injury frequency (LTIF)

### LOST TIME INJURY FREQUENCY (LTIF)

Number per million hours



The level of injuries that led to time off work in 2021 increased to 0.3 cases per million hours compared with 0.2 in 2020.

Read more about our approach to personal safety at [www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/personal-safety](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/personal-safety).

Read more about how Shell's 2021 safety performance impacted remuneration in the [Directors' Remuneration Report](#) in our Annual Report.

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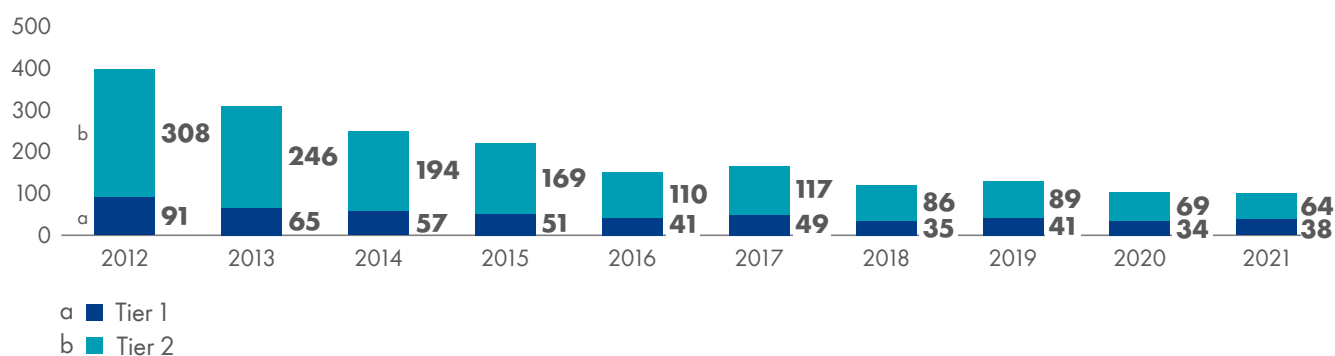
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## PROCESS SAFETY

In line with industry standards, we measure and report process safety incidents according to significance, with Tier 1 as the most significant category.

### TIER 1+2 OPERATIONAL PROCESS SAFETY EVENTS [A]

\* excluding sabotage



[A] Process safety events are classified according to guidance from the IOGP and API. In 2021, there were seven Tier 1 sabotage-related events. The classification of sabotage-related process safety events is made on the best-endeavours basis.

The number of Tier 1 and 2 operational process safety events stagnated at 102 in 2021, compared with 103 in 2020. Of these, 38 were Tier 1 and 64 were Tier 2 events in 2021. For comparison, there were 34 Tier 1 and 69 Tier 2 operational process safety events in 2020.

Process safety events related to sabotage and theft in Nigeria are recorded separately. In Nigeria, there were seven Tier 1 events in 2021, compared with one in 2020.



Read more about process safety at [www.shell.com/process-safety](https://www.shell.com/process-safety).

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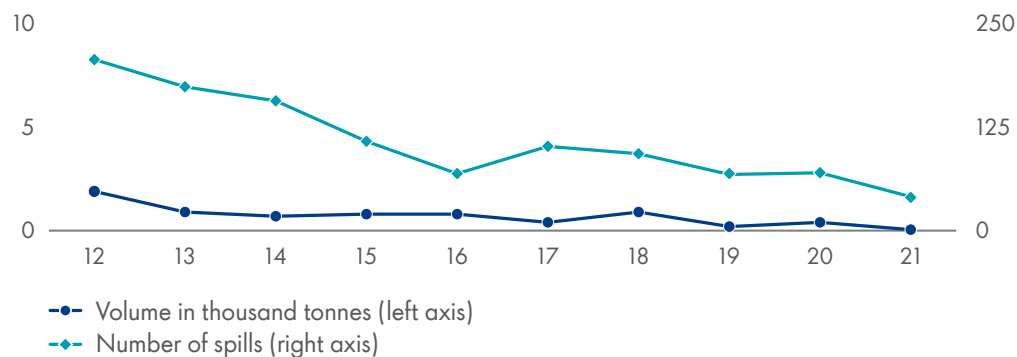
## PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES

Ensuring that we have the necessary resources to deal with spills, leaks, fires and explosions, both offshore and onshore, is essential to meet our aim to do no harm to people and to have no leaks across our operations. We must maintain the robust procedures and capability to respond rapidly to an incident in our operations, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

### Spills

We have programmes in place across our operations to reduce the number of operational spills. The volume of operational spills of oil and oil products of more than 100 kilograms to the environment (land or water) in 2021 was 0.05 thousand tonnes, a significant decrease from 0.4 thousand tonnes reported for 2020. In 2020, the numbers included an underground leak of around 0.3 thousand tonnes (plus or minus 30%) of light gas oil in Germany, formed at some point between 2016 and 2019, with the volume established in 2020. In 2021, the largest operational spill was a spill of around 15 tonnes in Nigeria.

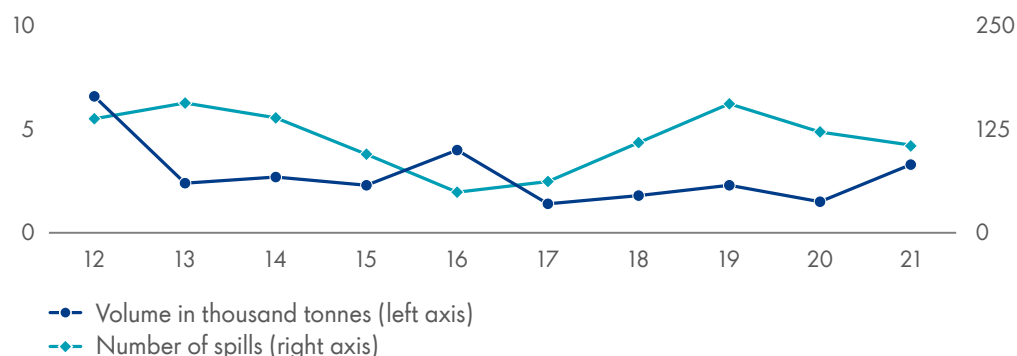
#### SPILLS – OPERATIONAL [A]



[A] All spill volumes and numbers are for hydrocarbon spills of more than 100 kilograms. We have updated some of our historical figures following a review of the data.

There were 41 operational spills of more than 100 kilograms in 2021, compared with 70 in 2020.

#### SPILLS – SABOTAGE [A] [B]



[A] Sabotage- and theft-related spills of more than 100 kilograms. We have updated some of our historical figures following a review of the data.

[B] All sabotage- and theft-related spills occurred in Nigeria except in 2016 (0.001 thousand tonnes).





In 2021, all the spills caused by sabotage and theft were in Nigeria. The number of these spills decreased to 106 in 2021 from 122 in 2020, while the volume of these spills increased to 3.3 thousand tonnes from 1.5 thousand tonnes in 2020.

Read about our emergency response procedures at [www.shell.com/process-safety](https://www.shell.com/process-safety).

**More in this report** Spill response and prevention in Nigeria | Our approach to safety | Letter from the CEO

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## SPILL RESPONSE AND PREVENTION IN NIGERIA

The Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd (SPDC) produces oil and gas through its SPDC joint venture (SPDC-operated, with Shell interest 30%), which operates a network of wells and pipelines across the Niger Delta.

Over the last 11 years, the total number of operational spills in the Niger Delta has fallen significantly, from more than 60 in 2011 to 9 in 2021. The SPDC JV also continues to work at preventing spills caused by third-party interference and other illegal activities. The JV has increased security and surveillance, and implemented several local initiatives to address the underlying causes and raise awareness of the damage caused by sabotage and theft.

Regardless of the cause of a spill, the SPDC JV cleans up and remediates areas affected by spills originating from its facilities. With operational spills, SPDC pays compensation to affected people and communities. When a spill is caused by illegal activities, SPDC provides relief to the communities affected on a case-by-case basis. This relief can include food, health checks and clean water supply. In 2021, the time needed to complete the recovery of free-phase oil – oil that forms a separate layer and is not mixed with water or soil – was around six days.

### Spill response and prevention in Nigeria

Spills in 2021	Clean-up	Prevention
Number of operational spills: 9 [A] Volume of operational spills: 29 tonnes	Average days before joint investigations commence: 2 days in 2021, improved from six days in 2016	Illegal theft points removed: 195 in 2021, 922 in total since 2016
Number of spills caused by third-party interference and other illegal activities: 106 [B], 91% of the total number	Average days to complete the recovery of surface oil: around 6 days in 2021, improved from 13 days in 2016	Steel cages installed to protect wellheads: 283 in total
Volume of spills caused by third-party interference and other illegal activities: 3,333 tonnes, 99% of the total volume	Number of sites remediated: 187 in 2021, 651 in total since 2016	Breaches of steel cages in 2021: 29 out of 1,700 attempts

[A] We have updated the number of operational spills from 10 (as reported in the Annual Report) to 9 in 2021 following a review of data which indicates that a spill previously thought to be operational, was instead residual impact from a previous incident.

[B] We have updated the number of sabotage spills from 107 (as reported in the Annual Report) to 106 in 2021 following a review of data to exclude a spill from OML 17, as the spill occurred after the divestment.

By the end of 2021, a total of 283 cages had been installed to protect wellheads, including 62 that had been upgraded with CCTV. This compared with a total of 364 installed cages at the end of 2020. The year-on-year reduction of 81 cages was attributable to the 2021 divestment of the OML-17 licence.

SPDC continues to review its portfolio options for onshore oil in Nigeria. In the last decade, SPDC has reduced its licences in this area by half.

Read more on spill prevention and response in Nigeria at [www.shell.com.ng/environment](https://www.shell.com.ng/environment) and [www.shell.com.ng/oil-spills](https://www.shell.com.ng/oil-spills).

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## TRANSPORT SAFETY

### Safety at sea

We manage a global fleet of 26 tankers and liquefied natural gas carriers. One of our biggest challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic has been to keep our crews safe from infection. Shell is amongst the 700 original signatories of The Neptune Declaration, an international agreement aimed at supporting seafarers during the pandemic.

### Air safety

In 2021, our owned and contracted aircraft flew more than 40,000 hours and safely delivered around 400,000 Shell employees and contractors. On top of rotating critical workers, such as our shipping crews, Shell's own aircraft were used to fill gaps in commercial services globally, including evacuating families from high-risk countries and transporting cargo.

### Road transport safety performance

In 2021, Shell employees and contractors drove around 470 million kilometres on business in more than 50 countries. There were no fatalities related to road transport in activities under the operational control of a Shell company in 2021. By the end of December, we recorded more than 1.2 billion kilometres with no fatalities in almost two-and-a-half years. In 2021, around 11,000 Shell employees and contractors completed some form of in-vehicle or virtual defensive driving training.

Read more about transport safety at [www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/transport-safety](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/safety/transport-safety).

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## PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

We work to ensure our products – such as fuels, lubricants and chemicals – are safe throughout their life cycle. In 2021, we carried out more than 400 risk assessments for products and additives. We also published and distributed around 150,000 safety data sheets to customers in about 180 countries.

Read more about product stewardship at [www.shell.com/product-stewardship](https://www.shell.com/product-stewardship).

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We are expanding our wind power activities to make more renewable electricity available to our customers.

# ACHIEVING NET-ZERO EMISSIONS



**Our Powering Progress strategy focuses on working with our customers and across sectors to accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions, in step with society.**

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# ENERGY TRANSITION

## OUR APPROACH TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENERGY TRANSITION

### POWERING PROGRESS

Working with our customers and across sectors to accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions.

- Our climate target is to become a net-zero emissions energy business by 2050, in step with society's progress in achieving the goal of the UN Paris Agreement on climate change.
- We have set targets to reduce the carbon intensity (Net Carbon Footprint) of the energy products we sell. This includes short-term targets of 3-4% by 2022, 6-8% by 2023 and 9-12% by 2024 (compared with 2016). It also includes medium- and long-term targets of 20% by 2030, 45% by 2035, and 100% by 2050 (compared with 2016), in step with society.
- In October 2021, we announced an absolute emissions reduction target of 50% by 2030, compared with 2016 levels on a net basis. This new target covers all Scope 1 and 2 emissions under Shell's operational control and complements our existing carbon-intensity targets.

In 2021, Shell reshaped and restructured its organisation to place our energy transition strategy at the heart of everything we do. Our governance is designed to effectively manage our transition to a net-zero emissions energy business by 2050, in step with society's progress towards achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Becoming a net-zero emissions energy business means that we are reducing emissions from our operations and from the fuels and other energy products, such as electricity, that we sell to our customers. It also means capturing and storing any remaining emissions using technology, protecting natural carbon sinks and providing high-quality nature-based solutions to our customers to offset unavoidable emissions.

Because emissions resulting from customer use of our energy products make up the greatest percentage of Shell's carbon emissions, this is where we can make the greatest contribution to the energy transition, by increasing sales of low-carbon energy products and services.

We have set short-, medium- and long-term targets to track our performance against our overall climate target over time. These targets are measured using the net carbon intensity metric.

We follow the GHG Protocol's Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard, which defines three scopes of greenhouse gas emissions:

- Scope 1: direct greenhouse gas emissions from sources that are owned or controlled by Shell.
- Scope 2: indirect greenhouse gas emissions from generation of purchased energy consumed by Shell.
- Scope 3: other indirect greenhouse gas emissions, including emissions associated with the use of energy products sold by Shell.

In October 2021, in support of our 2050 net-zero emissions target, we set a target to reduce Scope 1 and 2 absolute emissions from assets and activities under our operational control (including divestments) by 50% by 2030, compared with 2016 levels on a net basis.

We have also established **remuneration** policies which are designed to support us in achieving our short-term climate targets.

Read more about our climate target at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-energy-future/our-climate-target](https://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-energy-future/our-climate-target) and in our **Annual Report**.

Read more about our approach to climate change in our Energy Transition Report at [www.shell.com/SET](https://www.shell.com/SET).



## Assessing climate-related risks

As Shell has operations both onshore and offshore, the potential physical impacts of climate change are important for us to manage. In this respect, we consider the physical risks to our assets and facilities to ensure they can operate and be accessed safely under extreme weather conditions.

Projects under development that are expected to have a material greenhouse gas impact must meet our internal carbon performance standards or industry benchmarks. Our performance standards are used for measuring a project's average lifetime greenhouse gas intensity or energy efficiency per asset type. Applying these criteria ensures that our projects can compete and prosper in the energy transition. An exception process is in place to manage specific incidental cases.

Read more about climate risk management in our [Annual Report](#).

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## DELIVERING OUR CLIMATE TARGETS

### Net carbon intensity

Shell's net carbon intensity (NCI) provides an annual measure of the life-cycle emissions intensity of the portfolio of energy products sold. It is the average intensity, weighted by sales volume, of the energy products sold by Shell. It is tracked, measured and reported using the Net Carbon Footprint (NCF) methodology.

We express our net carbon intensity as the grams of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent per megajoule (gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ) produced for each unit of energy delivered to, and used by, a consumer.

Shell's net carbon intensity in 2021 was 77 gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ. Although this is a 2.7% increase from the previous year, it represents a 2.5% reduction from the 2016 reference year, which means that we achieved our first short-term target of a 2-3% reduction in NCI by the end of 2021.

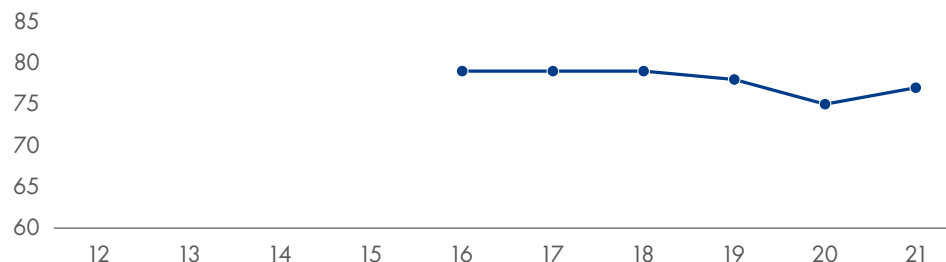
The increase in Shell's net carbon intensity in 2021 is largely due to the introduction of an improved approach for the estimation of the emissions intensity of power sold by Shell. The new approach is based on categorising power sales as certified renewable; own generation or power purchase agreement; or power purchased from the grid. Intensities are then assigned to each power sales category allowing a better estimation of the overall intensity of power sold by Shell.

We have received third-party limited assurance on our carbon intensity, measured and reported using the Net Carbon Footprint methodology, for the period 2016 to 2021. Limited assurance means nothing has come to the auditor's attention that would indicate that the greenhouse gas data and information as presented in the Greenhouse Gas Statement were not materially correct.

Read more about our Net Carbon Footprint methodology at [www.shell.com/ncf](http://www.shell.com/ncf).

### NET CARBON INTENSITY [A] [B]

gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ



[A] The NCI calculation uses Shell's energy product sales volume data, as disclosed in the Annual Report and Sustainability Report. This excludes certain contracts held for trading purposes and reported net rather than gross. Business-specific methodologies to net volumes have been applied in oil products and pipeline gas and power. Paper trades that do not result in physical product delivery are excluded. Retail sales volumes from markets where Shell operates under trademark licensing agreements are also excluded from the scope of Shell's carbon intensity metric.

[B] Acquisitions and divestments are included in the actual performance tracking with the target and reference year unchanged. Note that acquisitions and divestments could have a material impact on meeting the targets.

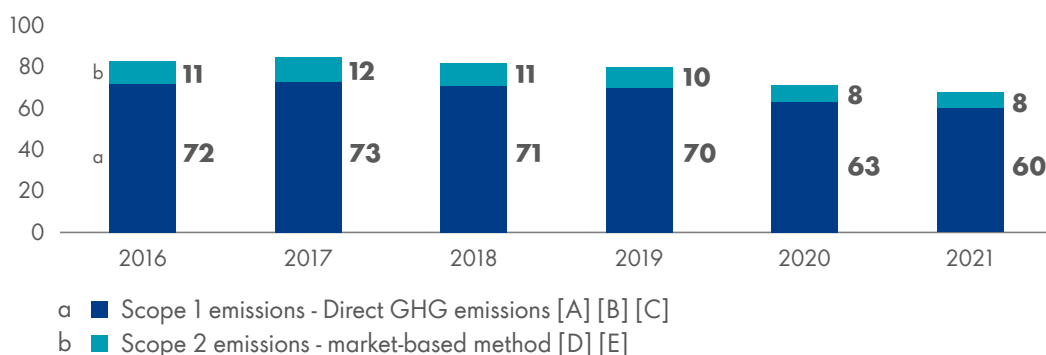


## Absolute emissions reduction performance

In 2021, our total combined Scope 1 and 2 absolute greenhouse gas emissions (from assets and activities under our operational control) were 68 million tonnes on a CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent basis, a 4% reduction compared with 2020, and an 18% reduction compared with 2016, the base year. Our Scope 3 emissions from energy products included in our net carbon intensity were 1,299 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e.

## SCOPE 1 AND 2 EMISSIONS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL

million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e



[A] Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) comprise carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulphur hexafluoride and nitrogen trifluoride. The data are calculated using locally regulated methods where they exist. Where there is no locally regulated method, the data are calculated using the 2009 API Compendium, which is the recognised industry standard under the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard. There are inherent limitations to the accuracy of such data. Oil and gas industry guidelines (IPIECA/API/IOGP) indicate that several sources of uncertainty can contribute to the overall uncertainty of a corporate emissions inventory. We have estimated the overall uncertainty for our direct GHG emissions to be around 4% for 2021.

[B] GHG emissions are calculated using Global Warming Potential factors from the IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report.

[C] GHG emissions in this chart do not include carbon credits.

[D] We have restated our 2020 Scope 2 emissions from 9 to 8 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e following a correction of an efficiency factor for steam at one of our assets and a revision to how internal energy transfers of steam and electricity were accounted for at several of our assets to remove double-counting between Scopes 1 and 2.

[E] We have estimated the overall uncertainty for our Scope 2 emissions to be around 6% for 2021.

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# MANAGING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

## GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

### POWERING PROGRESS

We aim to be net zero on emissions generated by our operations by 2050 or sooner, in step with society, as well as on emissions associated with the energy we need to power them.

In October 2021, we announced an absolute emissions reduction target of 50% by 2030, compared with 2016 levels on a net basis. This new target covers all Scope 1 and 2 emissions under Shell's operational control and complements our existing carbon-intensity targets.

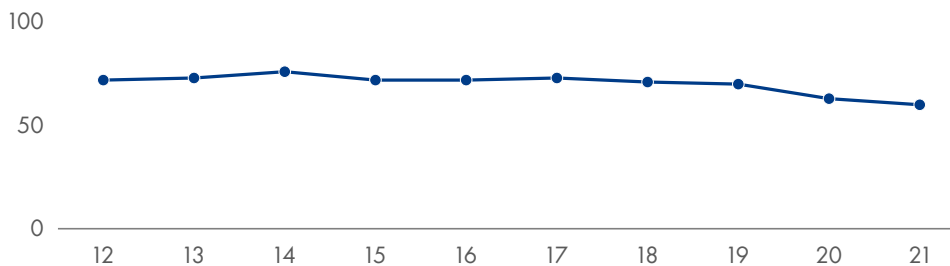
### Greenhouse gas emissions performance

Shell reduced Scope 1 and 2 emissions under its operational control from 83 million tonnes in 2016 to 68 million tonnes by the end of 2021 (see [Delivering our Climate targets](#)).

Our direct (Scope 1) greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions decreased from 63 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) equivalent in 2020 to 60 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent in 2021.

### DIRECT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

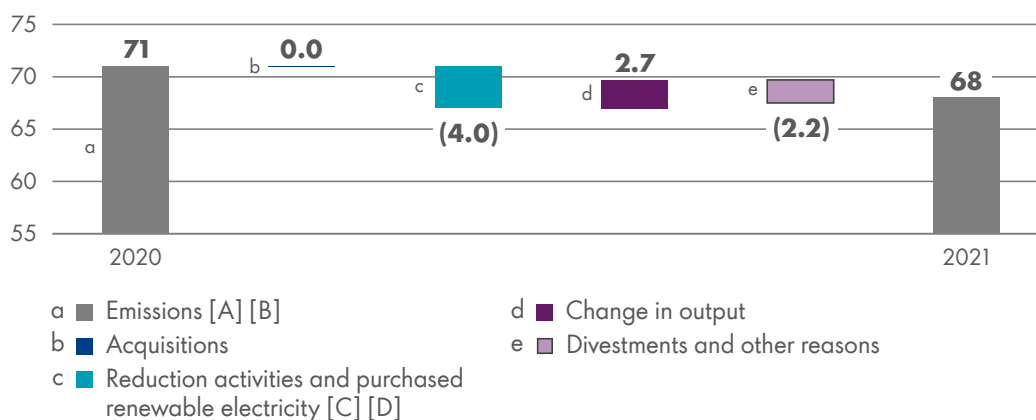


This decrease was in part driven by the shutdown of the Shell Convent Refinery (USA) in late 2020, lower production at the Shell Norco Manufacturing Complex (USA) due to Hurricane Ida, and divestments in 2020 and 2021, which included the Martinez and Puget Sound refineries in the USA and the Fredericia refinery in Denmark. These decreases were partly offset by higher emissions due to the restart of the Prelude floating liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Australia (which was shut down for most of 2020) and increased flaring at Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (SNEPCo) in Nigeria.

In 2021, we implemented a variety of measures to reduce the energy use and increase the energy efficiency of our operations. Examples of some of the principal measures taken in 2021 are listed in the 2021 [Annual Report](#).



## SCOPE 1 AND SCOPE 2 GHG EMISSIONS CHANGES FROM 2020 TO 2021

million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

[A] Total Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, rounded to the closest million tonnes. Scope 2 emissions were calculated using the market-based method.

[B] We have restated our 2020 Scope 2 emissions from 9 to 8 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e following a correction of an efficiency factor for steam at one of our assets and a revision to how internal energy transfers of steam and electricity were accounted for at several of our assets to remove double-counting between Scopes 1 and 2.

[C] In addition to reductions from GHG abatement and energy efficiency projects, this category also includes reductions from permanent shutdown of the Convent and Tabangao refineries and the impact of transformational activities at our Shell Energy and Chemicals Park in Singapore.

[D] Excludes 1.05 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> captured and sequestered by our Quest CCS project in Canada in 2021.

Our indirect greenhouse gas emissions associated with imported energy (Scope 2) were 8 million tonnes in 2021 (using the market-based method), compared with 8 million tonnes in 2020.

We undertake external verification of our greenhouse gas emissions annually. Our 2021 Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions have been verified to a level of limited assurance. Limited assurance means nothing has come to the verifier's attention that would indicate that the greenhouse gas data and information as presented in the Greenhouse Gas Statement were not materially correct.

Read our most recent assurance statements at [www.shell.com/ghg](http://www.shell.com/ghg).

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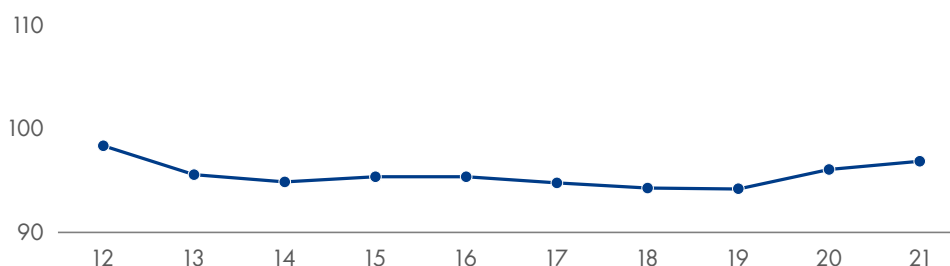
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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN OUR OPERATIONS

One of the metrics we use to measure our performance is energy intensity: the amount of energy consumed for every unit of output.

## ENERGY INTENSITY – REFINING

Refinery Energy Index [A]



[A] Data are indexed to 2002, based on Solomon Associates Energy Intensity Index™ methodology.

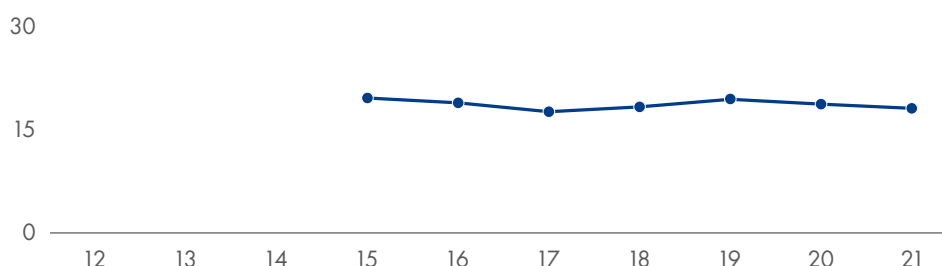




The refinery energy intensity index increased from 96.1 in 2020 to 96.9 in 2021, in part due to the impact of Hurricane Ida in the USA.

## ENERGY INTENSITY – CHEMICAL PLANTS

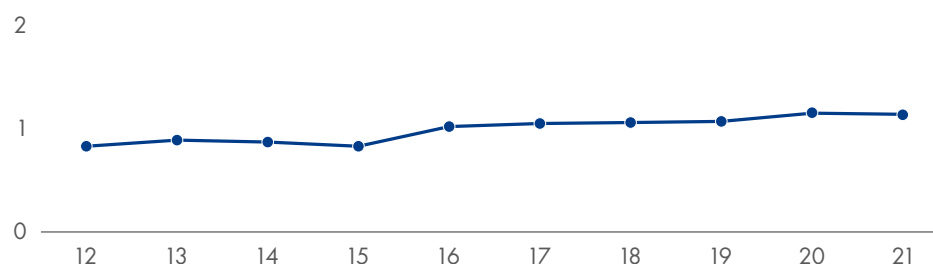
Chemicals Energy Intensity – GJ/tonne production



Chemical steam cracker energy intensity in 2021 was 18.1 gigajoules per tonne (GJ/tonne) of high-value chemical (HVC) production, down from 18.7 GJ/tonne HVC in 2020, in part due to good reliability and high utilisation at our Bukom chemical plant in Singapore and Deer Park in the USA.

## ENERGY INTENSITY – UPSTREAM

(excl. LNG and GTL) GJ/tonne production



In 2021, the overall energy intensity for the production of oil and gas in our Upstream and Integrated Gas businesses (excluding liquefied natural gas and gas-to-liquids) remained relatively flat at 1.14, compared with 1.15 in 2020.

We expect it will be difficult to maintain the energy intensity levels of recent years, as existing fields age and new production comes from more energy-intensive sources. This may increase our upstream energy intensity over time.

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## METHANE EMISSIONS

### POWERING PROGRESS

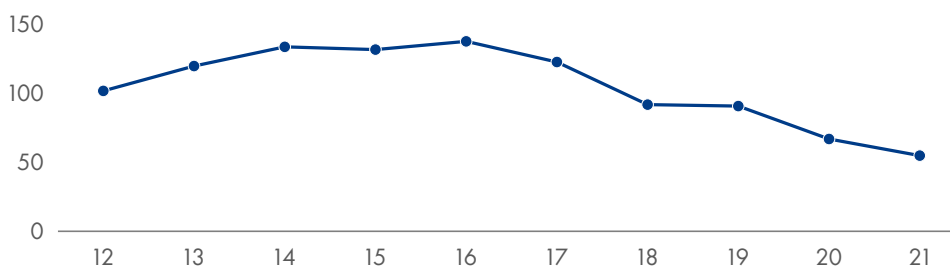
By 2025, we expect to have kept the methane emissions intensity of Shell-operated assets to below 0.2%.

### Methane emissions performance

Shell's methane emissions intensity target covers all Upstream and Integrated Gas oil and gas assets for which Shell is the operator. In 2021, our methane emissions intensity averaged 0.06% for assets with marketed gas and 0.01% for assets without marketed gas. Shell's methane emissions intensity ranged from below 0.01% to 1.5% in 2021 compared with 0.01% to 0.6% in 2020.

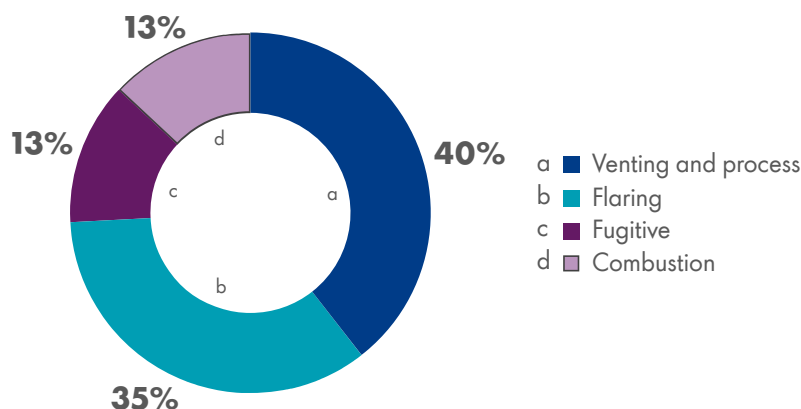
### METHANE (CH<sub>4</sub>) EMISSIONS

thousand tonnes



### METHANE EMISSIONS BY SOURCE IN 2021 [A]

percentage



[A] Percentages do not add up to 100% due to rounding.

In 2021, Shell's total methane emissions were 55 thousand tonnes compared with 67 thousand tonnes in 2020, in part due to reduced methane emissions reported for Malaysia because we relinquished the operatorship of two complexes (E11PA and E11PB) on December 31, 2020. We also implemented a more accurate method for calculating fugitive emissions at the Shell-operated QGC natural gas facility in Australia. Methane emissions were less than 3% of Shell's greenhouse gas emissions on a CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent basis in 2021. More than 65% of our reported methane emissions in 2021 came from flaring and venting in our upstream and midstream operations.



We encourage industry-wide action on methane emissions reduction by participating in voluntary initiatives.

For example, we participate in multi-stakeholder groups, such as the Methane Guiding Principles coalition, which we initiated in 2017, and the Oil and Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP) 2.0, which seeks to improve measurement and reporting. In 2021, environmental organisations and energy companies, including Shell, developed policy recommendations to support European Union (EU) legislation for ambitious methane emissions reductions across the supply chain of natural gas consumed within the EU.

Read more about Shell and methane emissions at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/natural-gas/methane-emissions](https://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/natural-gas/methane-emissions).

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## FLARING

### POWERING PROGRESS

We have committed to bringing forward the target to eliminate routine gas flaring from our Upstream operated assets from 2030 to 2025.

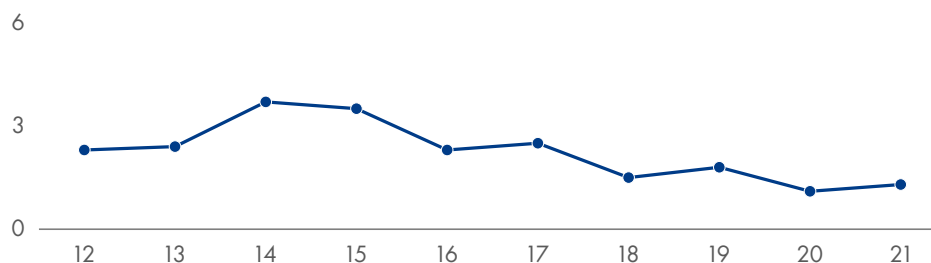
We are working to reduce flaring, which contributes to climate change and wastes valuable resources. We have committed to bringing forward our target. This accelerates our commitment in 2015 to end routine flaring as a signatory to the World Bank's Zero Routine Flaring by 2030 initiative. All of Shell's operated assets within the Integrated Gas business already comply with zero routine flaring, as they were designed to gather gas resources to sell and avoid routine flaring.

### Flaring performance

Flaring of gas in our Upstream and Integrated Gas businesses contributed around 7% to our overall direct greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in 2021.

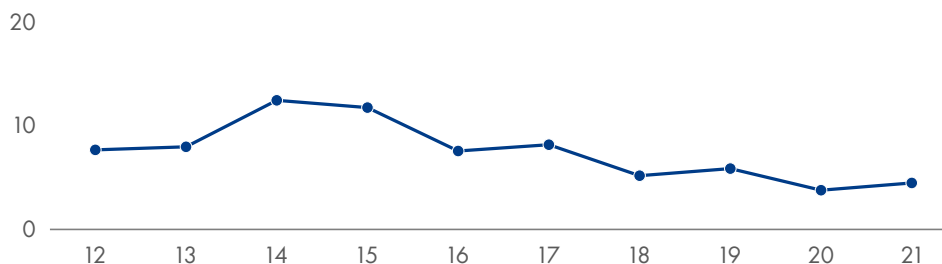
### FLARING – UPSTREAM HYDROCARBONS FLARED

million tonnes





## FLARING – UPSTREAM CO<sub>2</sub> EQUIVALENT

million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e

Gas routinely produced with oil, known as associated gas, may be flared. In 2021, around 17% of greenhouse gas emissions from flaring occurred at facilities where there was no infrastructure to capture the gas (down from around 24% in 2020). Overall flaring increased to 4.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) in 2021 from 3.8 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2020.

Around 60% of flaring in our Upstream and Integrated Gas facilities in 2021 occurred in assets operated by the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) and Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (SNEPCo). Flaring from SPDC-operated facilities increased by around 5% in 2021 compared with 2020. Flaring at SNEPCo-operated facilities increased by 160% in 2021 compared with 2020. This was because repairs to a flexible joint on the gas export riser on the Bonga deep-water floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) facility took longer than planned. A large amount of gas was therefore flared while the FPSO continued to produce oil.

Read more about our flaring reduction commitment at [www.shell.com/inside-energy/zero-routine-flaring-by-2025](https://www.shell.com/inside-energy/zero-routine-flaring-by-2025).

**More in this report** Climate change and the energy transition | Energy transition | Managing greenhouse gas emissions

**More on Shell websites** Our strategy: Powering Progress | Reducing Flaring in Shale Oil and Gas | External voluntary codes | Air Quality

## SECTORAL DECARBONISATION

### POWERING PROGRESS

Working with our customers and across sectors to accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions.

We are helping our customers to find ways to reduce their overall carbon footprint, including in sectors that are difficult to decarbonise such as aviation, shipping, road freight and industry. For example, we have an ambition to produce around 2 million tonnes of **sustainable aviation fuel** (SAF) a year by 2025 and increase its share to at least 10% of our global aviation fuel sales by 2030.

To help accelerate the transition to net-zero emissions, we will build on existing relationships with other stakeholders, such as energy suppliers, policymakers, infrastructure owners and consumers to support a sector-based approach. Transforming energy demand is the focus of our decarbonisation strategy. We are working with customers sector-by-sector across the energy system and will change the mix of energy products we sell to meet their changing energy demands.

Read more about sectoral decarbonisation at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-energy-future/cutting-carbon-together-sector-by-sector](https://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-energy-future/cutting-carbon-together-sector-by-sector) and in the Energy Transition Report at [www.shell.com/SET](https://www.shell.com/SET).

**More in this report** Climate change and the energy transition

**More on Shell websites** Our strategy: Powering Progress | Reducing Methane Emissions in Shale Oil and Gas | Greenhouse gas emissions



## REALISING THE ROLE OF NATURE

### POWERING PROGRESS

Our aim is to use nature-based solutions to mitigate emissions of around 120 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year by 2030.

Nature-based solutions (NBS) conserve, enhance and restore ecosystems – such as forests, grasslands and wetlands – to prevent greenhouse gases or reduce atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels. NBS provide benefits for people and the environment by preserving biodiversity, preventing floods, improving air quality and building more resilient and healthy communities.

Carbon credits generated from NBS projects can be used by Shell to compensate for our own emissions and to allow our customers to offset their emissions in line with the mitigation hierarchy of avoid, minimise and offset. As part of our selection criteria for NBS, we look for projects that will have a net positive impact for biodiversity and communities.

Carbon credits can also be generated by other types of projects, for example cookstoves. Better cooking facilities that displace open fires reduce carbon emissions, prevent local deforestation and improve air quality and therefore health.

In 2021, we aimed to invest around \$100 million in nature-based solutions such as forests and wetlands that store carbon.

Projects may need different levels of funding at different stages of development. In 2021, investments were also affected by COVID-19, as site visits to potential projects were not possible. Establishing our new NBS team following a reorganisation also took some time. Nevertheless, in 2021, we allocated more than \$480 million to various projects, to be deployed across the length of the contracts. More than 95% of this funding is for NBS projects. We deployed \$37 million in 2021: \$26 million for NBS and \$11 million for cookstove projects and we retired around 6 million credits on behalf of our customers. These numbers exclude direct carbon trading activities.

In November 2021, Shell published its "Ensuring high-quality nature-based carbon credits" report that sets out our expectations and approach to quality across our NBS portfolio.

In 2021, we expanded our offer of carbon credits to drivers and business customers who wish to compensate for the life-cycle CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions generated by their use of the Shell fuel they buy. We have made this offer available to our fleet customers in 17 countries and to retail customers at more than 3,100 service stations in Austria, Canada, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the UK.

Read more about nature-based solutions at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/new-energies/nature-based-solutions](https://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/new-energies/nature-based-solutions).

**More in this report** Climate change and the energy transition | Carbon capture and storage | Managing greenhouse gas emissions | Energy transition

**More on Shell websites** Our strategy: Powering Progress | Nature-based solutions

## CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE

### POWERING PROGRESS

We seek to have access to an additional 25 million tonnes a year of carbon capture and storage (CCS) capacity by 2035 – equal to 25 CCS facilities the size of our Quest site in Canada.

Shell's ambition is to work with governments, customers and partners to unlock the potential for CCS to reduce emissions where there are no currently scalable low-carbon alternatives. In 2021, Shell's operating costs for and investment in CCS opportunities amounted to around \$146 million.

By the end of 2021, our Quest CCS project in Canada (Shell interest 10%) had captured and safely stored more than 6.5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> since it began operating in 2015. In Australia, the Gorgon CCS project (Shell interest 25%, operated by Chevron), which started operating in August 2019, had stored more than 5 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> by the end of 2021. Gorgon is the largest CCS operation in the world.

The Gorgon CCS system has presented some challenges, which resulted in a carbon injection shortfall. The operator continues to work with the regulator and the venture partners, including Shell, to make adjustments where needed. The JV announced the



implementation of a package that includes greenhouse gas offset credits and investment in lower-carbon projects to compensate for the shortfall.

Read more about our CCS projects at [www.shell.com/ccs](https://www.shell.com/ccs).

## CCS projects

Project	CO <sub>2</sub> source	Country	Shell involvement	Shell interest	Total capacity (100%), million tonnes per annum	Shell-operated
<b>CCS projects in operation</b>						
Quest	Bitumen upgrading	Alberta, Canada	Technical developer, Operator, JV partner	10%	1 mtpa	Yes
Gorgon	CO <sub>2</sub> in gas	Australia	JV partner	25%	Up to 4 mtpa	No
Technology Centre Mongstad (TCM) test and research facility	Gas-fired power, refining and chemical production	Norway	JV partner	8.7%	Test site	No
<b>CCS projects under construction</b>						
Northern Lights (Phase 1)	Industrial sources	Norway	JV partner	33.3%	1.5 mtpa	No
<b>CCS projects pre-FID options</b>						
Acorn	Industrial sources	Scotland, UK	Technical developer, JV partner	30%	Around 6 mtpa	No
Aramis	Industrial sources	Netherlands	JV partner	25%	5 mtpa	No – transport Yes – storage
Northern Endurance Partnership	Industrial sources	Teesside and Humberside, UK	JV partner	TBC	4 mtpa	No
Polaris	Refining and chemical production	Alberta, Canada	Operator	TBC	0.75 mtpa	Yes
South Wales Industrial Cluster	Industrial sources	Wales, UK	Operator JV partner	TBC	1.5 mtpa	Yes
Pernis CO <sub>2</sub> capture (for transport and storage by the third-party Porthos project)	Refining and chemical production	Netherlands	CO <sub>2</sub> capture	100%	1.15 mtpa (Shell capacity)	Yes – capture No – transport and storage
Pernis SPeCCS CO <sub>2</sub> capture expansion	Refining and chemical production	Netherlands	CO <sub>2</sub> capture	100%	0.5 mtpa (Shell capacity)	TBC

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# PROVIDING LOWER-CARBON ELECTRICITY

## INTEGRATED POWER

### POWERING PROGRESS

We aim to increase our power sales to 560 terawatts a year by 2030.

For consumers and business customers to decarbonise their activities, lower-carbon electricity will be part of their energy mix. We believe Shell can become a leading provider of clean power.

In 2021, we sold 251 TWh of power and cash capital expenditure in Renewables and Energy Solutions amounted to \$2.4 billion. In 2022, we aim to invest \$3 billion in our Renewables and Energy Solutions business.

By 2030, we aim to supply electricity to more than 15 million retail and business customers worldwide and increase our power sales to 560 terawatt hours a year.

We are providing more renewable and low-carbon energy options for customers through investments in wind, solar, electric vehicle charging, hydrogen, and more.

In 2021, we signed a number of deals to supply businesses with renewable electricity, including with [Amazon](#) and T-Mobile US. Shell is also supplying [Microsoft](#) with renewable energy as part of our strategic alliance launched in 2020 to accelerate innovation in support of decarbonisation.











Find out more about our power business in the [Annual Report](#).

Read more about lower-carbon and renewable power at [www.shell.com/res](https://www.shell.com/res).



## OFFERING CUSTOMERS LOWER-CARBON AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

a selection of investments, acquisitions and ventures

2021	 SOLAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Unveiled Qabas solar plant, Oman</li><li>■ Signed deals to build two solar photo-voltaic projects (pre-FID), UK</li><li>■ Acquired Savion, USA</li><li>■ Acquired solar-konzept Italia, Italy</li></ul>	 Hydrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Signed Letter of intent to build a 100 MW hydrogen electrolyser, Germany</li><li>■ Signed MoU with BlueScope to build a 10 MW electrolyser, Australia</li><li>■ Opened heavy-duty hydrogen stations, USA</li></ul>	 Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired ubitricity, UK</li><li>■ Launched EV mobility hub in Paris, France</li></ul>
	 Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Partnered with Simply Blue Group to develop Emerald and Western Star floating wind projects, Ireland</li><li>■ Shell and CoensHexicon formed the MunmuBaram JV for a 1.3 GW floating wind project, South Korea</li></ul>	 Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired Next Kraftwerke, Germany</li><li>■ Acquired Inspire Energy Capital, USA</li><li>■ Announced Powershop acquisition, Australia (completed 2022)</li></ul>		
2020	 SOLAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Final investment decision to build Gangarri solar farm, Australia</li></ul>	 Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Masabi*, UK</li><li>■ InstaFreight*, Germany</li><li>■ Spiffy*, USA</li></ul>	 Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Shell and Eneco awarded tender to build 759 MW Hollandse Kust (noord) offshore wind farm, NL</li></ul>
	 NBS [A]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Select Carbon, Australia</li><li>■ Climate Bridge*, China</li></ul>	 Hydrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Announced plans to build 20 MW hydrogen electrolyser and refuelling stations, China</li><li>■ ZeroAvia*, USA</li><li>■ Opened hydrogen bus station, NL</li></ul>	 ENERGY SOLUTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Palmetto*, USA</li><li>■ GreenCom*, Germany</li></ul>
2019	 Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired Greenlots, USA (now Shell Recharge Solutions)</li><li>■ Ravin.ai*, UK</li><li>■ Revel*, USA</li><li>■ Aurora*, USA</li><li>■ Nordsol*, NL</li></ul>	 Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired EOLFI, France</li><li>■ Joint Development Agreement with CoensHexicon, South Korea</li></ul>	 ENERGY SOLUTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired sonnen, Germany</li><li>■ Acquired Hudson Energy, UK (rebranded to Shell Energy Retail in 2020)</li><li>■ LO3 Energy*, USA</li><li>■ Corvus Energy*, Norway</li></ul>
	 NBS [A]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Nature-based solutions projects under way in Australia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Spain and UK</li></ul>	 ENERGY ACCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Orb Energy*, India</li><li>■ PowerGen*, Kenya</li><li>■ d.light*, Kenya</li></ul>	 Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired ERM Power, Australia (rebranded to Shell Energy in 2020)</li><li>■ Acquired Limejump, UK</li></ul>
2018	 SOLAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ ESCO Pacific*, Australia</li><li>■ Cleantech Solar*, Asia</li><li>■ Opened Moerdijk solar farm, NL</li></ul>	 Hydrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Announced plans to build Rheinland hydrogen electrolyser, Germany</li><li>■ Opened hydrogen stations, Germany and Luxembourg</li></ul>		
	 SOLAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Silicon Ranch*, USA</li></ul>	 Wind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind*, USA</li><li>■ Mayflower Wind Energy*, USA</li><li>■ TetraSpar*, Norway</li></ul>	 ENERGY SOLUTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Shell Energy Inside, USA</li><li>■ Shell Energy Retail, UK (acquired as First Utility)</li></ul>
2017	 Hydrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Opened light-duty hydrogen stations in California, USA, and Canada</li><li>■ HyET Hydrogen*, NL</li></ul>	 ENERGY ACCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Husk Power*, India</li><li>■ SunFunder*, Kenya</li></ul>	 Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Ample*, USA</li></ul>
	 Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired NewMotion, NL (now Shell Recharge Solutions)</li><li>■ Connected Freight*, Philippines</li></ul>	 ENERGY SOLUTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Innowatts*, USA</li></ul>	 ENERGY ACCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ SolarNow*, Uganda</li><li>■ SteamCo*, Kenya</li><li>■ Sunseap*, Singapore</li></ul>
	 Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Acquired MP2 Energy, USA</li></ul>	 Hydrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Opened light-duty hydrogen station, UK</li></ul>		

[A] Nature-based Solution  
\* Minority investments

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## WIND

We have wind power interests in several countries, including onshore in the USA and off the coasts of the USA and the Netherlands. We are expanding our wind power activities to make more renewable electricity available to our customers. This includes developing wind projects on floating platforms in deeper waters off the coasts of Ireland, Scotland, France, Norway and South Korea.

At the end of 2021, the Shell share of total installed capacity combined from onshore and offshore wind was 466 megawatts alternating current (MWac), with a further Shell share of 838 MWac under construction.

Read more about wind power at [www.shell.com/wind](https://www.shell.com/wind).

### Wind projects at the end of 2021

Project	Theme	Country	Shell interest	Total capacity (100%), MWac	Shell-operated
<b>Wind projects in operation [A]</b>					
Brazos, TX	Onshore	USA	100%	160	Yes
Whitewater Hill, CA	Onshore	USA	50%	61.5	No
Cabazon Pass, CA	Onshore	USA	50%	41	No
Blauwwind [B]	Offshore	Netherlands	20%	731.5	JV-operated
NoordzeeWind [C]	Offshore	Netherlands	100%	108	JV-operated
<b>Wind projects under construction</b>					
Brazos Repower [D]	Onshore	USA	100%	182	Yes
CrossWind [E]	Offshore	Netherlands	80%	759	JV-operated
Pottendijk (wind)	Onshore	Netherlands	100%	50	Yes
<b>Wind projects pre-FID options (including seabed licences)</b>					
25+ projects [F]	Onshore and offshore	4+ countries [G]	Varies	More than 8 GWac [E] [F]	Shell- and JV-operated options

[A] Rock River wind farm in the USA (50 MW, Shell interest 50%) closed down at the end of 2021 and is not included.

[B] Brazos Repower represents the complete replacement of the Brazos turbines, increasing capacity from 160 MW to 182 MW.

[C] Offshore options include GBI, Mayflower, Atlantic Shores and MunmuBaram pre-FID seabed licenses.

[D] Including France, South Korea, the USA and now the UK.

[E] In addition, in January 2022, Shell and ScottishPower secured joint offers for seabed rights to develop MarramWind and CampionWind, large-scale floating wind farms representing a total of 5 gigawatts (GW) off the east and north-east coast of Scotland.

[F] Also, in February 2022, the proposed total capacity for the Atlantic Shores project was increased from 3,000 MW to 4,500 MW."

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## SOLAR

We are expanding our solar power generation capability by investing in the development and operation of long-term commercial and industrial solar projects, including at our own sites. At the end of 2021, our share of installed solar power capacity was 734 megawatts direct current (MWdc), with 1,484 MWdc under construction.

Read more about solar power at [www.shell.com/solar](https://www.shell.com/solar).

### Solar projects at the end of 2021

Project	Country	Shell interest	Total capacity (100%), MWdc	Shell-operated
<b>Solar projects in operation</b>				
Silicon Ranch [A]	USA	46.72%	1,130	No
Cleantech Solar	Asia-Pacific	24.50%	364	No
Moerdijk	Netherlands	100%	27	Yes
Sohar Solar Quabas	Oman	100%	34	Yes
Emmen	Netherlands	100%	12	Yes
Heerenveen	Netherlands	100%	14.5	Yes
Sas van Gent	Netherlands	100%	30	Yes
<b>Solar projects under construction</b>				
Gangarri	Australia	100%	144	Yes
Silicon Ranch [A]	USA	46.72%	2,487.90	No
Cleantech Solar	Asia-Pacific	24.50%	228.4	No
Pottendijk (solar)	Netherlands	100%	50	Yes
Koegorspolder Tractaatweg	Netherlands	100%	41	Yes
Koegorspolder Sluiskil [B]	Netherlands	100%	31	Yes
<b>Solar projects pre-FID options</b>				
200+ projects	14 countries [C]	Varies	Around 30 GWac	Varies

[A] The Silicon Ranch diluted equity share is now 44.33% following an equity raise that completed in February 2022.

[B] Koegorspolder Sluiskil moved into construction in February 2022.

[C] Including Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Oman, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, UK, USA.

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# FUELLING MOBILITY

## BIOFUELS

### POWERING PROGRESS

Our aims include producing:

- Eight times more low-carbon fuels than in 2021 by 2030 (including Raízen production)
- Around two million tonnes of sustainable aviation fuel a year by 2025

We are producing and supplying low-carbon fuels such as biodiesel, bioethanol, renewable natural gas (also known as RNG, biogas or biomethane), renewable diesel (also known as hydrotreated vegetable oil or HVO) and sustainable aviation fuel to help lower the carbon emissions from transportation. These fuels can be blended with existing fuels, such as gasoline and aviation fuel, and do not require costly investment in new infrastructure, which means they are a practical option for reducing transport emissions.

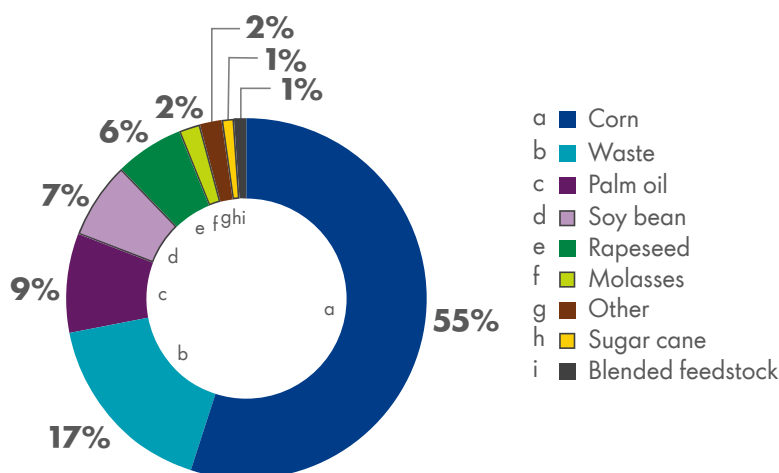
The Raízen joint venture (Shell interest 44%, not Shell-operated) in Brazil is one of the world's largest biofuel producers, with one of the lowest-CO<sub>2</sub> biofuels available today. In 2021, Raízen produced around 2.5 billion litres of ethanol from sugar cane. In 2021, Raízen's Costa Pinto mill in Brazil also produced 19 million litres of second-generation cellulosic ethanol made from inedible agricultural waste or forestry products.

In September 2021, we announced a final investment decision to build an 820,000-tonnes-a-year biofuels facility at the Energy and Chemicals Park Rotterdam, the Netherlands, which was formerly known as the Pernis refinery.

In 2021, around 9.1 billion litres of biofuels went into Shell's petrol and diesel worldwide, which included 3.2 billion litres through our joint venture Raízen on an equity basis. In 2020, around 9.5 billion litres of biofuels went into Shell's petrol and diesel worldwide.

### GLOBAL BIOCOMPONENT PURCHASE BY FEEDSTOCK [A]

percentage



[A] Does not include purchases by Raízen.



## Sustainability of biofuels

We purchase biocomponents to blend into fuels and/or to trade. Some biofuel feedstocks are considered higher risk with regard to human rights, biodiversity or the release of carbon into the atmosphere. To help mitigate these risks, all the palm oil, sugar cane and South American soy feedstock we purchase is certified as sustainable under credible sustainability standards like the Round Table on Responsible Soy, the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil and Bonsucro.

Read more about our approach to the [sustainable sourcing of biocomponents](#).

Read more about biofuels at [www.shell.com/biofuels](http://www.shell.com/biofuels).

## Sustainable aviation fuel

We have the ambition to produce around 2 million tonnes of [sustainable aviation fuel \(SAF\)](#) a year by 2025 and aim to have at least 10% of our global aviation fuel sales as SAF by 2030.

Read more about SAF at [www.shell.com/business-customers/aviation/the-future-of-energy/sustainable-aviation-fuel](http://www.shell.com/business-customers/aviation/the-future-of-energy/sustainable-aviation-fuel).

## Renewable natural gas

As cleaner-burning fuels than diesel, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and bioLNG can help the road transport industry lower emissions and costs. In 2021, we planned to grow our European LNG refuelling stations to 50 sites by the end of 2021 for bioLNG distribution. By the end of the year, we had 44 Shell-branded LNG refuelling stations across seven countries. This is an increase on the 26 stations we had in 2020. As we grow our LNG refuelling network, we aim to offer bioLNG as a blend for further emissions reductions for our customers.

Read about LNG at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/natural-gas/lng-for-transport/lng-for-road](http://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/natural-gas/lng-for-transport/lng-for-road).

Read about renewable natural gas at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/new-energies/low-carbon-fuels](http://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/new-energies/low-carbon-fuels).

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## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING

### POWERING PROGRESS

Our targets include operating:

- more than 500,000 EV charge points by 2025, of which more than 30,000 charge points are owned directly by Shell
- around 2.5 million EV charge points by 2030

Today we operate around 87,000 public and private electric vehicle (EV) charge points, including almost 8,000 public charge points at Shell service stations, on-street and at destinations like supermarkets. In 2020, we operated around 60,000 electric vehicle charge points.

In China, for example, Shell already operates more than 850 public charge points at Shell service stations as well as dedicated EV Mobility Hubs. In 2021, we announced an ambition to install 50,000 on-street EV charge posts in the UK by the end of 2025, through ubitricity, part of the Group.

Read about electric vehicle charging at [www.shell.com/electric-vehicle-charging](https://www.shell.com/electric-vehicle-charging).

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## HYDROGEN

### POWERING PROGRESS

Our ambition is to capture a double-digit share of global clean hydrogen sales by 2035.

Hydrogen is a versatile energy carrier that can play a significant role in the transition to a lower-carbon world. We are investing in producing decarbonised hydrogen for our own facilities and, in the future, for customers in industry and mobility where direct electrification is challenging.

In 2021, we started production at the electrolyser at our Shell Energy and Chemicals Park Rheinland in Germany. The 10 megawatts (MW) proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrolyser uses renewable energy to produce up to 1,300 tonnes of decarbonised hydrogen a year, which we are using to make lower-carbon fuels at the park. Our joint venture Zhangjiakou City Transport and Shell New Energy Co., Limited (Shell interest 47.5%) started up a hydrogen electrolyser in China with 20 MW production capacity in January 2022.

We are also expanding the network of hydrogen refuelling stations. By the end of 2021, there were around 50 hydrogen refuelling stations at Shell-branded outlets in the USA (California), Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK.

Read about hydrogen at [www.shell.com/hydrogen](https://www.shell.com/hydrogen).

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## DRIVING INNOVATION

In 2021, we spent \$815 million on research and development (R&D), compared with \$907 million in 2020. In 2021, we started work on 182 R&D projects with universities, compared with 124 in 2020.

Our R&D activities are key to achieving our net-zero emissions target, in step with society. In 2021, our R&D expenditure on projects that contributed to decarbonisation was around \$328 million, representing around 40% of our total R&D spend. This includes expenditure on reducing greenhouse gas emissions:

- from our own operations, for example by improving energy efficiency and electrification;
- from the fuels and other products we sell to our customers, for example biofuels, and synthetic fuels and products made from low-carbon electricity, hydrogen produced using renewable sources or using natural gas combined with carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS);
- by CCUS; and
- by creating nature-based solutions (NBS) to offset emissions.

Read more about technology and innovation at [www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-role-technology-plays/technology-for-a-sustainable-energy-industry](https://www.shell.com/energy-and-innovation/the-role-technology-plays/technology-for-a-sustainable-energy-industry).

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Forests and ecosystems can play a vital role in helping tackle climate change.

# RESPECTING NATURE



**Our Powering Progress strategy means respecting nature by protecting the environment, reducing waste and making a positive contribution to biodiversity.**

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## OUR APPROACH TO RESPECTING NATURE

Protecting the environment has been an integral part of the way we do business for many years as set out in the Shell General Business Principles and Shell Commitment and Policy on Health, Security, Safety, Environment and Social Performance.

In 2021, as part of our Powering Progress strategy, we launched Respecting Nature, which sets out our environmental ambitions around biodiversity, water, circular economy and waste, and air quality. Our Respecting Nature commitments step up our approach to managing the impacts of our operations on the environment. They also aim to extend our approach with our supply chain, for example, with commitments around plastics and circular economy.

We adopted short-term goals and also set environmental ambitions for 2030 and later. Our new requirements are being embedded into our systems and processes. Accountability for delivery of this goal lies with our Executive Committee. We have restructured and resourced to add specialists on biodiversity and circularity into our organisation and are building capability with the help of external partners.

We have included our new commitments in our performance management and reporting systems and are defining the baselines for each of the commitments and setting 2022 targets across our businesses. We are working with external environmental partners to develop new approaches that will show the extent of the progress we are making towards our environmental goals.

Our purchasing policies will include requirements that reflect our environmental framework and take the energy efficiency, material efficiency and sustainability of products into consideration in our purchases. See [Supply chain](#).

We will continue to seek opportunities to go further. Our environmental ambitions will be underpinned by collaboration and transparent reporting.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COLLABORATIONS

#### POWERING PROGRESS

- Our ambition is to strengthen external partnerships and improve transparency on performance.
- We will ensure that external partnerships inform key areas of development and delivery of our ambitions.

We work with external parties to enable a positive impact on the environment. Collaboration can help us to reduce waste, improve circularity of materials and help ensure local communities benefit from our presence.

Existing collaborations and new partnerships are key to implementing our Respecting Nature ambitions. Earthwatch and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) provided input to the development of our Respecting Nature commitments and continue to support their implementation.

We are also working with the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) to develop our approach to circularity.

#### Transparency and standards

We have joined the Taskforce for Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) Forum which is looking to develop a risk management and disclosure framework for organisations to report and act on evolving nature-related risks.

Our major installations are certified to independent environmental management system standards, such as ISO 14001 or equivalent systems required by local regulations. Major installations include crude oil and natural gas terminals, gas plants, manned offshore production platforms, refineries and chemicals manufacturing facilities. Of these, 97% were certified at end 2021. Read more about the certification of our major installations in the 2021 [Annual Report](#).

Read more about our approach at [www.shell.com/sustainability/environment](http://www.shell.com/sustainability/environment).

Read more about our environmental partners at [www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/environmental-and-community-partners](http://www.shell.com/sustainability/our-approach/environmental-and-community-partners).

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# PROTECTING BIODIVERSITY

## POWERING PROGRESS

- Our ambition is to have a positive impact on biodiversity.
- Our new projects in areas rich in biodiversity – critical habitats – will have a net positive impact on biodiversity, starting implementation in 2021.
- Our nature-based solutions projects, which protect, transform or restore land, will have a net positive impact on biodiversity, starting implementation in 2021.
- We will replant forests, achieving net-zero deforestation from new activities, while maintaining biodiversity and conservation value, starting implementation in 2022.

In 2021, we announced a new ambition to have a positive impact on biodiversity. This builds on our earlier commitment not to explore for or develop oil and gas resources in natural and mixed World Heritage Sites.

We are developing new ways to measure how we are improving biodiversity. These are being incorporated into our processes and systems, including those for **nature-based solutions** and reforestation. We are working with external experts to help develop and define our approach and the way we measure our progress.

We aim to minimise the impact of our onshore and offshore projects on biodiversity and ecosystems, whether life on land or life below water. We apply the mitigation hierarchy, a decision-making framework that involves a sequence of four key actions: avoid, minimise, restore and offset. We assess the potential impact of projects on biodiversity as part of our Impact Assessment process. See **Embedding Sustainability in Projects**.

Potential new projects are screened to determine if they are located in a critical habitat. If we decide to progress a project that is in a critical habitat, we develop a biodiversity action plan. This sets out actions needed to follow the mitigation hierarchy and, where there is impact, the actions needed to achieve net positive impact.

In 2021, we collaborated with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and other energy companies to develop guidelines for mitigating the impact of solar and wind projects on biodiversity.

Read more about biodiversity at [www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/biodiversity](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/biodiversity).

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# CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND WASTE

## MANAGING WASTE

### POWERING PROGRESS

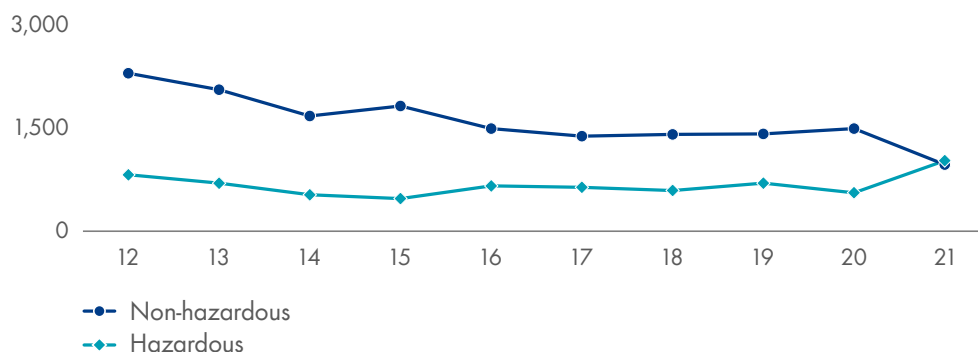
Our ambition is to use resources and materials efficiently and to increase reuse and recycling.

- We are aiming for zero waste by reducing waste generated and increasing reuse and recycling in our businesses and supply chains. We will set goals for waste reduction, reuse and recycling by the end of 2022.

In 2021, we conducted pilot projects to help develop and test a new circularity assessment methodology, which we will apply in a number of our businesses in 2022. This will help us better understand how our operations reduce, reuse and recycle waste and help us set further goals which we will develop in 2022.

### WASTE DISPOSAL

thousand tonnes



In 2021, we disposed of 1,993 thousand tonnes of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, which is relatively flat compared with 2,049 thousand tonnes in 2020. We also sent 399 thousand tonnes of residual materials for reuse, recycling or beneficial use as a raw material in another process. For example, waste that might otherwise go to landfill can be incinerated to generate energy.

In 2021, our Shell Energy and Chemicals Park Rotterdam (previously Pernis refinery) in the Netherlands sent more than 80% of its waste generated (58 thousand tonnes) for recycling, reuse or use in another process.

Find out more about waste and our circular economy approach at [www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/circular-economy-and-waste](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/circular-economy-and-waste).

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## PLASTICS

### POWERING PROGRESS

We will work with our suppliers and contractors to help end plastic waste in the environment:

- By 2030, we will increase the amount of recycled plastic in our packaging to 30% and ensure that the packaging we use for our products is reusable or recyclable.
- We will increase the amount of recycled materials used to make our products, starting with plastics. Our ambition is to use 1 million tonnes of plastic waste a year in our global chemicals plants by 2025.

Shell supports the need for improved circularity of global plastics markets and encourages reduction, reuse and recycling of plastics. We are a founding member of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste and in 2021 we set a new ambition to work with our suppliers and contractors to help end plastic waste in the environment.

We continue to explore ways to reduce, reuse and recycle packaging across our supply chains and introduce sustainable packaging. In 2021, we relaunched our range of **biodegradable and carbon-neutral lubricants**, which are made at solar-powered facilities using sustainable bio-based raw materials and packaged using 40% recycled plastic.

### Recycling plastic waste as chemicals feedstock

We are focusing on chemical recycling where we break down hard-to-recycle plastics into raw materials through a technique called pyrolysis. The pyrolysis oil can then be used as feedstock in our chemical plants, replacing traditional hydrocarbon feedstock. This contributes to our circular economy ambition and prevents waste that would otherwise have gone to landfill or incineration.

In November 2021, we announced plans to build a new pyrolysis oil upgrader unit that improves the quality of pyrolysis oil at our **Shell Energy and Chemicals Park Singapore**. The facility will have a capacity of 50,000 tonnes per year, which is equivalent to the weight of about 7.8 billion waste plastic bags. Shell Ventures BV also announced **a strategic partnership with BlueAlp** which includes building two new units in the Netherlands to convert more than 30,000 tonnes a year of plastic waste into pyrolysis oil and exploring two more in Asia. Shell companies also have pyrolysis oil agreements with **Nexus Fuels** in the USA, **Environmental Solutions Asia**, in Singapore and **Pryme** in Europe.

Find out more about plastic waste at [www.shell.com/plastics](https://www.shell.com/plastics).

Find out more about waste and our circular economy approach at [www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/circular-economy-and-waste](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/circular-economy-and-waste).

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# CONSERVING WATER RESOURCES

## POWERING PROGRESS

Our ambition is to conserve fresh water by reducing consumption and increasing reuse and recycling.

- We will reduce the amount of fresh water consumed in our facilities, starting by reducing fresh-water consumption by 15% by 2025, compared with 2018 levels in areas where there is high pressure on fresh-water resources.
- We will also assess options for further reduction goals by the end of 2022.

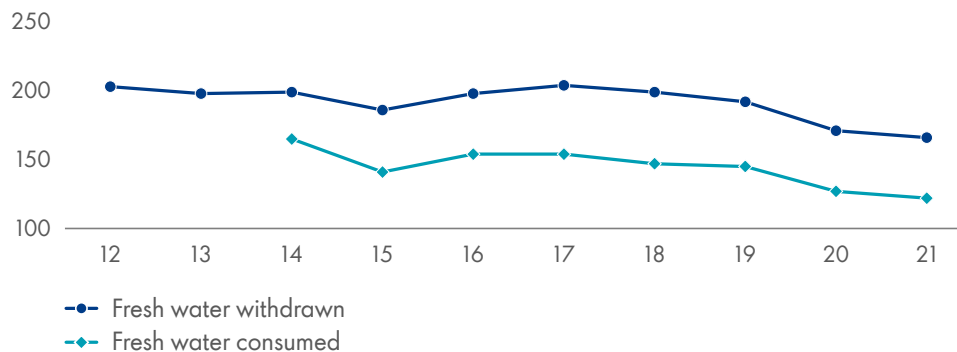
We are making steady progress in reducing our fresh-water consumption in water-stressed areas.

At the end of 2021, four of our major facilities were located in areas where there is a high level of water stress based on analysis using water stress tools, including the World Resources Institute's Aqueduct Water Risk Atlas and local assessments. The facilities are: the Pearl GTL (gas-to-liquids) plant in Qatar, Shell Energy and Chemicals Park Singapore, the Shell Jurong Island chemical plant in Singapore and Tabangao Import Terminal in the Philippines.

In 2021, our consumption of fresh water by these facilities was 22 million cubic metres compared with our 2018 baseline of 25 million cubic metres. The reduction was mainly a result of the conversion of the Tabangao refinery in the Philippines to a terminal and decreased water use at Shell Energy and Chemicals Park Singapore, following improvements to water-based cooling systems and the decommissioning of some processing units.

## FRESH WATER WITHDRAWN AND CONSUMED [A]

million cubic metres



[A] Fresh water figures do not include once-through cooling water.

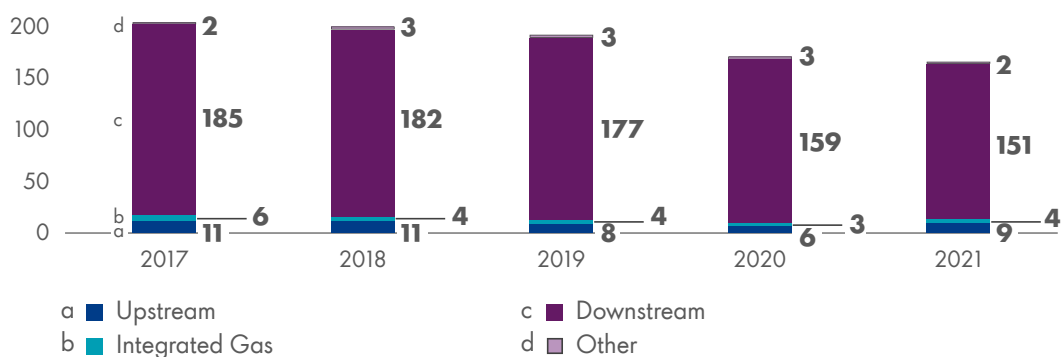
In 2021, our overall intake of fresh water decreased to 166 million cubic metres, compared with 171 million in 2020, mainly driven by the shutdown of the Shell Convent Refinery (USA) in late 2020.

Around 90% of our fresh-water intake in 2021 was used for manufacturing oil products and chemicals, with the balance mainly being consumed in oil and gas production.



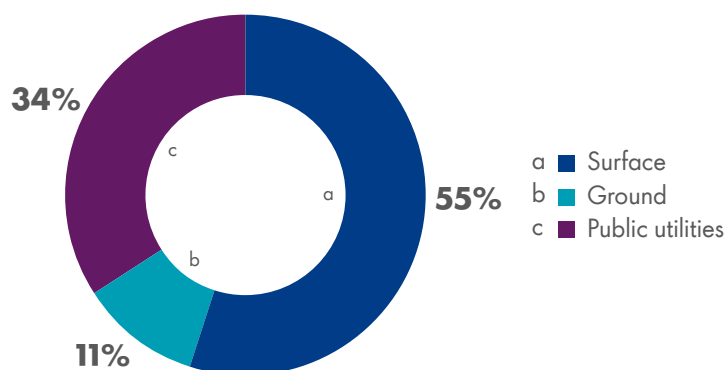
## FRESH WATER WITHDRAWN BY BUSINESS

million cubic metres



## FRESH WATER WITHDRAWN BY SOURCE IN 2021

percentage



Of our fresh-water intake, 34% was from public utilities, such as municipal water supplies. The rest was taken from surface water such as rivers and lakes (55%) and groundwater (11%).

In 2021, we conducted a pilot project looking at approaches to water stewardship, which will help us develop a methodology that we can apply more widely across our businesses in 2022 to improve water efficiency and set further goals to reduce fresh-water use.

## WASTE WATER AND PRODUCED WATER

We track low-level concentrations of oil, grease and other hydrocarbons within water returned to the environment from the day-to-day running of our facilities (referred to as “discharges to surface water”). We work to minimise these discharges according to local regulatory requirements and our own standards. Where possible, we look for ways to treat water from our operations using natural solutions, such as constructed wetlands.

In 2021, the combined total of hydrocarbons discharged to surface water across all our facilities decreased to 1.0 thousand tonnes, compared with 1.4 thousand tonnes in 2020. The majority of the reduction was the result of improvements made by the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Ltd (SPDC) and an ongoing programme at Shell Energy and Chemicals Park Singapore to minimise oil discharges.

In 2021, we disposed of 81 million cubic metres of produced water, which represents a decrease of 8% from 88 million cubic metres in 2020. This was mainly due to reduced produced water discharges at SPDC (Nigeria).

Find out more about water use at [www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/water](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/water).

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# AIR QUALITY

## POWERING PROGRESS

We are helping to improve air quality by reducing emissions from our operations and providing cleaner ways to power transport and industry.

## CLEANER TRANSPORT OPTIONS

We are developing a range of lower-emission choices for customers – from electric vehicle charging points to hydrogen – to help people and companies use cleaner modes of transport. For heavy-duty road transport, we offer liquefied natural gas (LNG) as a fuel and gas-to-liquids products, which help reduce sulphur emissions, particulates and nitrogen oxide compared with oil-based products.

## SULPHUR OXIDE, NITROGEN OXIDE AND VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUND EMISSIONS

We follow our own standards and those of local regulators to manage airborne pollutants in our oil and gas production and processing, for example emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides and volatile organic compounds.

Our sulphur oxide (SO<sub>x</sub>) emissions in 2021 decreased to 32 thousand tonnes, compared with 36 thousand tonnes in 2020. This was mainly because of lower emissions from our Shell Energy and Chemicals Park in Singapore as a result of maintenance and permanent shutdown of some units and reduced flaring of acid gas at our Pearl GTL plant in Qatar. This decrease was partly offset by higher SO<sub>x</sub> emissions at our Scotford upgrader in Canada due to operational issues in the first half of 2021.

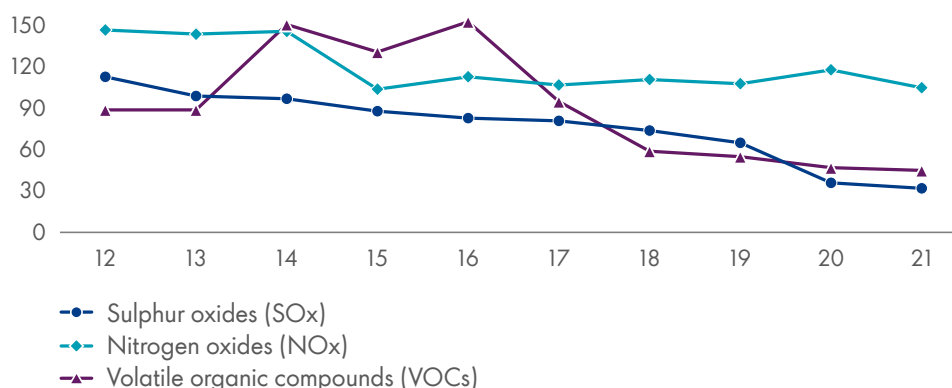
Our nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions decreased from 118 thousand tonnes in 2020 to 105 thousand tonnes in 2021, in part because of fewer ships operated by Shell and lower contractor transport emissions in Nigeria.

Our emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) decreased to 45 thousand tonnes in 2021 from 47 thousand tonnes in 2020. Reductions were in part due to reduced emissions from SMDS (Malaysia), divestments in Canada and the USA, and the fact that Shell no longer operates two facilities in Malaysia. The reductions were partially offset by higher emissions in Nigeria because of increased flaring by Shell Nigeria Exploration and Production Company Limited (SNEPCo) and higher emissions for ships operated by Shell resulting from changes in emission factors for engines.

To find out more about air quality, visit [www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/air-quality](https://www.shell.com/sustainability/environment/air-quality).

## ACID GASES AND VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

thousand tonnes



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