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Case studies on effective quarry rehabilitation and biodiversity management:

***Awarded initiatives for Titan America in the Center Sand
(Florida), and Roanoke Cement (Virginia) operations***

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The WBCSD/CSI Quarry Rehabilitation Guidelines

- **WBCSD's Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI):**
A global effort by **25 leading cement producers with operations in more than 100 countries**, to address key sustainability issues voluntarily and proactively.
- CSI members, collectively accounting for around 30% of the world's cement production, have integrated sustainable development practices into their business strategies and operations.
- WBCSD/CSI published in 2011 the ***Guidelines on Quarry Rehabilitation***, which aim at:
 - ✓ Ensuring CSI members have common understanding of key performance indicators;
 - ✓ Support the process of quarry rehabilitation;
 - ✓ Achieve consistent reporting across members.
- Guidelines have been designed to complement rather than replace existing successful rehabilitation practices; feature **30 operational case studies** covering a wide range of quarry types and local habitats around the world.



Case Studies

Titan Quarry Rehabilitation & Biodiversity Management



➤ Center Sand, Florida (USA)

Gopher tortoise



➤ Roanoke Cement, Virginia (USA)



Trout Pond

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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise

Location and situation

- **Center Sand aggregates quarry** of Titan/Tarmac America is located in Clermont, Lake County of Florida, USA, adjacent to a state preservation site.
- Alluvial deposits of fine sands provide a **280-hectare open pit mining area**, mostly already excavated and turned into a shallow man-made lake or lagoon.



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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise



Location and situation



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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise



Survey of Base Line in the Expansion Area

Gopher tortoise was a recent addition to the endangered species list (2008)

The active and inactive gopher tortoise burrows were counted and marked by the Biological Research Associates (Consultant)



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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise

The Biodiversity Issue in Center Sand

- Under the mining plan, **operations would have to encroach on the burrows of Gopher Tortoise** (*Gopherus polyphemus*), which is a sand-burrowing threatened species in Florida State.
- The quarry had to plan and implement, beforehand, the **relocation of tortoises in a nearby and safe, 'no-mining' preservation area**

Gopher tortoise
'senior'



juvenile



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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise



Conservation Area - Development



Creation of a 35-acre conservation area that will never be mined

56 gopher tortoises were relocated to the conservation area in July 08 (case of a biodiversity management plan)

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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise



Actions undertaken

- **Site surveys** with specialized personnel, equipment and instrumentation.
- Creation of a **new 14.2 hectare nature reservation habitat** adjacent to the mining property.
- **Hog-fencing**, removing of pine trees and **reseeding** the preservation area with foraging plants suitable for the tortoises.
- Excavation to reach burrows and **capture the tortoise**, with special care to avoid destroying burrows and eggs.
- **56 tortoises** (22 male, 24 female, 10 immature) were manually moved from the planned mining area and **placed in their new protected habitat**.



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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise



Actions undertaken (Experts: Biological Research Associates (Florida))



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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise

Actions undertaken



**'Thinning' of trees and flora in the
area of the nature preserve habitat**

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Center Sand Gopher Tortoise



The aftermath & stakeholders involved



- The **project**, including licensing, studies and field work, took approximately one year. **Major stakeholders: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.** **Sensitive**, tedious and **complex** project, where the contribution of experts in the field and specialized scientific crew of ecologists plays a crucial role.
- Ongoing program of **monitoring** the gopher tortoise preservation area.
- **Joint partnership between Center Sand and Florida Forestry Service** to control invasive grass in the gopher tortoise preserve and enhance the environment.
- Titan America was awarded with **the Florida Mining Association Environmental Award** for developing the Conservation Area.

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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



Location and situation

- Roanoke Cement Company (RCC) is located in Cloverdale, Virginia, USA.



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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout

Location and situation

- Old limestone pit turned into a pond filled by groundwater inflows and rainfall, and has become **ideal for hosting rainbow trout** (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), which is an environmentally sensitive species.



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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



Location and situation

- The **Trout Pond Restoration Project** started in 2008 through a partnership with the '**Trout Unlimited**' organization, and was developed to create a sustainable ecosystem rich in biodiversity.
- The area adjacent to the pond was restored with soil and planted with native species, based on the results of a **biodiversity study**, made in collaboration with the **Roanoke College**.



Titan America Initiatives

Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



Actions undertaken

- Released of 350 *rainbow trout* into the quarry pond.
- Construction of an **eco-friendly fishing pier** with floating dock, allowing visitors to fish or view wildlife.



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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



Actions undertaken

RCC Hosts Third Annual Fishing Day



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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



Actions undertaken

- Leveling and placing clay soil for **planting native species** over the adjacent area and along the bank of the pond to bring in more native wildflowers.
- Installation of **bird feeders and birdhouses** to lure native species back to the area that were impacted by mining activity.
- The restored trout pond provides now an **excellent habitat** for dragonflies and other species, and attracts native birds by providing freshwater, food and nesting materials.
- Creation of important wetland habitat for migratory birds.



Baby Bluebirds on
RCC Property



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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



Actions undertaken

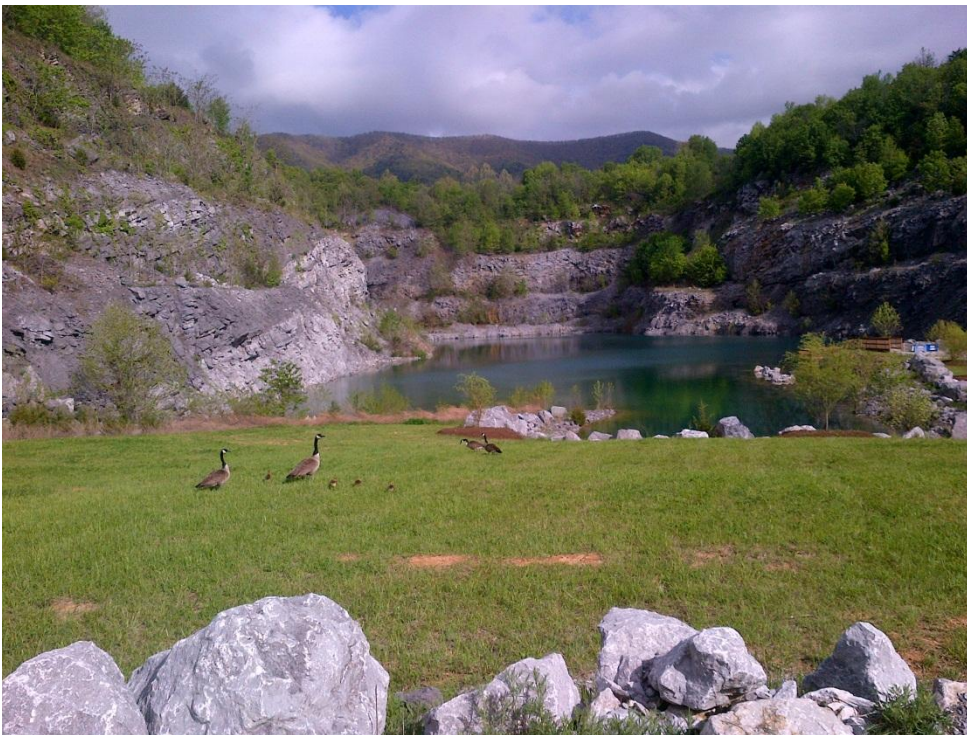
- Dedication to **Catawba Creek** through voluntary clean-ups and water quality monitoring.
- Partnerships with '**Trout Unlimited**' and '**Virginia Save Our Streams**' to educate students and the community "Trout in the Classroom" School Awareness Program.



7th Annual Catawba Creek Clean Up

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Roanoke Cement Rainbow Trout



The aftermath

- The old quarry was brought “back to life” with restoration and biodiversity.
- Trout species are preserved and enhanced inside a sustainable ecosystem.
- Raised awareness on preserving watershed resources.
- Water-level control and water quality monitoring, in order to preserve the lake conditions and ensure trout survival, while meeting aquatic habitat requirements.
- Roanoke Cement Company was recognized:
 - **2011:** by the **Virginia DMME** with the “**Best Quarry**” **Reclamation Award**.
 - **2012: Wildlife Habitat Council Certification**
 - **2013:** by the **PCA**, for its commitment to further improving and protecting the environment.



Earth Week, Fishburn Park Elementary, April 2012
Roanoke Cement Company, Troutville Plant, Troutville, VA

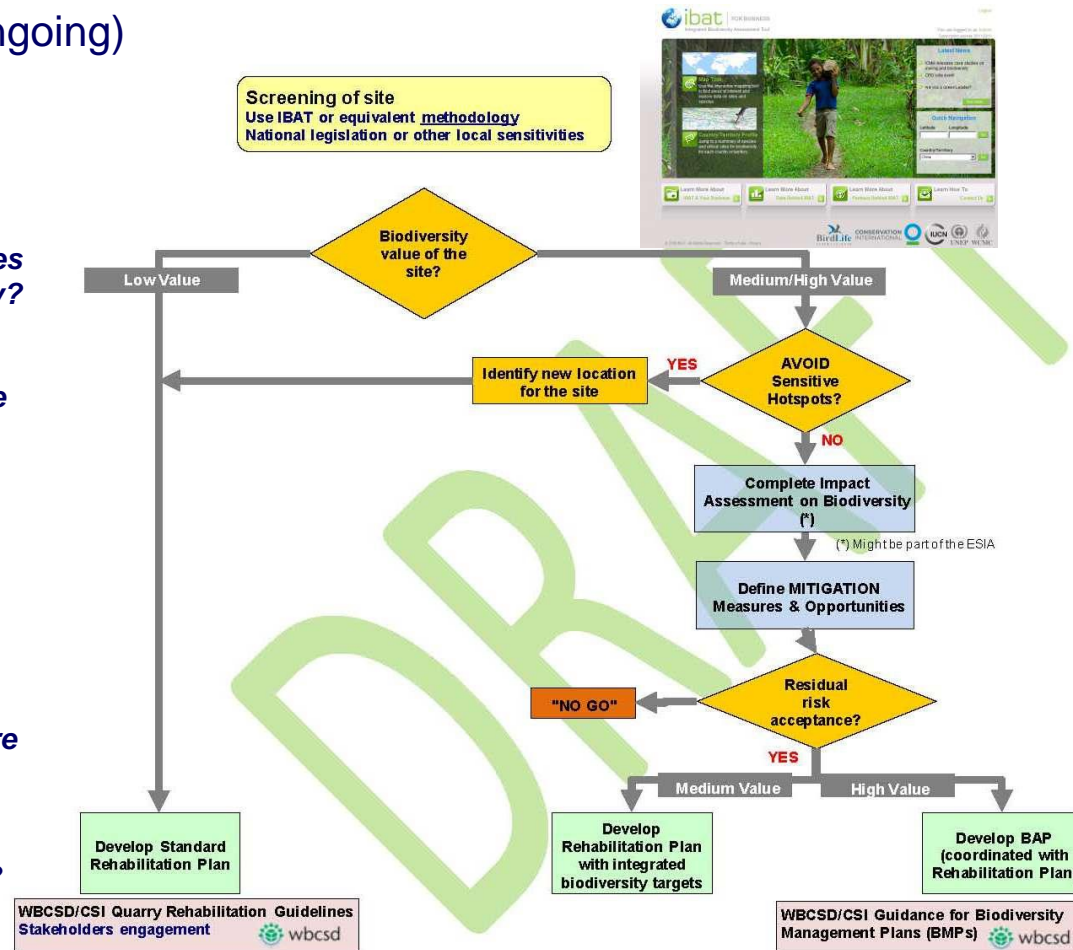
The WBCSD/CSI Biodiversity Management Plan Guidance (BMP)

- **WBCSD/CSI** continues effort with the BMP Guidance (ongoing)

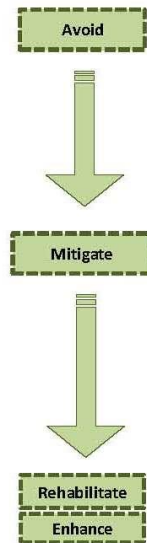
This document raises and addresses the following fundamental questions:

1. *Why should cement companies be concerned about biodiversity?*
2. *What are the key biodiversity management challenges that the cement sector should be addressing?*
3. *What information do I need to address these issues?*
4. *Where and how do I start?*
5. *Where can I learn more about tackling these issue and what are the tools available to me?*
6. *How can I learn from the experience of other companies?*

Annex II: Biodiversity Management Plan Decision Tree



The Mitigation Hierarchy



Thank you