



GEO Certified®

GEO Certified® Report Golf Las Américas

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“Golf Las Américas demonstrates a structured sustainability approach underpinned by its ISO 14001 environmental management system and visible sustainability communications. Operational controls and compliance practices are well established, providing a solid framework for responsible management across the facility.

Nature and heritage values are recognised and protected. Key habitat areas are maintained where buffer zones and vegetated margins support wildlife. Multiple protected endemic species of flora and fauna are present, and they actively safeguard an ancient Guanche archaeological site adjacent to hole 2 by excluding it from maintenance and treatment activities.

Water stewardship is a major strength. Irrigation is supplied exclusively by regenerated water and is monitored daily through flow meters and internal records, supporting accurate consumption tracking and leak detection. Efficiency is enhanced through a data-driven irrigation programme using on-site weather information, moisture mapping, and high-precision central control scheduling, complemented by targeted sprinkler upgrades, drip irrigation in landscaped areas, and gravity-based irrigation that reduces energy demand.

Continuous improvement is evident through ongoing turf and input optimisation, including trials and a planned transition of greens to warm-season bermudagrass, supported by an on-site nursery. The Club is also reducing irrigated turf by converting low-traffic areas into non-irrigated “picon” zones.”

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Introduction

GEO Foundation is pleased to confirm that Golf Las Américas has successfully achieved GEO Certified® status for its outstanding work to foster nature, conserve resources and support the community.

GEO Certified® is the most respected certification for golf, based on a credibly and transparently developed modern sustainability Standard of best practice.

Golf Las Américas has:

1. Met the required certification criteria for sustainable golf operations
2. Successfully completed the official third-party verification process
3. Successfully passed the final evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd. (autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation)

GEO agreed with the conclusions of the official verification report, that, having achieved all mandatory criteria; and with specific Continual Improvement Points (CIP) set for the future and Critical CIP's (CCIPs) to be reviewed at recertification, Golf Las Américas should be awarded GEO Certified® status.

For the certification period stated above, Golf Las Américas can therefore claim a position as a leader in advancing sustainability in golf – making important contributions in protecting nature, conserving resources and strengthening communities.

The GEO Certified® Report that follows comments on the actions undertaken against the criteria, as observed by the independent verifier during the assurance process.

Certification is nearly always the result of a dedicated team effort resulting in many practical and valuable social and environmental results around the golf course, maintenance facility and clubhouse. These dedication and leadership qualities are an important part of ensuring the resilience of the golf facility and the golf industry into the future and also as part of society's wider effort to pull together for people and planet.

We congratulate all involved.

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Verification and Certification

Verification

The official third-party audit was carried out by an independent verifier, accredited by GEO to undertake verifications of golf facilities applying for certification.

Verification involves reviewing practices and data, using the International Voluntary Standard for Sustainable Golf Operations as the guide to ensure comprehensive and consistent evaluation of performance. A detailed verification report is submitted for evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd, a subsidiary of GEO Foundation.

Certification

GEO Certification Ltd, an autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation [both not-for-profit entities], undertook a full review of all content submitted through the OnCourse® online platform and the report submitted by the verifier, ensuring:

- Comprehensiveness – activities undertaken touched on all elements of the Standard
- Consistency – that the verification approach was balanced, well weighted and with consistent depth of evaluation across each theme
- Accuracy - matching the verification report with evidence submitted by the golf facility to ensure statements and claims were accurate

GEO Foundation is an international not-for-profit founded to advocate, support and reward sustainability in and through golf. Over more than ten years, the group has worked collaboratively with dozens of golf industry associations and government and non-government organisations around the world, to help golf become a sustainability leader, striving for a net positive social and environmental impact. In addition to managing and assuring GEO Certified®, GEO Foundation also provides a suite of credible, practical programmes for golf facility management, new golf developments and golf tournaments called OnCourse®, often delivered in partnership with national golf bodies. Find out more at www.sustainable.golf

Credibility

GEO Certified® is part of the ISEAL Alliance, a group of the world's foremost credible certification systems including Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Forest Stewardship Council, Marine Stewardship Council and many others. GEO Foundation earned and retains full membership of the ISEAL Alliance global association following a rigorous evaluation against the ISEAL Codes of Credibility in Sustainability Standards and Certification. The ISEAL Codes cover standard-setting, assurance, and monitoring and evaluation. Find out more at www.isealliance.org



Verifier's Report

The Sustainability Agenda for golf covers the following themes and action areas:

THEMES	ACTION AREAS
Nature	• Habitats & Biodiversity • Turfgrass management • Pollution prevention
Resources	• Water • Energy • Materials
Community	• Partnerships & Outreach • Golfing & Employment • Advocacy & Communications

Included below are the observations made by the Independent Verifier against each item in the Standard.

NATURE			
N1 Habitats and Biodiversity			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
N1.1 Understand the site and surroundings	N1.1.1 Sound understanding of the nature and landscape value of the site	General knowledge of the wildlife and habitats on the site	The Course Manager has a general knowledge of where the habitats are located. They are mainly situated between holes 1 and 10 and between holes 16 and 17. The lakes on holes 5 and 18 are also habitat areas thanks to the buffer zones and the vegetated areas around the perimeter of the lakes, where different bird species nest and where fish and amphibians lay their eggs. With regards to wildlife, the Course Manager has a general understanding of the species present on the course. He shared a list of species with us, and he confirmed the presence of those species on the course. CCIP: Please engage a qualified biologist to carry out an updated identification of existing habitats and biodiversity, including the identification of any protected species.
	N1.1.2 Knowledge of legal designations for protected areas, habitats and species	Identify rare, protected or endangered species found on the golf course; Understand legal responsibilities for landscape protection and special area designations, if applicable	I have identified the protected species, both flora and fauna, from the list the Course Manager shared with me. He didn't know which species were protected or endangered. After our review, we confirmed that the protected fauna species are: Red-billed chough (<i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax barbarus</i>), lizards of the genus <i>Gallotia</i> (various endemic species), finches (<i>Fringilla</i> spp., including the blue chaffinch), domestic ducks (derived from <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>), <i>Branta canadensis</i>, <i>Aix galericulata</i>, gulls of the genus <i>Larus</i> (e.g., <i>L. michahellis atlantis</i>), common blackbird (<i>Turdus merula</i>; Canary subspecies), blackcap (<i>Sylvia atricapilla heineken</i>), European goldfinch (<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>), serins (<i>Serinus serinus</i> / <i>Serinus canaria</i>), sparrows (<i>Passer domesticus</i> / <i>P. hispaniolensis</i>), common moorhen (<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>), <i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>, common passerine (local name; exact species varies), nocturnal gecko of the genus <i>Tarentola</i> (e.g., <i>T. delalandii</i>), Eurasian hoopoe (<i>Upupa epops</i>), grey wagtail (<i>Motacilla cinerea canariensis</i>), common kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus canariensis</i>), turtledoves of the genus <i>Streptopelia</i>, swallow (<i>Hirundo rustica</i> or a similar species).

			The protected plant species include Euphorbia canariensis, Aeonium canariense (el "eonio"), Phoenix canariensis, Senecio kleinia, Euphorbia balsamifera, and Dracaena draco. These are native endemic species protected in the Canary Islands. CCIP: As per N1.1.1 above.
	N1.1.3 Sound understanding and respect for cultural heritage	Protect any archaeological, historical or cultural designations on the site, if applicable	There is an ancient Guanche (indigenous) archaeological settlement on the side of hole 2. This site is protected by the Canary Government, and the Course Manager is aware of it and keeps it protected, separating it from all treatments and maintenance activities carried out on the course. CCIP: Please clarify and clearly follow the legal requirements related to the protection of the existing indigenous/aboriginal settlement currently present on the course. CIP: Please actively promote the conservation of this archaeological feature, as it is an exceptional element that should be preserved and highlighted.
N1.2 Opportunities to naturalise the golf course	N1.2.1 Measures taken to identify and minimise the required area of managed turfgrass	Monitor patterns of play to identify underutilised areas of turfgrass	The Course Manager is reducing the irrigated area of the course, replacing turfgrass with native soil material (volcano stones known as "picon"). This has created new areas on holes 15 and 17. 4 bunkers have also been removed. The club is using GPS trackers in buggies to identify low-traffic areas that can be converted into non-irrigated areas.
N1.3 Actively create and manage habitats for wildlife	N1.3.1 Projects to create and manage habitats in the best way for wildlife and golf	Prioritise native species of varying size and structure when planting Prioritise native trees and shrubs when planting Prioritise native aquatic species of varying size and structure when planting Establish mowing buffer zones next to water bodies and wetlands	The club is not prioritising native species when carrying out new plantings. Instead, it is prioritising fast-growing tall species such as casuarinas and cypresses to act as vegetative screens between houses and between holes. There are no connections / corridors between habitats, so no projects supporting biodiversity. CCIP: As per N1.1.1 above - please engage a qualified biologist to provide recommendations on native tree and shrub species that could be established in areas where turfgrass is removed and irrigation coverage is withdrawn.
N1.4 Conserve key species	N1.4.1 Practical conservation measures for priority species	Follow local best practice to protect or attract endangered, protected or rare species found on site	No action has been undertaken. CCIP: As per N1.1.1 above – please engage a qualified biologist to provide recommendations on best practice for any protected species identified on the golf course.

N2 Turfgrass			
N2.1 Maintain optimum turfgrass and soil health	N2.1.1 Appropriate turfgrass varieties adapted to climatic and other geomorphological factors	Select appropriate grass species for the climate	Greens are currently established with cool season grasses. The club is testing turfgrass species with greater drought tolerance, lower water consumption, and higher heat resistance. Trials include a Bermuda TifEagle chipping green and a Paspalum chipping green. There is currently a 2,000 m² nursery with Bermuda TifEagle, and the club plans to convert its greens to Bermuda in 2027 using the turf from this nursery. The rest of playing areas are established with warm season bermudagrass.
	N2.1.2 Practices to maintain good soil structure and condition	No specific international requirement, however, identify course management and agronomic activities and look for continual improvements	The club does not apply granular fertilisers. All fertilisation is foliar, some of which are organic, such as sugarcane molasses or seaweed extract. Two annual applications of an organic soil amendment are made on fairways, consisting of worm humus and other organic extracts. The club performs annual soil analyses at the accredited laboratory Fitosoil, including pH and nutrients. Additionally, the club regularly measures compaction and root depth as part of its playability parameters. The club applies nitrogen based on Clipping Yield, which normally stays between 5 and 8 mL per m². The fertilisation programme is modified depending on the recycled water, which sometimes contains nutrients. Growth curves are considered, but in the Canary Islands growth exceeds 50% throughout the year. Leaf tissue test are carried out yearly.
	N2.1.3 Careful and responsible fertiliser application throughout the year to avoid over-fertilisation	Test and monitor soil pH; Follow legal requirements when timing fertiliser applications Ensure staff are fully qualified to use fertilisers Ensure staff use appropriate protective equipment Regularly calibrate and test applicators	Fulfilled.

N2.2 Prioritise mechanical maintenance	N2.2.1 Non-chemical pest, disease and weed management	Sharpen mowing blades; Remove surface moisture; Change hole locations frequently	With more than 50K rounds per year, the Course Manager plans hole changing and tee marks relocation with high frequency (minimum three times a week). Reel mower units are sharpened up to four times per year. Mowing patterns are maintained year-round, with changes applied particularly on greens. Aeration, verti-grooming and scarification practices are carried out on the rest of the course. The Club accounts with 2 x Bernhard grinders and 2x brand new Foley grinders. Grinding policy is first class. There is external support for the geometry of cut.
N2.3 Use chemicals responsibly	N2.3.1 Application of chemicals only when necessary to prevent or cure defined / identified turf health issues	Identify and track pest and disease hotspots, including sensitive areas Scout the course daily for early signs and symptoms Accurately diagnose to determine the cause of weeds, pests and diseases	The club focuses on strengthening the plant through soil applications of bacillus, mycorrhizae, chitosan, sulphur, copper, and other biological inputs. Only minor rapid blight outbreaks have been recorded, and overall no major fungal diseases have been present. Greens 5, 12, 14, and 17 are the first to show signs of disease. When identification is difficult, samples are sent to The Turf Disease Center. The Course Manager checks the greens daily, and in his absence his assistant does so. Only localised pest outbreaks of Spodoptera and Annual Bluegrass Weevil have been detected, all of minor significance. Up to three rolling's per week are performed, dew is removed, and irrigation is managed to minimise hours of leaf wetness. The club applies an important programme of soil-applied microorganisms to reduce disease incidence. Some weeds, such as Eleusine indica in summer, are removed manually. Pelargonic acid is also applied as a natural herbicide in picon areas to eradicate weeds, being an organic product. The club uses only legally registered products.
	N2.3.2 Application of chemicals with full safety precautions	Use legally registered and approved products; Prefer products for the specific weed, pest or disease; Follow legal requirements; Ensure staff are fully qualified to use pesticides;	Fulfilled. The club has one qualified applicator and six basic-level applicators for pesticide use. Sprayers are calibrated twice a year. No handheld sprayers are used; instead, there is a 100-litre sprayer tank. Leftover product is applied on the nursery.

		Ensure staff use appropriate protective equipment; Regularly calibrate and test applicators; Dilute and dispose of leftover product on untreated areas of amenity turfgrass	
N3 Pollution Prevention			
N3.1 Prevent pollution across the entire site	N3.1.1 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from golf course operations	Document procedures for emergency spill responses ; Retain no-spray/no-spread buffer areas next to water bodies and wetlands; Retain no-spray/no-spread buffer zones in and around ecologically sensitive areas	Spill response document was provided and checked. The Course Manager leaves a 5-metre buffer away from water bodies / buffer areas.
	N3.1.2 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from clubhouse operations	Formal wastewater discharge agreement, if applicable	Not reviewed as the general manager was not present during visit. However, the Club currently hold the ISO 14001 which includes compliance with this aspect.
	N3.1.3 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from maintenance facility operations	Wash machinery over an impermeable, leak-free surface; Mix and load pesticides and fertilisers over an impermeable, leak-free surface; Triple rinse pesticide containers and applicators	The club has an ESD Waste-2-Water washing station for machinery. Solid waste is separated and placed in a specific location for collection by the company SUNA 2000, which takes it to a waste facility. The club meets all requirements and performs mixture preparation on the ESD Waste-2-Water Washing Pad platform.
N3.2 Safely manage hazardous substances	N3.2.1 Legal compliance in the storage, handling, application and safe disposal of all hazardous substances	List of hazardous substances, made available to authorised staff; Product and material data safety sheets; Well ventilated concrete or metal building; Impermeable, leak-free flooring; Sufficient storage capacity;	The club complies with all specifications indicated, which were verified on site during the visit. The club recently passed ISO 14001, which also includes compliance with this aspect.

		Spill containment kits; Secondary containment e.g., bunds or drip trays; Emergency wash area, as per local requirements (body shower and / or eye wash station); Hazardous substances safely collected by a registered company or body ; Follow any additional legal requirements	
	N3.2.2 Legal compliance in the storage and handling of fuels and gases	Tank secured to a horizontal, flat, non-combustible surface; Secondary containment of fuel in the event of spills e.g. bunds and drip trays; Inspection of storage tank(s) at least quarterly, if required; Fire extinguisher in the immediate area	There is a 5,000-L underground gasoline tank and a 2,000-L double-walled diesel tank. Certification by an external company in 2023 was confirmed, valid until 2028. All other compliance requirements are satisfactorily met by the club.
N3.3 Responsibly manage waste / storm water	N3.3.1 Appropriate wastewater usage, treatment and discharge	Impermeable, leak-free surface; Treatment as per local requirements (oil, grease and / or clipping separation); Formal discharge agreement, if applicable	The club complies with all specifications indicated, which were verified on site during the visit. The club recently passed ISO 14001, which also includes compliance with this aspect.

RESOURCES			
R1 Water			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
R1.1 Minimise water demand	R1.1.1 Measures to reduce the need to consume water	Select appropriate grass species for the climate e.g., drought and disease tolerance;	The club plans to establish warm-season species on the greens to become a fully warm-season course.

		Target irrigation to essential playing surfaces; Prioritise native, drought tolerant species for landscaping and planting	The entire perimeter of the course has hardlines with sprinklers irrigating sectorially towards the course, ensuring that no water is applied outside the playing areas. The club continues creating up to 1,000 m² of picon areas on the course, and another 1,000 m² in the older nursery, replacing turfgrass. Native species such as cardón and aeonium are being planted there.
R1.2 Maximise water efficiency	R1.2.1 Practical measures to use water more efficiently on the golf course	Schedule irrigation based on informed assessment of soil moisture and weather forecasts; Evaluate new irrigation technologies e.g., central control, precision sprinklers etc.; Provide staff training on efficient irrigation practices; Adjust sprinklers to playing surfaces only	The Course manager uses a weather station and the advanced Cirus Pro irrigation software, enabling irrigation times to be set with second-level precision. Daily adjustments of irrigation times and start hours are performed, and percentages are changed based on data collected using portable moisture sensors (POGO and TDR). The club also uses Soil Scout probes at three depths (5, 10 and 15 cm) on greens 9 and the putting green. The club applies a crop coefficient of 0.85 to Agrostis and 0.65 to Bermuda. In 2023, the club installed double sprinklers on greens (one 180-degree and one 360-degree). The club has also tested Hydrogol artificial intelligence technology. Sprinklers have been modernised to Toro Infinity on the driving range, and the course is being equipped with Hunter and Eagle 700 and 900 models, replacing the old Rain Bird D51 and D90 impact sprinklers. Handwatering is carried out after analysing the POGO / TDR maps. The club also has drip irrigation in all landscaping areas. The club receives annual training with Rain Bird and TORO on the use of its irrigation technology. All irrigation arcs are adjusted, and hand watering is applied when required. Gravity irrigation enables highly efficient water use and maintains constant pressure across the course.
	R1.2.2 Practical measures to use water more efficiently in buildings	Monitor and record water consumption (bills, flow meter etc.);	Water consumption is monitored on a daily basis, and is kept in internal recordkeeping spreadsheets.

		Encourage water conservation practices amongst players and staff	The club has flow meters both at the water source entry and at the irrigation system outlet, enabling precise daily monitoring of consumption and leak detection. No encouragement amongst players and staff was observed. CIP: Please encourage water conservation practices amongst players and staff.
R1.3 Source water responsibly	R1.3.1 Measures towards alternative, lower quality sources of water	Water abstraction permit, if required; Report water consumption to environment agency, if required	Fulfilled. The water abstraction permit and monthly invoices were verified, along with accurate monthly and daily records.
R2 Energy			
R2.1 Reduce energy demand	R2.1.1 Measures to reduce the amount of energy consumed in golf course maintenance	Naturalise non-playing areas to reduce mowing and other energy intensive inputs	Gravity-based irrigation eliminates the need for energy-intensive pumping, significantly reducing energy costs. New native areas have reduced the total maintained surface.
R2.2 Maximise energy efficiency	R2.2.1 Measures to use energy and fuels more efficiently in buildings	Monitor and record energy consumption (bills, meters etc.)	All energy consumption is monitored and recorded through utility bills. The Club has installed LED bulbs in the clubhouse; and also turns off exterior lights at night. 52 electric carts are present. No electric utility vehicles nor electric tools. Cooling only turned on in summer months with a strict policy for control.
R2.3 Source energy responsibly	R2.3.1 Measures to source alternative, renewable forms of energy	Understand the energy mix of your electricity supplier; Explore possible greener energy providers	23% of the Club's energy is coming from renewable sources, according to the supplier's information. No other action is being taken, but the club plans to install solar panels on the maintenance building next year.
R3 Materials			
R3.1 Reduce materials demand	R3.1.1 Products and materials selection based on necessity, including opportunities for recycled, reused and locally sourced alternatives	No specific international requirement, however, identify activities to reduce the demand for materials and look for continual improvements	Fulfilled.

R3.2 Purchase responsibly	R3.2.1 Commit to sustainable purchasing practices	Favour responsible, lower impact products	Certified-forest paper is purchased. The club also has a zero-plastic policy.
R3.3 Reuse and recycle	R3.3.1 Waste stream separation for maximum recycling and re-use opportunity	Put in place a recycling separation system, according to local rules and availability; Clear, simple and visible bin signage; Monitor and record weight of waste for each stream e.g. invoices, bills etc.	Fulfilled and included in the ISO 14001.
R3.4 Demonstrate legal compliance	R3.4.1 Compliance with all local and regional waste management regulations	Authorised waste collector for general, hazardous, industrial and green waste, if required	Fulfilled and included in the ISO 14001.

COMMUNITY			
<u>C1 Health & Wellbeing</u>			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
C1.1 Improve health and wellbeing	C1.1.1 Benefits to human physical and mental health from golf and facility activities	Plans in place to respond to incidents and emergencies	Fulfilled and included in the ISO 14001.
C1.2 Be open and inclusive	C1.2.1 Inclusivity and diversity in membership and visitor policies	Membership policies free from discrimination across age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and ethnic background	Fulfilled. No discrimination was reported and the Club policy is inclusive.

C1.3 Employ fairly, safely and provide career opportunities	C1.3.1 Ethical and legal employment, working conditions and professional development	Adopt an equal opportunity recruitment and hiring policy; Follow all relevant legislation and best practice for hiring and employment; Follow all relevant legislation and best practice for worker safety	Confirmed. The public gardening school “Guía De Isora” brings students annually for training sessions, and many of them end up working at the club. Training courses on health and safety, such as machinery use and fire prevention, are provided. Employees can play golf during the low season between April and October.
<u>C2 Outreach & Inclusion</u>			
C2.1 Diversify access and provide multifunctionality	C2.1.1 Social and recreational activities at the facility	No specific international requirement, however, identify multifunctional activities and look for continual improvements	The hospitality at the Clubhouse allows for many social activities such as meetings, cards games playing, sport events attendance, etc.
C2.2 Provide for volunteering and charity	C2.2.1 Opportunities available for volunteering and support of charities and good causes	No specific international requirement, however, identify activities to support volunteering and charity and look for continual improvements	There is an annual charity tournament against breast cancer.
C2.3 Establish active community partnerships	C2.3.1 Positive and constructive engagement with neighbours, the local community and other groups	No specific international requirement, however, identify partnerships and community activities and look for continual improvements	The club has partnerships with companies such as Banco Santander, La Caixa, and Mercedes for events held on the golf course.
<u>C3 Communications & Advocacy</u>			
C3.1 Engage staff and golfers	C3.1.1 Communications activities that raise awareness and understanding amongst members and visitors	Involve staff and committees in sustainability efforts; Involve golfers in sustainability efforts; Post sustainability information in the clubhouse and / or on the golf course	Fulfilled. Social media posts + Club's website include sustainability commitment. Golf Las Américas' official Environment page states that the club runs an ISO 14001 environmental management system covering all activities, products, services and facilities. Biosphere Golf certification is shown in the Clubhouse. * SGS College & FU International Academy plaque –it recognises Golf Las Américas for providing excellent work placements for British students within European youth mobility projects.

			Biosphere Golf – Responsible Tourism – In May 2005 Golf Las Américas received the “Golf de la Biosfera / Biosphere Golf” certification from the Responsible Tourism Institute, acknowledging that the course meets UNESCO-linked sustainability criteria for environmental, cultural and social responsibility. *TÜV Rheinland – ISO 14001 – Following the introduction of its environmental management system in 2004, Golf Las Américas obtained ISO 14001 certification (via TÜV Rheinland) in 2004, confirming that the club systematically controls and reduces the environmental impacts of all its activities and services.
C3.2 Celebrate and promote sustainability	C3.2.1 Activities that raise awareness and engage people in the wider community	Share at least 3 Highlights on sustainable.golf	The Club website states that: 1. The club irrigates exclusively with regenerated water; 2. The club carries out a responsible waste-management policy that prevents pollution and supports environmental sustainability. 3. The club hosts important protected species of flora and fauna, and also conserves an ancient Guanche archaeological site on hole #2.
C3.3 Follow a journey of continuous improvement	C3.3.1 Measures to help track, review and improve sustainability and climate action	Put measures in place to ensure that OnCourse can be updated annually	Discussed with Course Manager on site.

Golf and Sustainability

Among all sports, golf has a particularly close relationship with the environment and communities, golf facilities can bring many benefits to people and nature - from the protection of greenspace and conservation of biodiversity; healthy recreation for all ages; local supply chains; and jobs, tourism and other forms of economic value.

Adopting a more sustainable approach is also good for golf. It's about presenting a high-quality golf course and providing a memorable experience in natural surroundings. It's about being as efficient as possible. And it's about supporting the community in a range of ways that bring increased recognition, respect and contact.

At a broader level, it's important that golf credibly demonstrates its commitment, and its social and environmental value – strengthening the sport's image and reputation for the long term.

Golf facilities that participate in OnCourse®, an international sustainability initiative assured by the non-profit GEO Foundation, are taking a comprehensive approach and striving to be leaders in the community.

Find out more at www.sustainable.golf