

	Sustainable Use, Conservation and Restoration of Land Policy	Document No:	POL-19
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The purpose of the sustainable use, conservation, and restoration of land policy of Abdullah Gül University (AGU) is to provide a systematic framework for conservation and restoration commitments and to ensure environmental sustainability. This policy aims to reduce human impact on nature and support sustainable development. AGU focuses on creating awareness and fostering a sustainable campus environment without disrupting the surrounding ecosystem. This policy applies to all members of the AGU community, including students, employees, vendors, and visitors.

In this policy, AGU:

1. **Water Quality Standards and Guidelines:** Has established water quality standards and guidelines for water discharges, ensuring the protection of natural water resources.
2. **Reduction of Plastic Waste:** Has implemented a policy to reduce plastic waste on campus, promoting the use of sustainable alternatives.
3. **Waste Disposal Practices:** Has a policy, process, or practice for waste disposal, including the management of hazardous materials, to ensure responsible waste handling.
4. **Conservation and Sustainable Use of Land Ecosystems:** Has a policy to ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of land ecosystems associated with the university, particularly forests, mountains, and drylands.
5. **Event Support for Conservation:** Supports and organizes events aimed at promoting the conservation and sustainable utilization of land, including forested and wild areas, to enhance community engagement and environmental awareness.
6. **Educational Programs on Sustainable Land Management:** Offers educational programs and outreach initiatives on sustainable land management for students and local communities, fostering long-term environmental stewardship.
7. **Community Collaboration:** Collaborates with local communities, municipalities, and NGOs to maintain and enhance local land ecosystems, creating a shared responsibility for sustainable practices.
8. **Minimization of Alien Species Impact:** Aims to reduce the impact of alien species on campus by promoting local biodiversity and implementing control measures for invasive species.
9. **Protection and Restoration of Forests and Mountains:** Undertakes regular monitoring and maintenance activities in forests, mountain areas, and drylands associated with the university to ensure their preservation and restoration.
10. **Soil Erosion Control in Mountainous and Arid Areas:** Implements erosion control strategies, such as planting native vegetation and enhancing ground cover, specifically in mountainous and dry areas to prevent soil degradation.

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11. **Use of Native Plant Species in Restoration:** Promotes the use of native plant species in all restoration projects to create green spaces that are ecologically aligned with the region and support local biodiversity.
12. **Guidance on Land Use to Minimize Environmental Impact:** Adopts environmentally friendly land use policies that minimize the impact of university activities on local flora and fauna, preserving the integrity of natural habitats.
13. **Water-Saving Landscape Designs for Drylands:** Implements water-efficient landscaping designs, such as drip irrigation, in dryland areas on campus to conserve water resources.
14. **Awareness Activities for Forest Conservation:** Organizes environmental awareness activities for both student groups and the local community to emphasize the importance of forest conservation.
15. **Control Programs for Invasive Species:** Implements control programs to manage invasive species that threaten campus ecosystems and promotes the protection of native species, thus supporting biodiversity.