

## **Biodiversity Conservation Policy**

Authority: Khazar University, Azerbaijan

Date of Incorporation: 2021 September

Review Period: Every five years. This can also be reviewed in accordance with the University's requirements.

### ***Objective:***

Our educational institution recognizes the value of biodiversity protection and is dedicated to identifying, monitoring, and preserving species on the IUCN Red List and national conservation lists whose habitats may be damaged by university operations.

### ***Identification:***

Conduct evaluations and surveys on a regular basis to identify species on the IUCN Red List and national conservation lists in the area of university operations.

Update and increase the list of species to be monitored in collaboration with appropriate environmental research institutes, and experts.

### ***Monitoring:***

To establish a comprehensive monitoring program to track specified species' numbers, behavior, and habitats.

To review monitoring procedures on a regular schedule to maintain accuracy and relevance.

### ***Protection:***

To designate and preserve selected species' essential habitats by implementing conservation zones.

To collaborate with local conservation organizations and government authorities to carry out conservation and restoration programs aimed at protecting vulnerable species' habitats.

To create and implement educational events to educate the university community about the importance of biodiversity conservation and the preservation of designated conservation zones.

### ***Research and Education:***

To encourage and support research efforts within the university's scope that are focused on the ecology and conservation of species.

To integrate biodiversity conservation concepts into appropriate academic programs to increase student and faculty staff knowledge and build an environmental stewardship culture.

### ***Reporting and Transparency:***

To give periodical reports to the university community and key stakeholders on the status of monitored species and the effectiveness of conservation behaviors.

***Adaptation and Continuous Improvement:***

To review and update the biodiversity conservation policy on a regular basis to reflect new scientific understanding, changes in species status, and advances in conservation approaches.

To improve the efficiency of biodiversity conservation activities, solicit feedback from the scientific community, conservation specialists, and local populations.

This policy highlights our dedication to responsible environmental management and the incorporation of conservation principles into our university's fundamental values. It works to help preserve biodiversity and the well-being of ecosystems impacted by our operations.