## REPORT ON SDG-15 Life on Land

A brief description of activities on United Nations SDG-15 undertaken by Tezpur University

## Supporting land ecosystems through education

Tezpur University actively supports and organizes events that promote conservation and the sustainable utilization of land, including forests and wildlife. For instance, the university conducted an awareness programme on International Day for Biological Diversity May 22, 2023. Training programme on ecological modelling was conducted during February 2024. Although there is no specific policy on sustainably farmed food, the university offers several educational outreach programmes for local and national communities on the sustainable management of land for agriculture and tourism. These include field visits and outreach activities like the World Environment Day celebration on June 5, 2023.

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EVENTS	DATE
An awareness programme on International Day for Biological Diversity at Shamdhara High School, Amolapam, Tezpur.	22 <sup>nd</sup> MAY, 2023
Theme: From Agreement to Action: Build Back Biodiversity	
Training Programme on "From Data to Decisions: Ecological Modelling for Assessment of Biodiversity" held at the Department of Environmental Science funded DST's COE.	19-23 FEBRUARY 2024
National Workshop on Climate Action and SDG's held at the Department of Environmental Science, Tezpur University	21st MARCH 2023

## Supporting land ecosystems through action

The university actively monitors and protects species listed on the IUCN Red List and national conservation lists, with efforts led by faculty members such as Prof. Ashalata Devi. However, it is unclear whether formal policies regarding these protections have been created. Additionally, the university integrates local biodiversity considerations into its planning and development processes, such as during construction projects. While no formal policy exists to reduce the impact of alien species on campus, the university's engagement with local communities for maintaining shared land ecosystems through partnerships appears limited.

## Land sensitive waste disposal

Tezpur University takes steps to protect ecosystems and human health by ensuring water quality standards for water discharges. The university also demonstrates a commitment to sustainability by having a policy in place to reduce plastic waste on campus. In addition, the university has established a policy or practice for the proper disposal of hazardous materials, ensuring safe and environmentally responsible waste management.

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