



Biodiversity Conservation Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	AAU is committed to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Protection of Ecosystems:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Protecting and managing ecosystems on university lands in a manner that supports biodiversity conservation and ecosystem health.▪ Preserving natural habitats and minimizing habitat fragmentation and disturbance from university operations.2. Sustainable Land Use:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Implementing land-use practices that support biodiversity, including the use of native plant species in landscaping and the restoration of degraded habitats.▪ Maintaining green spaces on campus that provide habitats for a diverse range of species and contribute to local ecosystem services.3. Responsible Resource Management:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Promoting sustainable practices in resource use, waste management, and pollution control to minimize negative impacts on biodiversity.▪ Encouraging water conservation and the use of sustainable water management practices that support aquatic biodiversity.4. Research and Education:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting and promoting research in biodiversity conservation and related fields to advance knowledge and inform conservation practices.▪ Integrating biodiversity conservation into the university curriculum and offering educational programs to foster an understanding of biodiversity and its importance.	



	<p>5. Community Engagement and Collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engaging with local, national, and international partners in biodiversity conservation efforts and initiatives. ▪ Encouraging the university community to participate in biodiversity conservation projects and activities. <p>6. Sustainable Procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that university procurement policies support biodiversity conservation by preferring products and services that have minimal negative impacts on biodiversity. ▪ Encouraging suppliers and contractors to adopt biodiversity-friendly practices. <p>7. Monitoring and Reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regularly assessing the impact of university activities on biodiversity and reporting on the university's performance in biodiversity conservation. ▪ Setting measurable targets for biodiversity conservation and regularly reviewing progress towards these targets.
<p>Policy Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to affirm AAU's commitment to biodiversity conservation and to establish principles and practices for maintaining, protecting, and enhancing biological diversity on university-owned or affiliated lands and in all university activities. This policy aims to promote a sustainable campus environment that supports ecosystems and the variety of life they sustain.</p>
<p>Policy Scope</p>	<p>This policy applies to all university operations, including land and facilities management, procurement, research, and educational programs that have the potential to impact biodiversity on and off-campus.</p>
<p>Policy Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Sustainability Office is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinating the implementation of this policy. ▪ Providing guidance and support to departments and units on integrating biodiversity conservation into their activities. 2. Facilities Management is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing sustainable land-use and facilities management practices that support biodiversity. 3. The Procurement Office is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring that procurement practices align with this policy and support biodiversity conservation.



	<p>4. Academic Departments are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Integrating biodiversity conservation into research, teaching, and community engagement activities. <p>5. All members of the university community are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting and participating in the university's biodiversity conservation initiatives and practices.
Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may result in a review of operations and procedures to identify areas for improvement. Continuous non-compliance may lead to further actions as deemed necessary by the university administration.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains effective, reflects the latest scientific understanding and best practices in biodiversity conservation, and aligns with the university's sustainability goals.