Maintaining and Extending Ecosystems and Biodiversity

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Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) works directly to maintain and extend the ecosystems on the land it manages. The University preserves forest vegetation across five of its sites, extends tree cover through annual planting and care, maintains green areas together with the neighboring community, and builds scientific expertise in ecology and plant resources through its Department of Ecology and Green Resources. These activities are guided by the University's Biodiversity Conservation Policy and Environmental Sustainability Policy.

Preserving forest vegetation across university sites

UzSWLU maintains 28,780 m² of forest vegetation, mature trees and wooded green zones across its sites in Tashkent and the Tashkent region, equal to 15.86% of the total campus area of 181,447.40 m². These areas are kept as permanent green cover and are used for outdoor teaching, biodiversity observation and community activities. Tree species include Scots pine (Pinus sylvestris), juniper (Juniperus), walnut (Juglans regia), black locust (Robinia pseudoacacia) and silver birch (Betula pendula), together with other ornamental trees and shrubs suited to the local climate.

University site	Forest vegetation area (m²)	Main educational and ecological function
Main Campus	8,760	Outdoor language classes, environmental communication, student recreation
Zakovat Campus	7,497	Outdoor language classes, environmental communication, student recreation
Faculty of Russian Philology and Faculty of International Journalism	1,500	Eco-linguistics, interdisciplinary learning, outdoor academic activities
Angren Campus	3,500	Environmental education, biodiversity observation, student field activities
Orta Chirchiq Recreation and Ecological Complex	7,523	Environmental education, ecological awareness, recreation and community activities
Total	**28,780**	**15.86% of the total campus area of 181,447.40 m²**

The Angren Campus and the Orta Chirchiq Recreation and Ecological Complex, located outside the city, provide larger wooded areas where students take part in environmental education, biodiversity observation and field activities.

Extending tree cover on campus

The University extends its green cover through seasonal planting under the national "Green Space" (Yashil Makon) project. On 15 March 2025, 40 new trees were planted on campus, 20 chestnut trees and 20 Crimean pines, and existing trees were whitewashed and tended. The work involved University administration, technical and utility staff, dormitory staff, tutors and students.




Tree planting on campus under the national "Green Space" project, 15 March 2025

Caring for green areas in the neighboring community

Beyond its own grounds, the University helps maintain green areas in the Guzar mahalla of Tashkent's Uchtepa district, home to the University's Zakovat Street campus. Since September 2025 the UzSWLU Eco Club has run a regular program in which students water and care for trees and seedlings, clean litter from open land and green areas, and talk with residents about protecting the local environment. A total of 300 UzSWLU students and local young people took part in these activities in 2025.




Care of green areas with residents of Guzar mahalla, 2025

Scientific expertise in ecology and plant resources

In January 2025 the University established the Department of Ecology and Green Resources within the Faculty of Translation. The department is headed by Dilorom Yormatova, a plant breeder who has developed five soybean varieties, holding three patents, the early-maturing wheat variety "Kelajak," and two olive varieties, "Izumrud" and "Qorako'z," entered in the national State Register in 2015. The department's research covers soil ecology, the agronomy of oilseed and legume crops and environmentally safe farming technologies, and it teaches the Ecology course to students. On 11 March 2025 the department held the seminar-training "Protecting Nature – Our Common Duty" on environmental protection and ecological awareness.

Policy framework

The University's Biodiversity Conservation Policy commits it to identify and monitor IUCN Red List and nationally protected species in areas affected by its operations and to apply habitat restoration and reforestation measures. The Environmental Sustainability Policy commits the University to preserve native species in university areas, to undertake reforestation and afforestation, particularly in areas affected by degradation, and to apply soil conservation and erosion control measures.

Supporting evidence

- Forest vegetation areas on university campuses: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17839675153370.pdf
- Campus tree planting, 15 March 2025: https://uzswlu.uz/en/news/as-part-of-the-nationwide-green-space-project-tree-planting-and-landscaping-activities-were-carried-out-at-the-uzbekistan-state-world-languages-university-1742199373
- Eco-active students (Eco Club activities in the Guzar mahalla): https://uzswlu.uz/eco-active-students
- Department of Ecology and Green Resources: https://uzswlu.uz/chair/ekologiya-va-yashil-resurslar-kafedrasi
- Seminar "Protecting Nature – Our Common Duty," 11 March 2025: https://uzswlu.uz/en/news/the-department-of-ecology-and-green-resources-of-the-faculty-of-translation-organized-a-seminar-training-on-the-topic-protecting-nature--our-common-duty-1741769727
- UzSWLU Biodiversity Conservation Policy: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17310634308991.pdf
- UzSWLU Environmental Sustainability Policy: https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17310584693285.pdf