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SDG 15
LIFE ON LAND

UZBEKISTAN STATE WORLD
LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY

SDG 15: Life on Land — Progress Report

Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) contributes to SDG 15 by protecting the green land on its own campuses, setting clear rules for how that land is developed and used, and working with neighbors, the national tourism authority and government bodies to care for shared ecosystems. This page summarizes the University's progress in 2025.

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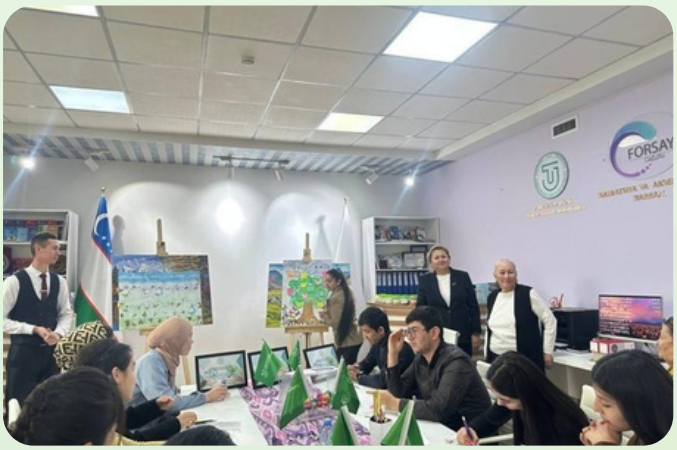
15.86%
of the total campus area under forest vegetation

300
students and local young people in the Guzar mahalla greening program

100%
of wastewater pre-treated before discharge (2024–2025)

Conserving land on our campuses

UzSWLU keeps 28,780 m² of forest vegetation, mature trees and wooded green zones as permanent green cover across five sites: the Main Campus, the Zakovat Street Campus, the grounds of the Faculty of Russian Philology and the Faculty of International Journalism, the Angren Campus and the Orta Chirchiq Recreation and Ecological Complex. These areas, equal to 15.86% of the total campus area of 181,447.40 m², are used for outdoor teaching, biodiversity observation and community activities. On 15 March 2025, under the national "Green Space" (Yashil Makon) project, 40 new trees were planted on campus, 20 chestnut trees and 20 Crimean pines, and existing trees were tended. On the same day the Rector took part in the launch of the nationwide "Scholars' Garden" afforestation marathon with universities from all 14 regions.





Seminar "Protecting Nature – Our Common Duty," Department of Ecology and Green Resources, 11 March 2025

Policies that protect land ecosystems

In January 2025 the University revised four of its environmental policies to set specific commitments for forests, mountain and foothill areas and drylands, to name the Red Book of the Republic of Uzbekistan alongside the IUCN Red List, to add rules on alien and invasive species, and to align the policies with each other. Every construction and landscaping project on university land is now assessed for its effect on local biodiversity before works begin.

Policy	Created	Last revised	Addresses
Environmental Sustainability Policy	2021	2025	Conservation, restoration and sustainable use of forests, mountain and dryland ecosystems; alien and invasive species
Biodiversity Conservation Policy	2021	2025	Identification, monitoring and protection of IUCN Red List and Red Book species
Environmental Impact Assessment Policy	2021	2023	Biodiversity surveys and mitigation for all new construction
Sustainable Food Policy	2021	2025	Local and sustainable sourcing; knowledge sharing with farmers
Water Quality and Discharge Management Policy	2022	2023	Standards and testing for all water discharges
Plastic Waste Reduction Policy	2021	2025	Phasing out single-use plastics; separate collection and recycling
Hazardous Waste Disposal and Management Policy	2022	2025	Licensed handling of lamps, batteries, e-waste and chemicals

Expertise and education

In January 2025 the University established the Department of Ecology and Green Resources, headed by plant breeder Dilorom Yormatova, whose work includes five soybean varieties, the wheat variety "Kelajak" and the olive varieties "Izumrud" and "Qorako'z." The department leads the University's teaching and outreach on ecology. On 11 March 2025 it held the seminar "Protecting Nature – Our Common Duty," and on 10 November 2025 an education event on migratory animals of Uzbekistan. The department also offers free seminars and consultations to farmers and smallholders on soil health and environmentally safe farming. Together with the Tourism Development Research Institute under the Tourism Committee, the University trained 80 guide-interpreters in a 630-hour course from December 2024 to May 2025, and from November 2025 opened the course to young people from outside the University, with field practice that includes eco-routes.





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

Working with the community

Since September 2025 the UzSWLU Eco Club has run a regular program with residents of the Guzar mahalla in Tashkent's Uchtepa district to clean streets and green areas and to water and care for trees and seedlings. A total of 300 students and local young people took part in 2025. Students also worked with neighborhood children on eco-seminars and herbarium making, and on 1 April 2025, International Bird Day, held the session "Birds Are Our Friends" with local young people in a Tashkent public park.

Protecting land and water from pollution

The University applies water quality standards to all discharges. The share of wastewater pre-treated before discharge rose from 94% in 2023–2024 to 100% in 2024–2025, followed at 12 monitoring points, while mains water use fell from 63,800 m³ to 54,700 m³. Single-use plastics are being phased out at catering outlets and events, and hazardous wastes such as mercury lamps, batteries and electronic waste are handed over only to licensed organizations.





"Birds Are Our Friends" session with local young people, 1 April 2025 (left); lecture on migratory animals of Uzbekistan, November 2025 (right)

Looking ahead

Priorities for the coming years are to complete a baseline survey of plant and animal species on all university sites, to build the inventory of alien species called for in the revised policies, to publish an annual report against the policy indicators, and to expand community programs on wildlife and sustainable land use.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS