POLICY FOR CONSERVATION, RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS

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1. Policy Statement

P P Savani University is committed to protecting nature and maintaining a healthy, green, and sustainable campus. The University recognises the importance of conserving biodiversity, restoring degraded land, protecting natural habitats, and using land responsibly for present and future generations.

2. Objective

- Conserve and enhance trees, plants, wildlife, and biodiversity on campus.
- Promote the restoration of degraded land and green spaces.
- Encourage sustainable soil and water management.
- Minimise pollution, plastic waste, and activities that harm natural habitats.
- Integrate environmental conservation into education, research, and campus development.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all University campuses, buildings, landscaped areas, gardens, open spaces, and other terrestrial areas under the University's management or influence.

4. Key Policy Measure

- **Biodiversity Conservation:** Promote tree plantation, native plant species, green spaces, and the protection of birds and other wildlife.
- **Land Restoration:** Maintain campus greenery and restore damaged or degraded areas through suitable plantation and soil conservation practices.
- **Sustainable Land Use:** Consider environmental impacts and existing vegetation during construction, landscaping, and campus expansion.
- **Soil and Water Conservation:** Encourage rainwater harvesting, water-efficient landscaping, soil protection, and measures to prevent erosion.
- **Pollution Prevention:** Strengthen waste segregation, responsible disposal, composting where feasible, and reduction of single-use plastics.
- **Education and Awareness:** Encourage students, faculty, staff, and local communities to participate in biodiversity awareness, plantation drives, and environmental conservation activities.

5. Implementation and Responsibility

The University administration, in coordination with the relevant departments and campus maintenance teams, shall promote and implement these measures. Students and staff are encouraged to participate actively in conservation initiatives.

6. Monitoring and Review

The University shall periodically review its environmental initiatives and document relevant activities, including plantation records, biodiversity observations, waste management practices, and land restoration efforts. Progress shall be reviewed to identify improvements and strengthen environmental performance.

7. Governance and Review

The policy will be implemented through coordination among the University Administration, School of Agriculture, farm staff, concerned departments, procurement/food-service units and the University community.

The policy will be reviewed at least once every three years or earlier when required.

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