

<b>Policy subject:</b> IUCN Red List Species Protection Policy	<b>Policy number:</b> 64/P.D/2024	<b>Date of last revision:</b> 2024/11/15
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**Overview:** Palestine Ahliya University (PAU) is dedicated to protecting threatened species listed on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List. The university strives to ensure the sustainability of these species and their habitats by adopting biodiversity conservation practices in line with IUCN standards. Through awareness, monitoring, and active engagement, PAU aims to contribute to global and local efforts to preserve endangered species and protect natural ecosystems.

#### Objectives:

➤ **Monitor Threatened Species:**

Regularly monitor species listed on the IUCN Red List within the university's scope and ensure their environmental safety.

➤ **Enhance Protection Efforts:**

Implement comprehensive measures to enhance the protection of threatened species, including habitat preservation, risk mitigation, and community awareness initiatives.

➤ **Collaborate for Conservation:**

Strengthen collaboration with local, regional, and international entities to support the conservation of threatened species and their habitats.

#### Scope:

This policy applies to the university campus, surrounding natural areas, and any initiatives led by the university related to conservation of threatened species. It includes:

1. Identification and monitoring of threatened species within the university's scope.
2. Awareness programs for the university community about the importance of protecting endangered species.

3. Collaboration with external conservation bodies to implement best practices for species protection.

### **Statements:**

PAU is committed to fostering a culture of sustainability and biodiversity conservation by actively engaging in the protection of threatened species, particularly those listed on the IUCN Red List. The university will apply the highest standards of environmental management, ensure compliance with IUCN guidelines, and collaborate with relevant stakeholders to protect endangered species both locally and globally.

### **Procedures:**

#### **1. Identify Threatened Species:**

- Conduct field studies and collaborate with environmental experts and local organizations to identify and map threatened species on or near campus.
- Use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to monitor species distribution and assess threats.

#### **2. Develop a Monitoring Plan:**

- Create a detailed monitoring plan, including specific observation points and a regular schedule.
- Train specialized teams to collect environmental data and track species health.

#### **3. Implement Protection Activities:**

- Install informational signs on campus to raise awareness about the importance of threatened species.
- Designate protected areas to preserve habitats and prevent harmful activities.

#### **4. Collaborate with Local Partners:**

- Partner with national and local environmental institutions to enhance protection efforts.
- Work with the local community to reduce threats such as pollution and habitat destruction.

**5. Awareness and Education:**

- Organize workshops and lectures to educate students and staff about threatened species and conservation efforts.
- Prepare educational materials to promote understanding and participation in protection activities.

**6. Evaluate and Update Plans:**

- Regularly evaluate the effectiveness of monitoring and protection efforts based on field reports.
- Update protection strategies based on new data to ensure continuous improvement.

**KPIs:**

- Compliance rate with IUCN standards and guidelines for species protection.
- Number of threatened species monitored on campus and in surrounding natural areas.
- Frequency and effectiveness of conservation measures implemented to safeguard threatened species.