



UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY 2018

On the recommendation of the Senate, the Council of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, as the governing authority of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, by resolution adopts the following policy.

Dated: 28.06.2018

Last amended: Not applicable

Signature: Signed

Position: Vice Chancellor, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka

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1 Name of policy

This is the University Environmental Policy of 2018.

2 Commencement

This policy commences on 01.10.2018

3 Policy is binding

Except to the extent that a contrary intention is expressed, this policy binds the University, staff, students and affiliates.

4 Overview/Statement of intent

The Wayamba University of Sri Lanka is firmly committed to the principles of sustainability and conservation of the environment for the benefit of all living beings. The University recognises that its activities impact upon the environment through its routine internal operations, its infrastructural development and its influence on the wider community. The University acknowledges a responsibility for, and a commitment to, the protection and upliftment of the environment at all levels and the responsibility to create awareness and right attitudes amongst all levels.

5 Application

This policy applies to

- a) University Staff
- b) Students
- c) Suppliers
- d) Visitors
- e) Members of the public

6 Definitions

Sustainable use	Sustainable use means the use of components of biological diversity in a way and at a rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations - Article 2 of Convention on Biological Diversity.
Viable population	A self-supporting population with sufficient numbers and genetic variety among healthy individuals and breeding pairs that are well enough distributed to ensure a high probability of survival despite the foreseeable effects of demographic, environmental and genetic events, and of natural catastrophes



7 Policy

The University will endeavour to exceed the requirements of relevant environmental legislations both national and international to which Sri Lanka is signatory to, is committed to environmental performance improvement and will:

- (1) seek to integrate a consideration of environmental issues into all relevant aspects of the University's teaching and research activities;
- (2) In conjunction with local, national and other agencies, promote and raise awareness of good environmental management policies and practices among staff, students and other stakeholders across the University;
- (3) promote a purchasing policy which favours those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment;
- (4) continue to reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy) and seek to enhance the contribution of energy efficient, low carbon measures, recyclable components and renewables;
- (5) implement sound long-term waste management strategies to reduce overall waste generation and adopt management strategies for optimal use of material;
- (6) encourage and facilitate sustainable modes of transport and access roads to, from and within the University;
- (7) minimise our impact upon the local community and surrounding environment and facilitate restoration when required
- (8) collaborate with appropriate external organisations to improve our understanding of environmental problems and their solutions.
- (9) develop and maintain the landscape and buildings of the University in an environmentally sensitive way, seeking to protect and enhance natural habitats and biodiversity.
- (10) protect and conserve natural ecosystems including living and non-living resources as well as their interactions.
- (11) apply good governance that would result in human and ecological wellbeing within the university.
- (12) integrate concerns regarding environment management into policies, legislations, plans, programmes and projects.
- (13) promote efficient resource use and to minimize adverse environmental impacts in mangrove ecosystems.

NOTES

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AMENDMENT HISTORY

Provision	Amendment	Commencing
	Not applicable	