



MISAMIS UNIVERSITY

“ Policy on Reducing the Impact of Alien Species on Campus”

In line with Misamis University’s commitment to environmental protection and sustainability, and in support of **SDG 15: Life on Land**, the University hereby formally adopts a policy to prevent and mitigate the ecological impacts of invasive alien species within campus areas. Consistent with MU College of Agriculture and Forestry Quality Management System Policies and Procedure Manual 2023 and MU Handbook on Research 2024.

1. Purpose

This policy ensures that campus planning, development, operations, and environmental programs actively protect native biodiversity by reducing the spread and impact of alien and invasive species.

2. Directives

a. Prevention

All campus landscaping, greening projects, and plant procurement shall prioritize native and non-invasive species. Introducing alien species without an ecological assessment is prohibited.

b. Monitoring

The MUCEP and relevant units shall conduct regular Monitoring to identify the presence of invasive species within campus grounds.

c. Management and Control

Upon detection, appropriate containment, removal, or ecological restoration measures shall be implemented to reduce risks to local biodiversity.

d. Awareness and Education

The University shall conduct CEPA initiatives to educate students, faculty, and staff on invasive species and their environmental impacts.

e. Collaboration

Misamis University will coordinate with DENR, LGUs, and partner organizations to align actions with national invasive species management guidelines.

3. Effectivity

This policy takes effect immediately upon issuance and shall be reviewed periodically to ensure continued alignment with environmental standards and institutional sustainability goals.

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