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Policy to Minimize the Impact of Alien Species on the University of El Oued Campus

Description:

The University of El Oued recognizes the significant threat posed by alien species to native ecosystems and biodiversity. This policy outlines proactive measures to prevent the introduction, minimize the impact, and raise awareness of alien species on the university campus.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to safeguard the integrity of native ecosystems on the University of El Oued campus by preventing the spread of invasive species and promoting ecological balance. The policy aligns with international and national commitments to biodiversity conservation.

Scope:

This policy applies to all university-owned, leased, or managed grounds, including research facilities, outdoor spaces, and community engagement activities. It also covers any university-affiliated activities that may introduce or interact with alien species.

Policy Guidelines:

1. Prohibition of Non-Native Species Introduction:

The introduction of non-native species to the campus is strictly prohibited unless prior written approval is obtained from the relevant university authorities.

2. Monitoring and Assessment:

The university conducts regular monitoring and assessments of campus ecosystems to identify the presence of alien species. These efforts aim to detect and manage invasive species early, preventing significant environmental damage.

3. **Eradication and Mitigation Measures:**

If invasive alien species are identified, the university will collaborate with local authorities and environmental agencies to implement effective eradication or control measures.

4. **Community Awareness and Education:**

The university is committed to raising awareness among its students, staff, and visitors about the risks of alien species. Educational campaigns, workshops, and outreach activities will be organized to promote responsible behaviors and ecological stewardship.

5. **Dissemination of Relevant Laws and Guidelines:**

To ensure compliance, the university will disseminate all relevant international and national laws, regulations, and publications concerning the management of alien species. This includes specific guidance on preventing the spread of invasive species.

Compliance:

This policy adheres to the following laws and frameworks:

- **The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** Entered into force on December 29, 1993, focusing on biodiversity conservation, sustainable use of its components, and equitable benefit-sharing.
- **Algerian Executive Decree No. 09-376:** Establishes procedures for environmental protection concerning biodiversity conservation.

- **Algerian Law No. 10-03 (July 19, 2003):** Addresses environmental protection within the framework of sustainable development.

Review and Updates:

This policy will be reviewed every three years or as needed to incorporate advancements in research, changes in regulations, and feedback from stakeholders.