

15.2 Supporting land ecosystems through education

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Cairo University has implemented a direct, university-wide programme that works explicitly to maintain and extend existing ecosystems and their biodiversity of both plants and animals, especially ecosystems under threat:

- 1- **The 1st evidence:** CU launched the initiative **محميات بلادي** (“My Country’s Nature Reserves”) in Oct 2023 in collaboration with the German foundation Hans Seidel Foundation. The initiative aims to raise awareness and promote community participation in conserving natural reserves and biodiversity.
- 2- **The 2nd evidence:** The initiative specifically states aims around (biological diversity within Egyptian nature reserves).
- 3- **The 3rd evidence:** Sustainability Report 2023, describes the university’s green space and vegetation coverage on campus (e.g., planted vegetation area about 3,483,673 m²) which suggests attention to planted ecosystems.
- 4- **The 4th evidence:** The university is recognized as being environmentally conscious (e.g., ranked “eco-friendly university” in Egypt) and has a sustainability office.

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