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Supporting Land Ecosystems Through Education



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Maintain and Extend Current Ecosystems' Biodiversity



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SLU-MEAAW (Movement for Ecological Action and Animal Welfare)

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SLU-MEAAW (Movement for Ecological Action and Animal Welfare), Saint Louis University actively works to maintain and extend ecosystems and their biodiversity by empowering this specific student-led body to champion the protection and welfare of the campus's living environment. SLU-MEAAW actively fulfills this mandate for both plants and animals by organizing initiatives that safeguard campus fauna (notably through compassionate management and feeding programs for community cats and dogs to ensure their health and harmonious coexistence) and by promoting broader ecological awareness and stewardship. Through these direct actions, the university fosters a sustainable ecosystem where threatened biodiversity is monitored and protected, ensuring that the campus remains a safe haven for its varied species while educating the community on the importance of environmental preservation.



MISSING



KAT-KAT

FEMALE

ORANGE CAT

LAST SEEN AT
MARYHEIGHTS
CAMPUS

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SLU Students Engage in International Biodiversity Fieldwork at Toyota Sustainability Learning Center

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As part of an international mobility program in Thailand, students from Saint Louis University joined BS Biology OJT participants from Saint Mary's University and NDDU for a full-day biodiversity field activity at the Toyota Biodiversity and Sustainability Learning Center in Cheewa Panavet. The program focused on forest ecosystem preservation, wildlife protection, and sustainable land management—directly supporting SLU's commitment to maintaining and understanding threatened ecosystems.



Led in partnership with Huachiew Chalermprakiet University, the field immersion introduced students to Miyawaki ecological reforestation, a globally recognized method for restoring degraded forest land. Participants learned how rapid-growing, native, multi-layered forests support wildlife habitats, stabilize soil, enhance biodiversity, and restore ecological function.

Students engaged in bird watching, species observations, and ecological interpretation activities that highlighted the interdependence of trees, forest structure, and animal life. These hands-on experiences allowed them to witness firsthand how healthy forest ecosystems sustain diverse avian species and how conservation efforts protect habitats amidst industrial development.

By participating in this international biodiversity initiative, SLU students helped strengthen knowledge and awareness of ecological restoration practices and the role of human stewardship in maintaining living ecosystems. The exposure reinforces SLU's commitment to biodiversity conservation and ecosystem resilience—core goals of SDG 15.2.3.

Watershed Protection via Coffee Planting

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Saint Louis University (SLU), specifically through its Center for Sports Development (CSD), actively works to maintain and extend existing ecosystems and their biodiversity by engaging student-athletes and coaches in annual environmental initiatives, such as the recent planting of 426 coffee saplings at the CICM Home Sweet Home compound in Baguio City. This specific effort, conducted on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi—the Patron Saint of ecology and animals—directly targets the preservation and balancing of the local environment to combat pressing community environmental issues. By responding to the "Cry of the Earth" and aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Land), the university demonstrates a direct commitment to sustaining ecosystems and fostering a greener future for the next generation.



SLU Biology Students Complete WWRRDEC Internship Program

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Saint Louis University actively works to maintain and extend existing ecosystems and their biodiversity, particularly those under threat, by partnering with the Watershed and Water Resources Research, Development, and Extension Center (WWRRDEC) to deploy biology students for hands-on conservation work. Through this internship program, the university directly contributes to the research and management of critical watershed environments as students engage in activities at the Forest Tree Seed Center and Soil and Water Laboratory, including comprehensive soil analysis (measuring pH, texture, moisture, and organic matter) and field studies. This academic-industry collaboration not only nurtures future scientific leaders but also aligns with global sustainability goals—specifically Life on Water (SDG 14) and Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6)—ensuring the preservation of vital habitats for diverse plant and animal life.



Project Greenify (Indoor Ecosystems)

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Saint Louis University, through its Youth Council of Ecolodians (YCE) and the "Project Greenify" initiative, actively works to maintain and extend ecosystems and biodiversity by combating the dominance of "concrete jungles" and reintroducing nature into the campus environment. This effort involves the propagation and distribution of resilient, air-purifying plant species—specifically the Snake Plant—into the Main Campus's comfort rooms to improve indoor air quality and promote sustainable sanitation practices aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. By championing the CICM advocacy for the Integrity of Creation, the university not only aims to enhance current urban biodiversity but also plans to introduce a wider variety of plant species in the future, thereby cultivating a generation of "eco-warriors" dedicated to protecting the planet and its threatened environments.

