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15.3 Supporting land ecosystems through action

15.3.1 Sustainable use, conservation and restoration of land (policy)

Have a policy to ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems associated with the university, in particular forests, mountains and drylands



Fruit Plant (Papaya)



Fruit plant (Mango)



Native plant

Plate 1. Ecosystem restoration in the university campus

Description:

Sri Sri University has well defined policy on Sustainable use, conservation and restoration of land. The policy essentially addresses the conservation of native species, landscaping through native flowering plant, avenue trees, fruit trees, soil binder, etc. protection of habitat and conservation of animal, species. The policy is reviewed and revised if required (**Policy attached**).

Our Activities

1. Only native species are used for the assisted regeneration
2. Exotic species are considered on the basis of functional traits not affecting the native species community structure.
3. All degraded sites in the campus are restored with the help of native plant species
4. University campus is home to diverse bird and butterfly species. Their monitoring is conducted at regular intervals.
5. University is committed to protect stressed species in the campus, if any



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Sri Sri university is located on laterite hard rock with weathering and soil formation process with rocky quarries spread on the landscape. The land area which can be vegetated to restore and develop mosaic of contiguous ecosystems at micro scale has been effectively utilized applying principles and standards for the practice of ecological restoration to achieve sustainability. The campus is now a restored ecosystem with various native plant species (seasonal grass species, annual shrubs (flowering to medicinal) and perennial tree species (fruit bearing, timber, avenue and economic species). The restoration with plantation is a continuous process in the Sri Sri University campus. The diverse patches in the university landscape (rich tree canopy, farmlands) provide a conducive environment for the faunal elements (mammals, birds, herpetofauna, butterflies). The university campus supports a good richness of avifauna and butterfly species.