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SDG14 Life Below Water

14-03 Supporting Aquatic Ecosystems through Action

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- Does your university as an institution have a policy to ensure the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems associated with the university, especially forests, mountains and drylands?
- Yes, the University of Khenchela effectively contributes to preserving terrestrial ecosystems associated with water through its support and participation in strategic national initiatives such as the "Green Algeria Initiative" aimed at combating soil degradation and preserving ecological balance.

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- **Combating soil degradation:** Afforestation contributes to preserving soil and preventing its erosion towards dams and valleys, which improves water quality and preserves aquatic ecosystems.
- **Preserving ecological balance:** Planting local species such as olive and pistachio contributes to the sustainability of terrestrial ecosystems which are considered the natural reservoir for water resources.
- **Strategic partnerships:** The university, through its research staff and students, can be a strategic partner for the General Directorate of Forests and environmental associations in implementing and monitoring these initiatives.