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Sustainable Aquatic Food Sourcing Policy – KIIT University

KIIT University is committed to procuring and serving aquatic food products in a sustainable and responsible manner. This policy, mandatory for all students, staff, and contracted food service providers, covers every aspect of food service operations, including campus cafeterias and procurement processes. Its primary aim is to ensure that seafood and other aquatic products are sourced from environmentally sustainable and socially responsible practices, thereby safeguarding ecological balance while supporting community welfare.

Guiding Principles:

1. Ethical Sourcing Guidelines

- Procure seafood and aquatic products only from suppliers following sustainable fishing practices.
- Give priority to certified aquaculture operations and regulated capture fisheries.
- Prohibit sourcing from destructive methods such as drift-net fishing and other practices causing high bycatch.

2. Sustainability Responsibility

- Minimize environmental impacts by sourcing eco-certified, low-carbon products and engaging suppliers committed to sustainable, resource-efficient practices.

3. Supplier Guidelines

- Ensure suppliers adhere to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards.
- Perform regular audits and assessments of supplier practices.
- Require comprehensive documentation of sustainable harvesting methods and transparent supply chains.


4. Local Supply Procurement

- Give preference to local suppliers to foster regional economic growth.
- Support small and medium enterprises in the local fishing community.
- Minimize transportation-related emissions by emphasizing local procurement.

5. Review, Continuous Improvement, and Compliance

- Conduct continuous research and monitoring to ensure sustainable aquatic food sourcing, assess environmental impacts, and implement necessary environmental improvements.
- Engage with the academic community, marine conservation experts, and sustainable fisheries professionals, while maintaining ongoing communication with suppliers to promote best practices and continuous improvements in sustainability.

KIIT University will review and update this policy annually to ensure sustainable and socially responsible aquatic food procurement. All sourcing must comply with university procedures and regulations, with the Sustainability and Environment Committee overseeing implementation and compliance.


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