

15.2.1.1 Links

Ege University supports educational and scientific activities and the organization of events to ensure the sustainable use and conservation of land, including forests and wildlife.

Description: Ege University Forest School, implemented in cooperation with the Rectorate of Ege University, Izmir Regional Directorate of Forestry and Izmir Directorate of National Education with the aim of protecting forests and greenery by creating a love of forests in society, raising awareness at the individual level and being a breath of fresh air for future generations, provides education to students throughout Izmir to ensure sustainable management of forests, restoration of destroyed forests, and raising awareness on issues such as afforestation and reforestation. The scope of the project, which was established under Ege University Environmental Problems Application and Research Center, has been gradually expanded and collaborated with institutions and organizations such as the Izmir Regional Directorate of Forestry. Activities within the scope of the Ege Forest School Social Responsibility Project continue.

The Ege Forest School project, which aims to raise awareness and raise awareness about sustainable forests within Ege University, set out with the slogan "Green is Life" to emphasize that if forests remain green, they will be beneficial for the creatures living in forests and for everyone in society. In this context, approximately 2000 students have been trained in schools affiliated to the Ministry of National Education and the activities are continuing rapidly.

Related Links:

<https://ormanokulu.ege.edu.tr/>

<https://ormanokulu.ege.edu.tr/s-2613/.html>

https://iletisim.ege.edu.tr/a-67212/eu_orman_okulu_projesinde_ikinci_asama.html

https://cevremerkezi.ege.edu.tr/tr-10028/yesil_kampus_ve_surdurulebilirlik.html

Description: Aiming to raise environmental awareness at primary school age, Ege University and Bornova District Directorate of National Education signed a protocol for the 'Environmentally Friendly Classrooms' project to develop 'Environment and Waste' themed projects with primary school students and teachers.

Related Link:

https://cevremerkezi.ege.edu.tr/tr-9533/yesil_kampus_ve_surdurulebilirlik.html

Description: Ege University has signed various protocols with the General Directorate of Forestry and Izmir Regional Directorate of Forestry in order to contribute to Turkey's green vision and to contribute to afforestation and the expansion of forest areas. One of these protocols is the creation of the '100th Anniversary of the Republic Ege University Memorial Forest'.

Related Links:

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2023/11/11/cumhuriyetin-100-yili-ege-universitesi-hatira-ormani-agaclandirma-calismalari-basliyor/>

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2024/11/12/milli-agaclandirma-gununde-binlerce-fidan-toprakla-bulusturuldu/>

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2024/04/04/egeli-gencler-zeytin-fidanlarini-toprakla-bulusturdu/>

Description: Ege University organizes various conferences and seminars on the importance of the environment, forest areas, plants, protection of plant diversity, nutrition, exercise, secrets of healthy living, etc. Experts are invited to these events.

Related Links:

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2023/12/07/bitkilerin-profesoru-prof-dr-aysun-bay-karabulut-eu-iletisime-konuk-oldu/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzKlnAGdEdw>

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2023/12/15/prof-dr-ozturk-bitkisel-tibbi-urunlere-masum-gozuyle-bakilmamali/>

Description: Ege University supports research and education programs and activities to support the conservation of wildlife (plants and animals). Information and evidence links related to the relevant activities are provided below.

- *The Environmental Trainer Training Certificate Program* was conducted by the Ege University Continuous Education Center (EGESEM). The program is free of charge. It aims to enhance the competencies of environmental trainers in topics such as terrestrial ecosystems, biodiversity, sustainable living, and environmental management. Participants receive both theoretical and practical knowledge during the program. <https://egesem.ege.edu.tr/urun/cevre-egiticisinin-egitim-sertifika-programi/>

Promotion of campus ecosystems, raising awareness of biodiversity, and enhancing consciousness of sustainable area management: <https://www.instagram.com/p/C5EX37FL4C2/>

- An event aimed at promoting ecosystem awareness, habitat observation, species identification, and sustainable area use was held at Karagöl Nature Park: https://www.instagram.com/p/C6bVxMyNQZL/?img_index=1

- Members of the Ege University Biology Society participated in bird ringing studies in collaboration with the METU Eymir Ornithology Research Center and the General Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks. The event provided hands-on training on nature conservation, migration routes, ecosystem dynamics, and scientific ringing methods. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C60xKtTtkc/>

- The history, establishment process, and current management of the Ege University Botanical Garden and Herbarium were introduced. The garden includes 13 greenhouses, a 1300 m² research area, and over 3000 plant species. As one of the first botanical gardens in Turkey, it carries out studies for biodiversity conservation and educational purposes. <https://www.instagram.com/p/C-xoMdDtI2E/>

- The 2nd International Eurasian Biodiversity Conservation Conference was organized by the Department of Biology and the Ege University Biology Society, in collaboration with universities from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan, between 2–4 September 2024. The conference aimed to bring together researchers from Central Asia and Eurasia to contribute to biodiversity conservation, strengthen environmental policies, and support sustainable development goals. https://www.instagram.com/p/C_h_sTes39i/?img_index=1
- The European Birdwatching Day event, organized by the Ege University Biology Society in collaboration with BirdLife International and Doğa Derneği (Nature Association), was held on 5–6 October 2024 at Çakalburnu Lagoon, Alaçatı Wetland, and Ege University Campus. The event included birdwatching, nature awareness, and species identification activities. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DAX9B08sL08/>
- The Noctiluca Bulletin, published by the Ege University Biology Society, consists of scientific-popular articles, interviews, and environmental-themed writings prepared by students. The first issue featured topics such as pollution in the Gulf of İzmir, diatoms, invertebrate species, Darwin’s life, and nature-related themes. The aim is to raise biodiversity awareness and promote environmental consciousness. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DBD3-bpgDhr/>
- As part of the Noctiluca Bulletin activities, the Ege University Biology Society organized a student vote for the Invertebrate Species of the Year 2024. Participants voted among four species (*Olindias formosus*, *Asterodiscides truncatus*, *Rhizostoma pulmo*, and *Vampyroteuthis infernalis*) to enhance biodiversity awareness. https://www.instagram.com/p/DBJnmC0oYx5/?img_index=1
- During the European Birdwatching Day event organized by the Ege University Biology Society at Çakalburnu Lagoon, species such as Little Egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus roseus*), Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*), and Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) were observed. The event aimed to introduce bird species to students and nature enthusiasts, raise ecosystem awareness, and promote nature conservation. https://www.instagram.com/p/DBMVOf0MLNy/?img_index=1
- The “Young Ideas on Water and Climate Crisis Workshop”, organized by the Faculty of Science and the Ege University Biology Society, was held on 8 November 2024 at the Faculty of Science, Building A Conference Hall. The event featured sessions, debates, poster presentations, competitions, and workshops focusing on climate crisis, water conservation, and sustainable environmental policies. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DBjejX8Ak8h/>
- As part of a promotional event organized by the Ege University Biology Society, the *Ege University Center for Environmental Problems Research and Application* (ÇEVMER) was introduced. The event provided information on sustainability, recycling, environmental protection, and Green Metric activities. Students were familiarized with the university’s ecosystem management and environmental policies.. <https://www.instagram.com/p/DDes7Fro6RB/>
- The GreenMetric Türkiye National Workshop, hosted by Ege University on 25–26 April 2024, aimed to promote inter-university knowledge and experience sharing on green campuses, biodiversity, land and waste management, and sustainable planning. The event contributed to raising awareness and building capacity for the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems within campuses.. <https://cevmerkezi.ege.edu.tr/a-682646/greenmetric-turkiye-ulusal-%C3%87alistayi.html>

Description: The Ege University Botanical Garden and Herbarium Center (EGE Botanical Garden) has been registered under the number **6793** in the **international GardenSearch database** of the *Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI)*. This registration ensures the international recognition of the institution's activities in **biodiversity conservation, cultivation of endemic plant species, and education and research.**

Related Link:

<https://gardensearch.bgci.org/garden/6793>

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