

Marine Pollution Reduction Policy

Marine pollution has been a global issue for the past few decades and will likely continue to be one for the foreseeable future. With two-thirds of the Earth covered by water, this is a worldwide problem, and oceans serve as essential habitats for numerous marine species living in coastal waters. Therefore, Istanbul Okan University aligns its policies to reduce and control pollution from all sources, including marine environments.

In this context, Istanbul Okan University prohibits the release of substances into the marine environment that harm marine resources and life, threaten human health, or lead to illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, as well as other unsustainable uses of the sea. The University is committed to preserving marine water quality for the benefit of marine ecosystems and human communities.

The fundamental legal frameworks, external academic standards, and reference points that form the basis for ensuring adherence to this policy on reducing marine pollution are as follows:

- a) The Environmental Law No. 2872 published in the Official Gazette dated August 11, 1983, and numbered 18132.
- b) The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, which the Republic of Turkey is a party to.
- c) The Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.