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Sustainable Harvest Policy For Foods From Aquatic Ecosystems

Istanbul Okan University is committed to promoting sustainable practices and minimizing its impact on aquatic ecosystems. We recognize the importance of responsible resource use and sustainable food harvesting from aquatic environments. This policy ensures that all seafood and other aquatic products served on campus are obtained through sustainable and environmentally responsible methods.

Istanbul Okan University collaborates with local fishermen, conservation organizations, and experts in sustainable harvesting practices to enhance awareness and knowledge about sustainable seafood. Workshops, presentations, and educational campaigns will be organized to inform the campus community about the importance of sustainable harvesting and responsible consumption.

Opportunities will be provided for students and staff to engage in hands-on experiences related to sustainable seafood, such as visiting local fisheries or participating in research projects. Istanbul Okan University is committed to continually improving its sustainable seafood practices. The policy will be periodically reviewed to ensure alignment with best practices, current sustainability standards, and changes in the seafood industry. Collaboration with external partners, such as sustainable seafood organizations, will be sought to enhance the effectiveness and impact of this policy.

By implementing this sustainable harvesting policy, Istanbul Okan University aims to promote responsible consumption, protect aquatic ecosystems, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of seafood resources.

To ensure the protection of aquatic ecosystems and the sustainable use of food, the following fundamental legal frameworks, external academic standards, and external reference points are considered in accordance with this policy:

- a) Fisheries Law No. 1380, published in the Official Gazette dated April 4, 1971, and numbered 13799
- b) Environmental Law No. 2872, published in the Official Gazette dated August 11, 1983 and numbered 18132
- c) The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, to which the Republic of Turkey is a party.
- d) The Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats.