

15. LIFE ON LAND

We at Kadir Has University engage in planting operations regularly to safeguard the environment and review the green or dry lands in the university accordingly. In addition, we act in cooperation with non-governmental organizations concerning environmental sustainability-related projects and organize ecological training programs for academic staff and administrative personnel. These efforts are intended to raise awareness about the protection of life on land and natural resources.

The events, projects, publications, and courses within the organization of our University in connection with this goal are detailed below.

15.1. Courses

- **KHAS 107 Design:** The mandatory course of design for all first-year university students under the Core Program discusses the relationships between design and urban common and attracts attention to life below water in Istanbul, considering the context of urban common and coexistence. There were also certain events in this respect, such as the Yedikule Kitchen Gardens Protection Initiative concerning these urban commons and cultural heritage, the Water Buffalo Festival attracting attention to the endangered water buffalos in Istanbul, and the Validebağ Grove Volunteers. Through the classroom exercises, the students make great efforts to document and map the living beings in the Cibali Neighborhood near the university campus. Within the scope of this course, out of the student design projects intended to provide a solution to a particular problem identified by the students at the campus and its surroundings, there are specific projects in this respect, such as workshops where cat houses are made for the cats living in the campus, poster and sticker designs observing the characteristics and daily lives of the dogs in the neighborhood, the construction of winter doghouses together with the neighborhood residents, and the mapping of different plant species in Cibali.
- **KHAS 101 Origins and Consequences:** This course analyzes the valuable consequences of inventions in the different scientific fields for people, and the module called the Foundations of Evolution motivates the students to think of what to do to maintain the impact of people on life on land at a sustainable level. The students do research homework in any field of their choice, analyzing the topic thoroughly.
- **KHAS 105 Universal Values and Ethics:** The Ecologic Crisis and Coexistence of Species module encourages the student to discuss the possibilities of the coexistence of different species and the importance of life on land in the context of an ecologic crisis.
- **KHAS 110 Social Responsibility:** Authentic project groups within the scope of this course organized some events and campaigns for stray animals. A group organized an event to provide houses and feed for homeless animals. Another group made efforts to organize events for the cats on the university campus.
- **KHAS 110 Social Responsibility:** Within the scope of this course, an authentic group of students organized various informative events and campaigns to bring into question environmental pollution. The students made efforts to inform the people of the impacts of environmental pollution on life on land accordingly. They also organized an event to make forest cleaning efforts at the semester-end.