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## REPORT ON SDG 14: LIFE BELOW WATER



Students from Azerbaijan University organize regular beach clean-up events, where they collect trash and plastic waste along coastal areas to protect marine ecosystems and reduce seas pollution. These activities help raise awareness about the importance of keeping water bodies clean.





## Life Below Water (SDG 14)

Azerbaijan University proudly supports the goals outlined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14: **Life Below Water**, which focuses on conserving and sustainably using the oceans, seas, and marine resources. Though not a marine institution, we believe that awareness and education about aquatic ecosystems are essential for fostering a responsible and informed society.



### Sustainable Water Use on Campus

We are highly **sensitive to water consumption and waste** on our campus. Our university has implemented water-saving practices and raises awareness among students and staff about the importance of conserving this vital resource. Through routine monitoring and responsible facility management, we aim to reduce water waste and encourage sustainable habits in daily operations.





### **Environmental Education and Awareness Activities**

Understanding and appreciating aquatic life is an important part of our educational philosophy. Each year, Azerbaijan University organizes **educational visits** and activities that deepen our students' knowledge and appreciation of underwater ecosystems and marine biodiversity. These include:

**“Suraxanı” Ship-Museum (Gəmi-Muzeyi)** - this unique floating museum provides insights into maritime history, naval technology, and the importance of sea conservation.

**Balıqqulağı Muzeyi (Shell Museum)** - students explore marine biology through a rich collection of seashells and learn about the diversity of ocean life.

**Botanical Garden (Botanik Bağ)** - while primarily focused on plant species, the garden also offers environmental education on ecosystems where land and water interact.

**Museum of Natural History (Təbiət Tarixi Muzeyi)** - this museum provides valuable scientific context on aquatic species and their roles in global ecological systems.



**Zoo Visits** - zoo excursions help students understand the interdependence of all living species, including those from aquatic habitats, in controlled and educational environments.