

INDUS TREE CRAFTS FOUNDATION

INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY



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1. Purpose:

- The purpose of this policy is to outline Indus Tree Crafts Foundation's commitment to preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species in all of its projects and operations. This policy ensures that the foundation's activities align with environmental best practices and contribute positively to biodiversity conservation.

2. Scope:

- This policy applies to all projects, programs, and activities undertaken by Indus Tree Crafts Foundation, including those related to forest management, agriculture, community development, and other initiatives that involve the use of natural resources.

3. Policy Statement:

- Indus Tree Crafts Foundation is committed to promoting biodiversity and protecting native ecosystems. As part of this commitment, the foundation ensures that no invasive species are introduced through its activities. The following principles guide this policy:
 - **Avoidance of Invasive Species:** Indus Tree Crafts Foundation strictly avoids the introduction of any non-native species that are known to be invasive or have the potential to become invasive in the ecosystems where it operates.
 - **Selection of Native and Non-Invasive Species:** For all planting and ecological restoration activities, the foundation prioritizes the use of native species or non-invasive species that are appropriate for the local environment and that support the conservation of local biodiversity.
 - **Monitoring and Control:** Indus Tree Crafts Foundation actively monitors its project sites to detect any signs of invasive species. If any non-native species are inadvertently introduced, prompt action is taken to control and eliminate them to prevent their establishment and spread.
 - **Stakeholder Engagement:** Indus Tree Crafts Foundation works closely with local communities, experts, and stakeholders to raise awareness about the risks of invasive species and to promote best practices in biodiversity conservation.

4. Review and Revision:

- This policy will be reviewed annually or as necessary to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness. Any updates will be communicated to all stakeholders to ensure ongoing compliance.

5. Authorized Signatory:

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