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OBJECTIVE

LIFE Institute Policy regarding the use of chemicals (pesticides, antibiotics, hormones, fertilizers, and other inputs).

APPLICATION


This document applies to LIFE Certified Organizations and to other stakeholders in LIFE Methodology.

APPROVAL

Document approved by LIFE Institute's Board of Directors.

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Considering the potential negative effect of the use of chemicals (pesticides, antibiotics, hormones, fertilizers, and other inputs) on biodiversity and human health, especially:

- i) The results of studies that indicate the use of pesticides as one of the causes for the reduction in the population of pollinators;
- ii) The adverse effects of their application on local fauna and water resources.

LIFE Institute decides to apply the **Prevention Principle**.

Thus, it recognizes **the negative impacts of these products on biodiversity and human health, demanding a Plan for the Reduction of the Use of Chemicals, in addition to the voluntary application of strict criteria to minimize the negative consequences of their use.**

This policy and its interpretation may change at any time, according to new studies. The LIFE Institute encourages all stakeholders to submit suggestions so that it can continuously refine the monitoring and prevention requirements.