



**Activity Report submitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2023 for SDG 15: Life on Land,  
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For Universidad de Costa Rica it is of great importance to link all the initiatives that are having an impact on SDGs and 2030 Agenda. Thus since 2022, it is including in the systematization of all its projects their relation to SDGs. Besides, last September our National Council of Rectors launched a [report](#) of Costa Rican public universities actions that have contributed to achieve ODS from 2018-2021, of which Universidad de Costa Rica has conducted up to 40,35% of the total: 36,41% through research projects, 28.06% social outreach projects, 23.99% academic projects, and 7.18% administrative ones. By 2022, UCR has developed about 23 social outreach projects and 29 research projects related to SDG 15.

After HESD Cluster's meeting last year, we had a meeting with colleagues from University of West Indies, which has opened diverse possibilities of collaboration, promotion of international opportunities shared by UWI to our university Community, within the area of climate change. One of those was an opportunity of application for research funds to Belmont Forum, for which we organized administrative staff and researchers' meetings within our university to present a project. However, there was not enough time to complete it.

We continued promoting HESD Cluster through diverse meetings during the year at our campus, including visits to our regional campuses and branches. Besides, AIU promoted our Webinar on Science Diplomacy to all members of HESD CLUSTER.

Through AIU's secretariat we had the opportunity to participate in a meeting with a representative from Hogskolen i Innlandet, where we discussed collaboration opportunity. Weeks after we prepared information about our Agronomy Sciences College and Research Centers and sent it to Innlandet for their consideration. We are waiting for confirmation of interest.





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We continued systematizing information about SDG 15 advances at UCR and included a study conducted by our National Council of Rectors, which are sharing enclosed, as we will be working together with AIU Secretariat to promote future linkages among our researchers and HESD Cluster's groups.

Finally, after the first encounter with HESD CLUSTER ODS 13 and ODS 14 during last year meetings, we invited our Postgraduate Program of Integral Management of Tropical Coastal Areas to consider an important invitation from Bergen University and West Indies University to participate in the Seminar on Teaching ocean science and SDGs in higher education: Perspectives from IAU HESD Clusters and South-African Master program in Ocean Science (SAMOS), coinciding with the arrival of the Ocean Expedition in Cape Town, Jamaica. Our professor and researcher Dr. Ingo Wehrtmann, participated in this activity and presented "The Research Center of Marine Science and Limnology (CIMAR) of the Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) and the SDGs."

During this activity he was able to establish new contacts, expand knowledge and share best practices regarding SDGs and higher education, learn about new teaching methods on the SDGs and promote the work conducted at UCR, particularly at the Research Center on Marine Sciences and Limnology, including our Postgraduate Program of Integral Management of Tropical Coastal Areas. He has continued communication with his contacts since then and there is interest in promoting learned models, also organized a videoconference on the topic of waters, among other initiatives that have developed after this participation.