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OBJECTIVE

LIFE Institute Policy regarding the use of genetically modified organisms.

APPLICATION

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

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1. LIFE POLICY FOR USE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Considering:

- i) The possibility of implementing improved prevention requirements of their risks;
- ii) The possibility of generating new knowledge about their impacts;
- iii) The absence of consensus in the scientific community about their potential impacts on biodiversity and human health;
- iv) The presence of GM material in various production and business practices;

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

In this way, **recognize the potential risks of these organisms, requiring the voluntary application of strict criteria to minimize their potential consequences.**

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 we can continuously refine the monitoring and prevention requirements.

NOTES ON DEVELOPMENT OF THIS DOCUMENT

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