

ISUIKWUATO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA

Environmental Policy

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Policy Statement

Isuikwuato Local Government Area is committed to protecting and preserving its natural environment through sustainable environmental management, responsible use of natural resources, and active community participation.

Background

The Local Government recognizes forests, rivers, hills, farmlands, and wildlife as invaluable assets. It also acknowledges challenges including deforestation, erosion, bush burning, uncontrolled hunting, flooding, waste disposal, and pollution.

Policy Objectives

- Protect forests and promote afforestation and reforestation.
- Prevent and control soil erosion through sustainable land management.
- Discourage indiscriminate bush burning through public education and enforcement.
- Promote wildlife conservation and responsible hunting practices.
- Improve flood resilience through drainage management and environmental planning.
- Promote proper waste management and environmental sanitation.
- Protect rivers, streams, wetlands, and other water resources.
- Encourage environmental education and public awareness.
- Support climate-smart and environmentally sustainable development.

Guiding Principles

Conservation — Natural resources shall be managed responsibly for present and future generations.

Community Participation — Residents and community institutions shall be encouraged to participate in environmental protection.

Prevention — Environmental risks should be identified and addressed before they cause greater harm.

Sustainability — Development should balance economic and social needs with environmental protection.

Our Actions

The Local Government has taken practical steps to respond to environmental challenges. At Ahaba, where advancing gully erosion had nearly destroyed a major access road, the Local Government drew the attention of the Abia State Ministry of Environment to the situation and advocated for urgent intervention. The Council also continues to support public awareness, community engagement, sanitation initiatives, and partnerships with environmental stakeholders including ISEAA.

Implementation Framework

- Support afforestation and reforestation programmes.
- Promote erosion control and environmental restoration.
- Strengthen awareness against bush burning and unsustainable hunting.
- Support flood mitigation and drainage management.
- Promote responsible waste disposal and sanitation.
- Collaborate with relevant government agencies, civil society organizations, communities, and development partners.

Our Commitment

Isuikwuato Local Government Area remains committed to a clean, healthy, resilient, and sustainable environment where communities, natural resources, and development can thrive together.