



SDG 14.2.2 and SDG 14.2.3

Sustainable fisheries and Overfishing (community outreach)

The University of Sharjah works closely with national authorities to support community education on sustainable fisheries, marine environmental protection, and the risks associated with overfishing. A key part of these efforts is the University's cooperation with the Sharjah Fish Resources Authority (SFRA). During a high-level meeting between the University's leadership and SFRA, both parties discussed joint initiatives in scientific research, fisheries development, and public awareness on the effects of environmental and water pollution on fish populations. The University highlighted the role of its colleges and research groups including biotechnology, nutrition, and engineering in contributing studies that serve the local community in areas aligned with SFRA's priorities.

SFRA emphasized the importance of benefiting from the University's expertise to develop policies and regulations, raise awareness about the dangers of overfishing, and strengthen food security and fisheries sustainability. Both sides agreed to organize a series of meetings and workshops involving specialists from each institution, creating a shared framework for future cooperation. These joint activities support community outreach on responsible fisheries management, marine ecosystem protection, and the impacts of destructive fishing practices.

His Excellency Prof. Hamid M.K. Al Naimiy, Chancellor of the University of Sharjah (UoS), welcomed His Excellency Ali Ahmed Ali Abu Ghazin, Chairman of Sharjah Fish Resources Authority (SFRA), along with his accompanying delegation, to discuss various areas of joint cooperation. This includes scientific research and its role in preserving the environment, developing fisheries, and raising awareness about the effects of environmental and water pollution on fish.

During the meeting, the Chancellor emphasized that the University of Sharjah, along with its various colleges and research institutes, is willing to contribute and cooperate with the Sharjah Fish Resources Authority in conducting scientific research within SFRA's fields of interest and activities. He noted that the studies conducted by the departments of biotechnology and nutrition, as well as research groups at the College of Engineering, will contribute to serving the local community in fields of common interest. The chancellor also highlighted the opportunity for SFRA's administrative cadres to enroll in master's and doctoral programs at the University and conduct studies under the joint supervision of the University and the Authority.

His Excellency Ali Ahmed Abu Ghazin praised the fundamental role of the University of Sharjah in serving the local community, explaining that the Authority seeks to benefit from the University's expertise, develop a set of policies and regulations for SFRA, raise awareness about the impact of overfishing and the importance of food security and fisheries. At the end of the meeting, the two sides agreed to hold a series of meetings and workshops with specialists from both sides, contributing to setting and defining general frameworks for future cooperation.



The meeting was attended by Prof. Youssef Al Haik, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Salah Taher Al Haj, Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs, Dr. Amina Al Marzouqi, Vice Chancellor for Student and Branch Affairs. In addition to attendees from the Sharjah Fish Resources Authority including Mr. Obaid Alsouqi, Director of the President's Office at SFRA, Ms. Aisha Alhammadi, Director of the Fish Wealth Department, and Ms. Qasayed Almazmi, Environmental Sciences and Nature Reserves Researcher.