

MuEuCAP includes three Myanmar and three European universities and a number of conservation NGOs and CSOs, primarily based in Yangon. These include MBNS (Myanmar Bird and Nature Society), WCS, FFI, Harrison Institute, and Smithsonian Institution.



EU (European Union) cooperation will benefit higher education in Myanmar by providing skills, technical training, equipment, funding and international experience, which are not available currently within the country.



- The Myanmar universities** are geographically widespread and comprise:
- University of Mandalay, Mandalay Division, in the Central Dry Zone
 - Mawlamyine University in Mon State, adjacent to the Gulf of Martaban
 - Myeik University in southern Tanintharyi Region.
- The European universities** are situated in three countries and comprise:
- Universität für Bodenkultur (BOKU: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences), Vienna, Austria
 - Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (UGOE: University of Göttingen), Germany
 - Universidad de Extremadura (UEX: University of Extremadura), Badajoz, Spain.

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With the active support and enthusiastic involvement of the rectors, pro-rectors, staff and students from the three Myanmar universities, MuEuCAP (Myanmar Universities/European Universities Capacity Building project) has made excellent progress in its first year.

Much information about the project's aims, objectives, outputs and activities are available on its website www.myanmar-edu.org and on its Facebook page.



MuEuCAP is a joint Myanmar/European project supported by the European Union's Erasmus+ programme. It focuses on the science of environmental protection.

Working with colleagues in three Myanmar universities, it seeks to ensure that the higher education sector has the capacity to train a new cohort of young Myanmar postgraduate students. Students who are equipped with the soft and hard skills to respond to national and global environmental challenges, such as natural resource management, climate change, pollution, habitat fragmentation, the spread of zoonotic diseases and biodiversity loss.

Without such expertise, these challenges will not only impact negatively on Myanmar's natural environment but also on the functioning of the ecosystems on which Myanmar depends for food, fresh water, health and protection from natural disasters.



In 1990, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi wrote "a country's international standard cannot be measured in terms of the number of hotels and bridges; it has to be measured in terms of education... a country of inferior education won't be able to catch up with the world."

MuEuCAP is a response to this challenge and to recent reforms of Myanmar's higher education law. It will assist Myanmar's universities in their ongoing process of becoming autonomous. It will lead to a more attractive and relevant, demand-driven education, better training programmes, and a curriculum that is more closely aligned to opportunities for future employment and to the environmental needs of the country.

