# [***University of Melbourne Launches Institute to Address Global Biodiversity Loss***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69KS-4841-JC11-14R5-00000-00&context=1516831)

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(TNSres) -- The University of Melbourne issued the following news:

The University of Melbourne has launched the Melbourne ***Biodiversity*** Institute (MBI), a collective of researchers, innovators, and interdisciplinary problem-solvers dedicated to addressing the global challenge of ***biodiversity*** ***loss***.

MBI will bring together a diverse range of academic experts from across the University, and link expertise with governments, private institutions, and communities.

It will focus on discovery research, conservation actions, policy, and education to address the drivers of ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** and develop sustainable solutions.

Institute Director Professor Brendan Wintle said solving Earth's ***biodiversity*** crisis required an understanding of nature through research across all disciplines, as well as expertise in industry and community to understand the political barriers to enabling change.

"***Biodiversity*** ***loss*** is far more than just an environmental problem. The causes and ramifications of global ***biodiversity*** ***loss*** have economic, legal, social, and cultural dimensions.

"***Biodiversity*** supports everything in nature we need to survive: clean air, food, clothing, fresh water, and medicine, and long-term solutions are needed to address this existential challenge," Professor Wintle said.

Melbourne ***Biodiversity*** Deputy Director, Dr Rachel Morgain said the launch of MBI recognised the University's strong position to tackle global ***biodiversity*** ***loss***.

"The University is home to world-class researchers in ***biodiversity***, and the Institute will unite and amplify the breadth of interdisciplinary expertise across faculties. The solutions to this global challenge lie in the connections of our expertise," Dr Rachel Morgain said.

The newest of the Melbourne Interdisciplinary Research Institutes, establishment of the MBI follows the launch of the ***Biodiversity*** Council in late 2022, a national body hosted by the University of Melbourne with 10 other university partners to provide expert advocacy for Australia's ***biodiversity***.

The University of Melbourne's Deputy Dean of Science and renowned ecologist Professor Michael McCarthy said the University has a strong track record of transformative, real-world impact when interdisciplinary problem-solving is embraced.

"Globally, we know we cannot reach net-zero and nature positive without addressing the ***biodiversity*** crisis. The Institute is our next step in harnessing our research and expertise to make long lasting change to protect our most valuable asset - our environment.

"The University is committed to the global goal of addressing the ***biodiversity*** crisis and achieving nature positive. We need to understand ***biodiversity*** in all its forms and use our knowledge and focus on solutions to support decision-making by governments, businesses, and communities," Professor McCarthy said.

The Melbourne ***Biodiversity*** Institute was launched by the University's Vice-Chancellor Professor Duncan Maskell on Wednesday 8 November 2023 at the University of Melbourne Parkville campus.

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