Decree against spoiling things on earth. Allah says (what means): (And do not do mischief on the earth, after it has been set in order,...) [Quran 7:56]. “Make not mischief on the earth” The Holy Quran 2:11

Moreover, Muslims are instructed to cultivate barren lands and for such a task, a good reward is prepared for them in the Hereafter, Imaam Ahmad reported in “al-musnad” from Jabir that the prophet (PBUH) said: “Whoever cultivates a wasteland will be rewarded; whatever is eaten from it (by a living creature) is a charity on his part.” (Al-Albaani ruled it to be sound)

As for animals, in Islam all human beings are instructed to safeguard all animals, eatable or not, and states that those who hurt animals will be punished. Imaams al-Bukahri and muslim reported that from ibn Umar that the prophet (PBUH) said: “May Allah’s curse be upon the person who makes a living animal a target for shooting (i.e. for the sale of amusement or sport)”.

Damage of all forms and kinds is forbidden in Islam. One of the fundamental principles of Islamic law is the prophetic declaration:

“There shall be no damage and no infliction of damage.” (Al-Hakim)(1)

Muslims are instructed to look after the environment and not to damage it:

Devote thyself single mindedly to the faith and thus follow the nature designed by Allah, the nature according to which He has fashioned mankind. There is no altering the creation of Allah. The Holy Quran 30:30.

Allah has made known through the Holy Quran and via the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the hadith that He is the creator of all life on earth and indeed in the universe (Sura 4:171; 21:19). We also know from the Holy Quran that Allah has placed humanity in the role of khalifa-Vice regent on earth (Sura 2:30; 6:165). We know that on the Day of Judgment we will have to answer before Allah as to how well we conducted ourselves as Khalifas for life on earth (Sura 6:73). We know also from the Holy Quran that all creatures live in the community (sura 6:38) and we know from the hadith, where the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stopped people from tormenting a mother bird by taking her young that Allah forbids the infliction of unnecessary pain and suffering on other living creatures. As Khalifas we have the right to use nature but not to abuse it.