

## Short courses in global forestry trends and challenges

### Executives learning about forestry

25–30 March 2007

### Foresters becoming executives

15–20 April 2007

Cost: US\$7500

These two courses are designed for experienced executives needing to learn more about the forestry sector, and successful forest managers stepping into executive-level positions.

Effective decisions about forests, forest products and forestry need to be based on valid information and the most comprehensive understanding of this information at all scales—from the global to the local. Our understanding of forests and the information upon which this understanding is based has changed dramatically during the past few years.

These courses have been designed to meet the needs of busy executives who require access to the most up-to-date understanding of forest management: successful executives with little background in forestry who find themselves in organizations involving forests and forest products, and experienced forest managers who are stepping into executive-level positions with little training in business.

Participants will gain information, material and access to global ideas and thinkers in an academic environment, and develop contacts with fellow participants, graduate students, Yale faculty and other instructors, that can serve them well beyond the course.

Classes will include a primary instructor and a changing array of expert discussants and expert panels drawn from both the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies faculty and outside expertise across the field. The courses cover similar material, but the emphasis in *Executives learning about forestry* will be on understanding forests, forestry and forest products, and in *Foresters becoming executives* on building executive skills.

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### Tropical birding in Costa Rica: introduction to field ornithology

August 2007 (dates to be determined)

Cost: US\$1800

This course is offered in four biogeographic regions in Costa Rica: Central Valley (tropical moist forest), Monteverde cloud forests, Guanacaste dry forests and the Northern Atlantic region (tropical wet forests). This way, the course offers opportunities for both birding and getting to know a great deal of Costa Rica. It is also a unique way to have first contact with tropical environments. It is designed for professionals and lay persons in biology, forestry, biodiversity, ecology and other areas in the natural resources field. The ideal participants will be persons who do not have formal training in ornithology but who want to become proficient bird-watchers in a short time.

The course is both practical and theoretical. Field practices are devoted mostly to observation and identification, including bird calls. Field practices on identification are complemented by lectures and group discussions on other subjects such as morphology, feeding, nesting, breeding, habits, behaviour, distribution, migration, use of habitat, conservation, and photography techniques. However, the emphasis of the course is on the techniques of field identification.

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### GIS and remote sensing for natural resource management

3 January 2007–23 March 2007

ITC, Enschede, the Netherlands

Cost: €2500

This 12-week course is designed for natural resource managers who already have a good working knowledge of basic geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing and who seek to develop specialist knowledge and skills in particular fields of application. On completion of the course, participants can take up roles as natural resource geo-information specialists working at the interface of natural resource management (NRM), natural resource data acquisition and analysis, and geo-information technology. During the first two weeks, participants will review their experience in NRM and examine the importance of GIS and remote sensing in NRM. Participants will then join the three specialization modules of the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC)'s regular NRM degree program for a period of nine weeks. Depending on their background and requirements, participants can follow the Forestry for Sustainable Development specialization out of six other fields of specialization. In the final week, participants will come together to report on their work, share experiences and compile back-to-office reports.

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## New member for ITTO

The Government of Madagascar recently acceded to the International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994, thus becoming ITTO's 60th member. Madagascar has a population of about 16 million people and contains some of the world's most biodiverse rainforests. Lemurs, a primitive and diverse class of primate, are endemic to Madagascar and some small surrounding islands.