

## Participatory action research for community-based natural resource management

28 June–4 July 2006

Cost: US\$1050

Thailand

The objectives of this study tour are to: demonstrate how local people apply action research in natural resource management; gain an understanding of participatory action research and to explore the different models and practices involved; discuss the challenges and issues that arise when communities conduct action research in natural resource management; explore the roles of different stakeholders in participatory action research in natural resource management; evaluate the impact of participatory action research on sustainable natural resource management; and review the challenges in developing participatory action research practices within participants' own contexts.

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## Leadership and adaptive management: supporting decentralised forest and nature management in rural development

2 October–10 November 2006

Cost: first module (three weeks): €2750 (Wageningen, the Netherlands)  
second module (three weeks): €2400 (Africa)

This course offers participants the opportunity to reflect on current work approaches and develop skills and practices supporting collaborative forest management with active stakeholder participation. In particular, the course should enable participants to: build an awareness of their own skills and competencies for leading innovations in multi-disciplinary work approaches; practice a broad range of participatory methods and adaptive management tools; understand and assess the implications of up-scaling participation to working with diverse stakeholder groups at various levels; design, plan and implement change processes with small teams to support decentralised management practices in NRM; and assess the impact of their own values and personal learning styles and further develop their competence as team leaders.

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## Interactive forest and nature policy in practice: managing multi-stakeholder learning in sector-wide approaches and national forest programs

27 November–8 December 2006

Southeast Asia (probably Indonesia)

Cost: €3100

The overall aim of this course is to provide participants with insights, knowledge and skills for designing and managing interactive policy development and implementation processes in forest and nature management. In particular, the course should enable participants to: critically examine different interactive policy processes such as national forest programs and sector approaches; understand and assess the implications of up-scaling participation to working with diverse stakeholder groups at regional and national levels; identify the types of institutional change and support necessary for effective interactive policy facilitation and improved governance; assess the impact of their own values and personal learning styles; and further develop their competence as process managers.

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## Forest and certification summer training program

17–21 July 2006

Oxford, UK

This program provides a range of courses dealing with current issues for those involved in forest management, certification and sustainable natural resource management. The courses are based on up-to-date practical experience and are designed to bring together key players in a range of fields to provide a unique training opportunity.

Training courses are available in the following subject areas:

- introduction to certification and standards (one day; cost = £225);
- forest certification in practice (4- or 5-day options; cost = £850 & £900);
- responsible purchasing in practice including product tracing and chain of custody (two days; cost = £425);
- identifying and managing high conservation value forests (two days; cost = £425); and
- climate change policy and forests (one day; cost = £250).

Participants can select the combination of courses that suits their needs and attend them in one integrated event.

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## Enterprise development and marketing of natural resource products

18 July–1 August 2006

Bangkok, Thailand

Cost: US\$2750

The objectives of this course are to: provide an understanding of the key elements which influence community enterprise development and the linkages with sustainable rural livelihoods; develop participants' capacity to plan and implement sound micro and small enterprise development programs; increase participants' knowledge and understanding of the process involved in the marketing of natural resource products to enable the establishment of sound rural enterprises; provide the analytical skills and knowledge to research potential products, the market situation, and market entry; and provide opportunities for participants to share experiences and ideas on community-based enterprises and the ability to convert these discussions into workplace outcomes.

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## Participatory management of protected areas

11–23 September 2006

Bangkok, Thailand

Cost: US\$2600

This course is designed to provide forestry, natural resource and conservation professionals with a deeper understanding of why it is important to include local communities in the management of protected areas and to better understand how this can be done. It will also help participants gain the analytical skills needed to enable them to better conceptualise and overcome problems in the application of participatory protected area management within their own specific situations. The objectives of the course are to: introduce key concepts and issues in participatory management of protected areas; increase understanding on important approaches in implementing protected area management; and build basic skills in participatory planning and design of conservation initiatives.

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## Introducing community forestry: innovative ideas, practices and methodologies

9–20 October 2006

Kathmandu, Nepal

Cost: US\$2000

The objectives of this course are to: provide international participants with opportunities to identify and analyse key community forestry concepts, strategies and principles in order to gain a broader and deeper understanding of community forestry; share experiences, knowledge and skills in community forestry among a diverse group of international participants; and explore and highlight the evolution of 'generational' issues within the Nepalese context and link lessons learned to participants' own country experiences and developments.

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