

Biodiversity monitoring and assessment techniques

20 April–31 May 2004

19 April–30 May 2005

Cost: US\$3780

Los Baños, the Philippines

Language: English

This course deals with monitoring and assessment techniques, surveys and methods, procedures, data analysis, and the interpretation of long-term biodiversity data. It offers a wide range of topics covering the scope and relevance of biodiversity in terrestrial ecosystems, planning and approaches in assessing and monitoring biodiversity, genetic and population inventory methods, fauna and floral inventory, single and multi-species inventory, ecosystem and landscape diversity inventory, and the analysis and interpretation of biodiversity data and information.

Contact details below.

Application of GIS in natural resource policy research

11–24 May 2004

10–23 May 2005

Cost: US\$1575

Los Baños, the Philippines

Language: English

This course provides administrators, managers, experts and other professionals in the fields of natural resource policy research with the knowledge to include geographic and temporal dimensions in their policy recommendations and strategies. The participants are expected to gain skills in the use of geographic information systems (GIS) data in policy assessment and resource management alternatives. The course will comprise lectures, discussions and hands-on computer exercises.

Contact details below.

Study tour on forestry and environment training management

11–24 May 2004

10–23 May 2005

Cost: US\$4500

Various locations in the Philippines

Language: English

This tour is designed to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the participants on the diverse aspects of training management through visits and observation tours of various training institutions and agencies in the Philippines. It is focused on interaction and the sharing of experiences with different government and non-government training organisations in the field of forest resource conservation and environmental stability. To make the study tour more experiential, participants will also have the rare opportunity of interviewing local community leaders and members who became active role-players in forestry and environment training activities as participants and/or resource persons.

Contact details below.

Forest products marketing

1 June–12 July 2004

7 June–18 July 2005

Cost: US\$3780

Los Baños, the Philippines

Language: English

This course will open up business opportunities for forest products by equipping participants with knowledge on environment/green and global marketing issues and market research. It will also explore how to develop a marketing information system and prepare a marketing plan.

Contact details below.

Agroforestry for sustainable development

1 June–12 July 2004

7 June–18 July 2005

Cost: US\$3780

Los Baños, the Philippines

Language: English

This course, which is designed for agroforestry officers, social foresters and extension, rural and upland development workers, will operationalise the concepts of sustainable development through the art, science and practice of agroforestry. It will also demonstrate the approaches, methods and techniques involved in designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating agroforestry projects, and address issues of food security, woodfuel productivity, livelihoods, and rehabilitation of degraded lands.

Contact details below.

Geomatics for natural resource management

6 July–16 August 2004

5 July–15 August 2005

Cost: US\$3780

Los Baños, the Philippines

Language: English

This course introduces the background, concepts, principles and application of geomatics in natural resource management. It covers topics such as data acquisition and management; mapping technologies; advances in surveying and mapping using global positioning systems (GPS); field surveying exercises, and data input and GIS mapping. It also focuses on the watershed as the basic management unit in natural resource management. It aims to enable the participants to integrate geomatics technology into the daily operation and decision-making functions of an organisation.

For all above courses, contact: The Director, Training Center for Tropical Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability (TREES), College of Forestry and Natural Resources, University of the Philippines Los Baños, PO Box 434, College, Laguna 4031, Philippines; Tel 63-49-536 2268; Fax 63-49-536 3340; trees@laguna.net; www.apafri.org/trees/index.htm

Sustainable forestry in tropical ecosystems: field experience in Ghana, West Africa

16 July–7 August 2004

Ghana

Cost: NAU tuition: \$768 (estimated);

Course fee: \$1200

The School of Forestry at the Northern Arizona University (NAU) is offering a 3-week short course (field exploration) in sustainable forest management practices for tropical ecosystems in Ghana, West Africa. The course is taught in cooperation with local educators and research colleagues, including time in both dry and wet tropical forest ecosystems.

Contact: Dr Mike Wagner, NAU School of Forestry, PO Box 15018, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5018, USA; Mike.Wagner@nau.edu; or Dr Paul Bosu, Forestry Research Institute of Ghana, PO Box 63, KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana; ppb2@dana.ucc.nau.edu; www.for.nau.edu/shortcourses/tropicalforestry/

International Seminar on Watershed Management

22 June–7 July 2004

Wisconsin, USA

Cost: US\$4000

Language: English

Organised jointly by the University of Wisconsin and USDA Forest Service International Programs, this seminar offers a mix of instruction and facilitated discussions to engage participants on critical global and regional watershed management issues, emphasising innovative approaches to watersheds to work across a wide range of biophysical and socioeconomic settings. Particular attention will be given to the management of watersheds in developing and newly emerging market economies.

For more information go to www.fs.fed.us/global/is/welcome.htm

International Field Course on Wildlands and Protected Area Management

6 July–8 August 2004

Cost: US\$4,950

Language: Spanish

Co-hosted by the Center for Protected Area Management and Training at Colorado State University and USDA Forest Service International Programs, this course, held entirely in Spanish, presents key concepts, principles and methods of protected area management while emphasising field-based practical exercises. Participants will interact extensively with local resource users, various local, state and federal agencies, collaborating private conservation organisations, and other citizen groups involved in natural resource management. This interaction will provide participants with hands-on experience in solving complex biodiversity conservation and natural resource use and management problems.

For more information go to www.fs.fed.us/global/is/welcome.htm

International Seminar on Protected Area Management

5–21 August 2004

Cost: US\$4750

Western USA

Language: English

Designed for senior level planners and managers of nationally significant protected areas worldwide, this integrated, state-of-the-art course examines strategies to conserve the world's most special places. Sponsored by USDA Forest Service International Programs and the universities of Montana, Idaho and Colorado State, the seminar will evaluate policies and institutional arrangements that sustain both people and natural resources.

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