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Course syllabus

Wildlife Conservation

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The Marine Conservation course will cover basic conservation theory so you understand how interactions between animals and the environment contribute to the function of an ecosystem.

Modules		Lessons	Learning objectives
1.	Introduction to Conserva-tion	• History of Conservation • Famous Conservationists • Biodiversity of Earth • World's Major Biomes	• Describe how wildlife conservation emerged as a professional career in the 20th century • Explain the processes that determine global and local distribution of biodiversity • Understand the main processes that control population size
2.	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management	• Why is Biodiversity Important? • Approaches to Ecosystem Management • What is Adaptive Management and How Does it Help Manage Complexity? • Species Management	• Discuss how mimicking natural processes forms the basis for conservation management action • Explain the role of surveys and the the problems of counting wildlife • Describe the term adaptive management and how it helps to manage complex systems
3.	Key Threats and Pressures: Marine and Terrestrial	• Threats to Marine Ecosystems • Nine Key Threats to Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems • Community Conservancies in Namibia • Regional Conservation Threats and Challenge	• Evaluate the key threats and pressures and how these differ across regions • Explain how conservation management is complex, and how dealing with the demands of people and wildlife presents some difficult challenges

			• Recall some successful outcomes where threats to wildlife are being managed	
4.	Conserva-tion in the Field	• Marine Conservation • Keystone Species Conservation • Conservation and Biodiversity of Ecosystems • Conservation Management Approaches	• Explain how species conservation management impacts ecosystem management • understand how real-life examples of conservation management have been successful • Apply conservation management principles in order to define success for a conservation project	
5.	The Institutional and Funding Landscape	• Conservation Landscape • Financing Conservation Management • Conservation Stakeholders • Conservation Organisations: A Wide Ranging Agenda • Concept Map of Institutional Relationships	• Identify the organisations involved in conservation in your home country • Analyse the relationships between organisations working together on a conservation project • Compare your own conservation ambitions to a conservation organisation you would like to join	

Distribution of learning effort

- Course total: 10 - 15 hours, self-paced.
- Per module: Average of 2 hours for videos, reading material, quizzes and engagement in the discussion forum.
- Final quiz-based assignment: Up to 1.5 hours to complete.

Your responsibility

You are expected to:

- complete your profile on Canvas with some background information on your areas of interest, work experience and/or educational qualifications and upload a profile picture
- master a series of modules that consist of readings, videos, presentations and notes
- undertake self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module to enhance your overall understanding of the content
- make at least one significant contribution to the discussion forum in each module (we define significant as something that adds a new perspective, provides input on resources and networks. or ask questions)
- complete the quiz-based course assignment at the end of the course

Assessments

- You will only be graded on the final course assignment. This is a summative assessment that integrates learning from all the modules.
- You are required to participate in pre- and post-course surveys and contribute to the discussion forums.
- You will not be graded on the self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module. These are formative assessments.

Grading

- You will need to achieve a grade of 75% or higher on your final course assignment to pass the course and receive a certificate of completion.