



INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT

Sierra de Guadarrama National Park
Madrid, Spain.
August, 1-9, 2016

GUIDELINES

This Course examines the situation of the protected areas of the Madrid Autonomous Region and its surroundings and addresses the management of these areas within a wider social and ecological context. It is intended for university students and professionals with environmental knowledge. The course will be conducted in English, by professors from the Polytechnic University of Madrid and managers of the protected areas. European university students can obtain 1 ECTS credits.

The course includes field work and visits to protected areas. These outings provide participants with unparalleled opportunities to learn more about a wide array of management techniques and approaches.

EXPENSES

The cost of the Course is 1400€ for each participant, which includes all instruction, lodging, and food throughout the programme.

Travel that occurs during the operation of the programme will also be covered by the tuition fee.

Air travel expenses to and from the Course are the responsibility of participants and/or their sponsors. Funding for participation is not available from the Course organizers, but University students or professional collegiate will get a 20% discount.

COURSE DATES: August, 1-9, 2016

COST: 1400€

HOW TO REGISTER:

<http://ednya.org/index.php/educacion/international-course-on-protected-area-management>

Application deadline:

June 30st, 2016

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INTRODUCTION

The English Language International Course on Protected Area Management is an intensive training course that analyses the specific problems of protected areas close to urban centers.

The course is offered by the Polytechnic University of Madrid in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Environment of the Madrid Government and EDNYA, a company that manages different services in the Sierra de Guadarrama National Park.

The programme will strengthen the skills of participants with regard to planning and managing areas that are open for public use and outdoor recreation programmes in protected areas in order to build support for conservation, contribute to public welfare and provide economic benefits to local communities.

COURSE PROGRAMME

The course programme includes classroom instruction and field work. During classroom instruction, emphasis is placed on strategic partnerships and participatory management involving government agencies, academia, communities, and the business sector.

The roles of outdoor recreation, interpretation, ecotourism, environmental education, volunteerism and citizen science in promoting support for conservation are stressed throughout the course.

Other highlighted topics include the value of protected areas in terms of ecosystem services, such as water provision, climate change and disaster mitigation, and the fostering of sustainable livelihoods and promoting public welfare.

Three days will be spent in the field visiting protected areas of Madrid.

At the end of the course, the class will split into smaller working groups with the purpose of delivering solutions to the concrete challenges the protected areas are facing.

DATES AND LOCATION

The course is based in Cercedilla, a beautiful mountain village, only one hour away from the capital of Spain.

It will take place from August 1 -9, 2016. Participants should plan to arrive in Madrid on or before July 31st, so they have an opportunity to rest before beginning the programme.

Course activities take advantage of the rich experiences of their experts and instructors, as well as the unique heritage and natural resources available in the Sierra de Guadarrama National Park.

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