

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT COURSE

EcoLife Expeditions, South Africa
International Universities Program

Join us for our wildlife management course where the African bush is our classroom. You will learn about managing African wildlife as we travel through the African veld studying real life parks and participating in hands-on projects. Our course is a mobile classroom that travels to nature reserves in Southern Africa to teach wildlife management from a practical point of view.

As a part of the course, you will interact with the research scientists and wildlife professionals working in the field. Lectures, classes and projects take place throughout the trip, and you will be involved in on-going research in many areas. Your learning will take place while you live in the bush surrounded by the natural beauty that Africa has to offer.

Your guides and instructors will be from the University of Pretoria's Centre for Wildlife Management. Our program is open to students and professionals in wildlife biology, wildlife management, conservation, or ecotourism.

Join us and earn university credits while experiencing the wild African bush.

Course topics include:

- Wildlife Management Techniques
- Sustainable Resource Utilization
- Ecosystem and Biodiversity Conservation
- Reserve and Resort Management
- African Local Community Cultures and Conservation Perspectives
- Africa Tourism Principles and Historical Sites

The course is divided into two parts, as follows:

ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (16 days, 4 Credits)

Taking biotic and abiotic factors of each region into account, you will participate in formulating management strategies for game animals in the different ecosystem that we will examine. As a part of the experience, you will learn about the adaptation of game to specific areas and the dynamics of game populations under these conditions. Topics that we will cover include animal behaviour, water utilisation, game condition, diseases, parasites, nutrition, feed selection, game capture and relocation.

PEOPLE IN CONSERVATION (16 days, 4 Credits)

In this section, you will learn about grazing and browse capacity and general concepts of carrying capacity in a multi-species park. This includes tourist carrying capacity and how to manage a game lodge in a way that maximizes the experience of the tourist yet minimizes the impact on the environment. You will learn about road layout and fire as a management tool. You will also learn about the importance of historical and cultural sites and see first hand how many of these places are maintained by local communities for a livelihood as a part of ecotourism.

UNIVERSITY CREDITS

The University of Pretoria's Centre for Wildlife Management offers 8 credits for the full course or 4 credits for either half course. You will receive a certificate at the completion of the course. The full course is a combination of the University of Pretoria's NLB 311 and NLB 312 courses.

ACCOMMODATION

We make use of a variety of campsites, ranging from sites with full amenities, to rustic campsites in more remote areas. By using local community ecotourism facilities, the community benefits financially, and we benefit by gaining insight from their perspectives on conservation issues.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT

All camping equipment is supplied by us and you only need to bring your sleeping bag. We make use of a variety of campsites, ranging from sites with full amenities to rustic campsites in more remote areas. Some sites are in National Parks and Reserves, and others on private game ranches.

GROUP SIZE

We set the upper limit for group size at 16 students. This is to allow full participation of all students without overcrowding.

MOBILE CLASSROOM

The vehicle used for the course has been custom-built and is a fully functional mobile classroom, including audio-visual capabilities.

REQUIREMENTS

You must be at least 18 years of age to participate on these courses. There is no upper age limit on our courses, although you should be fit enough to be able to enjoy a camping experience. If you are in the field of wildlife biology and conservation, zoology, botany or ecotourism, as a student or a professional, you are invited to join us on this most unusual course.

COST

Full Course = \$2400 (US dollars)
(Both “Ecosystems and wildlife management” and “People and nature conservation”)

Half Course = \$1300 (US dollars)
(Either “Ecosystems and wildlife management” and “People and nature conservation”)

COURSE FEES INCLUDE:

Accommodation, Transport for the duration of the course, Camping equipment (tents, cooking utensils), Permits and entry fees, All meals and group activities, Lectures, course material and certificates.

COURSE FEES DO NOT INCLUDE:

Airfare, Visas, Hotel accommodation prior to or after the course. Activities outside the course.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made more than 60 days of the start of the program will be refunded 50% of the deposit. Cancellations made less than 60 days before the start of the program will forfeit the deposit.

REGISTER

Fill out the form below and email it to us at: Education@ecolife.co.za

A deposit of 50% is payable on registration and the balance is due 2 weeks before the start of the program.

Payments can be transferred directly to the following account:

Bank: Nedbank

Branch: Brooklyn

Branch code: 163145

Account name: EcoLife

Account number: 1631073575

SWIFT-code: NED SZ AJJ

Please fax confirmation of transfer to: +27 12 460 9707.

On receipt of your registration and deposit you will be sent a complete memo and kit list for the expedition.

QUESTIONS?

Email: EDUCATION@ecolife.co.za

WHO WE ARE

EcoLife is endorsed by the Centre for Wildlife Management at the University of Pretoria. The Centre for Wildlife Management has been producing graduates in Wildlife Management since 1965, and many leaders in the field have qualified from this school. By drawing on the outstanding expertise and experience of the staff and graduate students from the Centre, EcoLife offers a unique experience to those with a special interest in wildlife.

OUR MISSION

The mission of EcoLife Expeditions is to provide an exclusive, in-depth, education safari experience to people with a special interest in wildlife, equipping them to make contributions to the sustainable management of natural resources.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR ECOLIFE WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT COURSE**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

COUNTRY:

TEL NO:

FAX NO:

E - MAIL:

OCCUPATION OR FIELD OF STUDY:

SCHOOL or ORGANIZATION:

PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

ADDRESS AND COUNTRY:

PHONE NUMBER:

ARE YOU VEGETARIAN? YES NO

Choose which course you wish to register for:

___ 17 May-15 June – FULL COURSE \$2400

___ 21 June-20 July – FULL COURSE \$2400

___ 25 July-23 August – FULL COURSE \$2400

___ 6 Sept-21 September – HALF COURSE (“People in conservation” only) \$1300

___ 28 Dec-12 Jan, 2003 – HALF COURSE (“Ecosystems management” only) \$1300