

INTRODUCING
COMMUNITY-BASED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:
THEORY & PRACTICE

A 5 DAY MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE OFFERED BY RHODES UNIVERSITY

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Presented by:

Rhodes University Environmental Science Programme

and

Rhodes University Environmental Education Unit

Course Overview

Plant, animal, soil, coastal and freshwater resources in Africa are often used collectively, by groups or communities. This is called 'community-based natural resource management' (CBNRM), and has its own unique problems and management challenges.

The primary objective of this multidisciplinary short course is to develop capacity in the SADC region for CBNRM (including sustainable livelihoods). The course will highlight approaches and issues relating to the sustainable use of natural resources for community-based development.

The course will focus on the different approaches to CBNRM, while introducing practical multidisciplinary tools and methods for dealing with the sustainable management of communally owned resources. A field trip and case studies of current work in CBNRM will link theoretical concepts to practice in contexts.

Participants will be encouraged to contribute and analyse their own case studies.

On completion of the course, participants should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the following:

- What is meant by 'community' and community-based natural resource management?
- Who are the key role players in CBNRM, and what are their rights and responsibilities?
- What are the international policies, laws and conventions of relevance to CBNRM?

- What is meant by sustainability and how do we define and interpret it in the context of natural resources?
- What techniques and strategies can officials and NGO workers use to encourage more sustainable use of communally owned resources?
- Is CBNRM an appropriate way to encourage rural development?
- What are some of the current approaches to natural resource management? (E.g. sustainable livelihoods approaches, community-based approaches, entitlement approaches, joint management approaches).
- How do policy, history and context shape natural resource management approaches?
- How do we develop indicators of sustainable natural resource management and how are these monitored?
- How do education and communication feature in CBNRM processes?

The course will be run by Professor Christo Fabricius (Environmental Science Department, Rhodes University), in partnership with the Rhodes University Environmental Education Unit and the SADC Regional EE Programme. Other contributors include a range of CBNRM experts in the region.

The course will be intensive, with lectures and tutorials running from 8:30 - 5:00 p.m. Although there will be enough time for socialising and relaxation, additional individual tasks will be set for some evenings.

Who Should Attend

- Managers, policy makers and researchers in
 - land affairs
 - forestry
 - parks and recreation
 - conservation
 - environmental affairs
- Environmental educators
- Students of natural resources
- Academics

Environmental Science Honours students will be attending the course, as will students on the RU/SADC International Certificate in Environmental Education.

Costs

The cost of the professional course is R1 200 per delegate.

- Included in this fee are:
- Lunches and teas
- A set of course notes and other literature
- A field trip
- A certificate of attendance from Rhodes University

Additional costs (your responsibility) will be transport to and from Grahamstown, evening meals and accommodation (about R120 per night in residence or B&B). Contact BigTree Project Support for accommodation details (address below).

A reduced fee for bulk bookings can be negotiated

Registration Form

Name:

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I enclose my registration fee of R1 200 (Cheques made payable to RHODES UNIVERSITY): _____

Please return by 30 June 2000 to:

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