

**INTRODUCING THE SECOND RHODES UNIVERSITY  
COMMUNITY-BASED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
(CBNRM) SHORT COURSE:  
THEORY & PRACTICE**

5 DAY MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE OFFERED AT RHODES UNIVERSITY, GRAHAMSTOWN,  
SOUTH AFRICA

**30 JULY - 3 AUGUST 2001**

Presented by:

Environmental Science Programme, Rhodes University, Grahamstown





Following the overwhelmingly positive response to and evaluation of the first course offered in 2000, Rhodes University has decided to offer another multidisciplinary short course to develop capacity in South Africa for community based natural resource management or CBNRM (including sustainable livelihoods). The course will highlight approaches and issues relating to the sustainable use of natural resources for community-based development. It will focus mainly on South Africa's CBNRM challenges while drawing on lessons and examples from elsewhere in Africa and world-wide.

The course will explore the different approaches to CBNRM, while introducing practical multidisciplinary tools and methods for dealing with the sustainable management of communally owned resources. It will also aim to develop a critical understanding of the use and appropriateness of these tools and methods. 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?
- What are the international policies, laws and conventions of relevance to CBNRM?
- What techniques and strategies can officials and NGO workers use to encourage more sustainable use of communally owned resources?
- 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?
- How do we evaluate community based natural resource management programmes?

The curriculum includes: Presentations, case studies, discussions and field excursion.

The course will be run by the Environmental Science Programme, Rhodes University, and convened by Mr. Lawrence Sisitka, a Natural Resource Education consultant. 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, practitioners, and researchers in
  - land affairs
  - forestry
  - parks and recreation
  - conservation
  - environmental affairs
- Environmental educators
- Students of natural resources
- Academics

Environmental Science Honours students will also be attending the course.

*There are only 25 places available on the course*

## ⌘ Costs ⌘

The cost of this professional course is **R 1750** 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 R130 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 ⌘**

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Position Held:.....

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Organisation: .....

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Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Fax: .....

Code: .....

E-mail: .....

My main areas of experience are:.....

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My main areas of interest are:.....

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I enclose my registration fee of R1 750 (Cheques made payable to RHODES UNIVERSITY): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by 13 July 2001 to:**

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