



INTRODUCING THE THIRD RHODES
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY-BASED
NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
(CBNRM) SHORT COURSE

5 day multidisciplinary course offered at Rhodes
University, Grahamstown, South Africa

22 – 26 July 2002

Presented by:
Environmental Science Department & Environmental
Education Unit
Rhodes University, Grahamstown



COURSE OVERVIEW



The response to the first two courses, offered in 2000 & 2001, was overwhelmingly positive. Rhodes University has therefore decided to offer another multidisciplinary short course to develop capacity in South Africa for community based natural resource management or CBNRM (including sustainable livelihoods). It will highlight a range of approaches and issues around the sustainable use of natural resources for community-based development, and will focus on key lessons that have been learned through the experience of the last 10 years of CBNRM in a variety of settings, e.g. forestry, agriculture, conservation, ecotourism and fisheries. These will be mainly from within South Africa, but examples from elsewhere in Africa and world-wide will also be used.

The course will explore different approaches to CBNRM, and examine the key ingredients for success or failure. The course will in particular deal with the importance of **management interventions and strategies, institutional structures**, and the **roles, rights and responsibilities** of stakeholders. We will look at monitoring and evaluation within CBNRM processes, linked to the concept of developing 'indicators'. Practical multidisciplinary tools and methods will be introduced; we want participants to develop a critical understanding of where and when to use these tools and methods. A field trip and case studies of current work in CBNRM will link the theory of CBNRM to practice. Participants are encouraged to bring their own problems, experience and knowledge to the debates.

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

- Which key factors determine whether CBNRM succeeds or fails?
- What important lessons can we learn from the experience of the past 10 years – and how can we use these lessons to inform our work?
- What particular methods and ways of working can be used to encourage more sustainable use of communally owned resources – and which of these are appropriate in different settings?
- What are some of the current approaches to joint and community-based natural resource management? (e.g. sustainable livelihoods approaches, community-based approaches, entitlement approaches, joint management approaches).
- How do we develop indicators for monitoring the communal management of natural resources?
- How do we evaluate community based natural resource management programmes?
- What is the role of communication, participation and education in CBNRM?

The course will be run by the Environmental Science Department and the Environmental Education Unit, Rhodes University, and convened by Lawrence Sisitka. It will be co-facilitated by Lawrence Sisitka, Christo Fabricius and Sheona Shackleton. Other contributors include a range of CBNRM experts in the region.



Presenters will include:

- **Daniel Babikwa** – Senior Lecturer, Centre for Adult Education and Development, Makerere University (Uganda)
- **Professor Christo Fabricius** – Head: Environmental Science Department, Rhodes University
- **Hector Magome** – Director: Conservation Services, SANParks
- **Professor Robin Palmer** – Associate Professor, Anthropology Department, Rhodes University
- **Sheona Shackleton** – Research Associate, Environmental Science Department, Rhodes University
- **Lawrence Sisitka** – Natural Resource Education consultant
- **Professor Heila Sisitka** – Director of the Murray and Roberts Chair in Environmental Education, Rhodes University
- **Herman Timmermans** – Research Associate, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Rhodes University

The course will be intensive, with presentations, activities, and debates running from 8:30 - 5:00 p.m. Although there will be time for socialising and relaxation, additional individual or group tasks may be set for some evenings.

◆◆◆ WHO SHOULD ATTEND? ◆◆◆

- Managers (including project managers), policy makers, and researchers in
 - land affairs
 - forestry
 - parks and recreation
 - conservation

- rural development
- environmental affairs

- Environmental educators
- Students of natural resources and natural resource management
- Academics

Minimum qualifications: an appropriate 3 year Diploma or Bachelors degree, or 5 years practical experience in CBNRM.

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 **R2 700** 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 (5 or more participants from one organisation) can be negotiated.

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Name:

Position Held:

Organisation:

Address:

Postal code:

Telephone:

Fax:

Code:

E-mail:

My main areas of experience:

My main areas of interest :

I enclose my registration fee of R2 700 (Cheques made payable to RHODES UNIVERSITY): _____

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