

International workshop
'Land use optimization for coordinating regional development with conservation of endangered species'
Pondicherry University
December 16-18th 2013

Integrating conservation and regional development is challenge globally since developmental agendas usually ignore the irreplaceable value of a sound environment. Land use planning integrating conservation and regional development can provide a framework for sustainable economic development. Geographic Information System is a tool that can integrate complex environmental and economic data within a single framework. It can also predict where conflicts with wildlife are likely to occur and can help in choosing appropriate land uses to both conserve species and generate income.

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together specialists and conservation biologists to explore different scenarios in which landscape ecology can provide tools for conservation and development. The major focus will be on integrating conservation and development. Case studies will be examined in regional contexts to identify and understand how landscape planning can mitigate conflicts between conservation and development.

The workshop has been sponsored by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Indo-US Science and Technology forum and Pondicherry University

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 Pondicherry University
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Training workshop on landscape ecology for wildlife conservation
December 10-15th 2013

There will be a 5-day training course in landscape ecology for students and researchers from the 11-15th December 2013 organized by Dr. Sam Cushman of the US Forest Service on landscape patterns, ecological processes and management objectives. The instructional methods will be project based learning. The purpose of this training course is to provide students and researchers advanced training in the science of landscape ecology, including understanding the structure, function, dynamics and management of ecosystems at the landscape scale, with particular focus on the management and conservation of Asian elephants.

The maximum number of participants will be limited to 35 on first come basis. **Researchers with M. Sc./Ph. D. degrees will be given priority.**

On 10-11-2013, there will be a one-day introduction to open source software GRASS and QGIS by Dr. J. P. Puyravaud, ECOS, open to all.

Plenary talks

Dr. Ruth DeFries, Columbia University
 Dr. Sam Cushman, USFS
 Dr. Meenakshi Nagendran, USFWS
 Dr. Yadendra Jhala, WII
 Dr. Sejal Worah, WWF
 Ms. Belinda Wright, WPSI

Organising Committee

Dr. Priya Davidar
 Coordinator
Dr. Sam Cushman
 Co-Coordinator



Registration fees

Category	USD	INR
Individual: meeting only	200	10,800
Individual: meeting + 6-day workshop	300	16,200
*Student: meeting only	100	5,400
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*Student:6-day workshop only	100	5,400

Registration fees can be paid online at Indian Bank
Indian Bank- Pondicherry University branch

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DEADLINES

- 1 July 2013: Registration opens
 - 1 August 2013: Symposia proposals DUE
 - 1 September 2013: Abstracts for Oral/poster presentations DUE
 - 1 November 2013: Finalization of student selection for training workshop
 - 31 October 2013: Last date for Registration
- Completed registration form can be sent via email to landscape.ecology2013@gmail.com

For more information please contact: Dr. Priya Davidar, Department of Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Pondicherry University, Kalapet, Puducherry 605014, India

Five best abstracts from the student presenter for poster presentations will be given financial aid

*Students MUST provide proof of student status, e.g. copy of their student identification, with the registration form.