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OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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MASTER'S COURSE ON MANAGEMENT, ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OF SPECIES IN TRADE:
THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK

1. This information document has been submitted by Spain*.
2. The International University of Andalusia is organizing the 11th edition of its Master's course on Management, Access and Conservation of Species in Trade: the International Framework.
3. The course will take place from 1st October 2012 to 31st May 2013 with an on-line phase at CITES Virtual College (1st October 2012 - 1st March 2013) and an on-campus phase (8th April - 31st May 2013).
4. The On-campus phase will be given in English and Spanish at:

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5. The attached document (available in English and Spanish only) contains detailed information on the Master's course and where to obtain the application forms.
6. The Master's course is open to 30 graduate students with university degrees. The deadline for applications is 1st June 2012.
7. Close to 260 people from 72 Parties have already benefited from this course. Parties are encouraged to present candidates to this 11th edition of the Master's course to continue strengthening their national capacity.

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UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL DE ANDALUCÍA
Branch Campus Antonio Machado, Baeza (Jaén) - Spain
2012-2013

UNIA MASTER'S COURSE IN
MANAGEMENT, ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OF SPECIES IN TRADE:
THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK (11th Edition)

IN COLLABORATION WITH:



CITES Management Authority



CITES Scientific Authority



On-line phase at CITES Virtual College:
1st October 2012 - 1st March 2013

On-campus phase:
8th April - 31st May 2013

The International University of Andalusia has been running the Master's programme for ten years. Four of the courses included a PhD program, jointly supervised by Cordoba University. In the ten previous courses, 258 students from the following 72 countries have received quality, specialized training: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Surinam, Russian Federation, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

UNIA MASTER'S COURSE IN
MANAGEMENT, ACCESS AND CONSERVATION OF SPECIES IN TRADE: THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK (XI Edition)

Academic Director of the Master's Programme:

Professor Dr. Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, Full Professor, Córdoba University, Spain.

1. COURSE DURATION AND ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

This blended study programme comprises a total of 60 ECTS credits (equivalent to 1,500 hours, as provided by Royal Decree 1125/2003): 16 credits for distance learning through CITES Virtual College; 32 credits for face-to-face learning; and 12 credits for preparation of a final Master's project. The course is structured as follows:

- A. On-line phase, comprising four units.
- B. On-campus phase, comprising eight week-long units.
- C. Off-campus research phase, for preparation of final project.

On-campus phase: The course will be taught at the Antonio Machado Branch Campus of the International University of Andalusia (in Baeza). Classes will be held from Monday to Friday, in morning and afternoon sessions. Students will be assessed and graded on a weekly basis, either individually or in groups, on the content of each week-long unit. The International University of Andalusia Virtual Platform will be used for different teaching activities and practical exercises relating to course content.

Research phase: 12 credits, to be obtained for supervised research leading to submission of a research project.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The **General Objective** of the programme is to provide high-quality, specialised training in the scientific bases, techniques and instruments required to facilitate implementation and development of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

The Course is aimed at people who are currently involved - or intend to become involved - in policy-making, the implementation of international environmental agreements and the scientific and technical work required for enforcement.

The **Specific Objectives** of the programme are to provide specialised training in the following areas, among others:

- Scientific bases and methods to identify and solve problems relating to proper implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Administrative, legislative and enforcement aspects of CITES implementation
- Biological and trade criteria for listing species in the CITES Appendices
- Significant trade reviews in CITES
- Assessment studies for making non-detriment findings in CITES, in the case of specimens taken from the wild.
- Techniques for identifying species and specimens that are subject to CITES controls
- CITES provisions in the EU: description and application.
- Study of spatial distribution of biodiversity. Basics of biogeography and chorology
- Techniques for population studies, dispersal models, demography and variation
- Use of Geographic Information Systems in the study of variations in forestry species, plant cartography and population assessment
- Population biology, conservation and management of CITES animal and plant species
- Recovery plans and sustainable management programmes for animals and plants on an international level
- Techniques for propagation and study of genetic diversity at the molecular level; in vitro culture techniques; DNA and RNA analysis using PCR
- Synergies between CITES and other Multilateral Agreements

3. ENROLMENT

Course Capacity and Admission Requirements

The course capacity of the Master's programme run by the International University of Andalusia is 30 students. To be eligible for the Master's Programme, you should hold a bachelor's degree - or an equivalent degree, accredited by a university abroad - in: Engineering (Agricultural, Forestry or Environmental Engineering), Veterinary Science, Biological Science, Environmental Science, Chemistry, History and Geography, Humanities, Education Sciences, Law, International Policy and Relations. If the course reaches maximum enrollment, candidates will be selected on the basis of their Curriculum Vitae.

Application Requirements

Students wishing to pre-enrol in the Master's Programme should submit the documents listed in the application form, (available at www.unia.es/CITES). Closing date for applications is **1st June 2012**; applications sent by registered mail and postmarked no later than the closing date will be accepted.

Acceptance and Registration

Applicants will be notified personally of admission or non-admission to the programme; applicants for scholarships will also be notified accordingly. Following receipt of notification, selected applicants should confirm enrolment, complete registration and arrange payment of the fee for the 60 credits comprised in the Master's programme, by **15th July 2012**.

Documentation Required

Applicants should submit the following documents:

1. Duly completed Registration and/or Enrolment Form, provided by the International University of Andalusia.
2. Standard Curriculum Vitae (available for download at www.unia.es/CITES), enclosing a personal Academic Transcript or certified photocopy thereof, and photocopy of degree certificate (all documents to be duly certified and/or legalized).
3. Photocopy of applicant's passport or ID card.
4. Passport-size photograph

Cost of Academic and Administrative Services

Tuition fees: 2.950€.

Registration fees: 60€.

Certificate issuance fee: 150€ (to be paid on completion of the Master's degree).

Payment of the above amounts and accommodation fees, if applicable, should be made by deposit or bank transfer, free of bank charges, to the following bank account:

BANK: CAJA RURAL PROVINCIAL DE JAÉN
BRANCH ADDRESS: CALLE OBISPO NARVÁEZ, 12
23440 BAEZA (JAÉN) SPAIN
ACCOUNT HOLDER: UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL DE ANDALUCÍA
SEDE ANTONIO MACHADO NIF – Q7350007F
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 3067 0012 52 1147998627
IBAN: ES54 3067 0012 52 1147998627
SWIFT (BIC) Code: BCOEESMM067

Health Insurance

The University will arrange health insurance (medical assistance and hospitalization) for non-Spanish students, to cover the period of their on-campus stay; the cost of health insurance should be paid on enrolment.

Withdrawal

In case of cancellation, and provided that withdrawal is due to compelling circumstances and notified, at the latest, five days in advance of the first day of the course, applicants will be entitled to a refund of tuition fees, less deduction of the registration fee. Any request for refund should be made in writing to the Secretary's office at the Antonio Machado branch campus.

4. MASTER'S DEGREE

The International University of Andalusia will award its Master's degree to students who successfully complete the course and obtain a total of 60 credits, as provided by the study and research programme.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS

The International University of Andalusia will grant full and partial scholarships to cover tuition and accommodation fees. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of applicant's professional and financial circumstances. Scholarship students should confirm acceptance of their scholarship and complete enrolment by **15th July 2012**.

Documents to be submitted

Applicants shall provide the following documents:

1. Duly completed application form, provided by the International University of Andalusia
2. Standard Curriculum Vitae (which will be taken into account during the selection process), enclosing a personal Academic Transcript or certified/legalized photocopy thereof; otherwise, a photocopy of degree certificate.
3. Photocopy of the family unit's income tax declaration for the last tax year; otherwise, a certificate of income.

All forms are available on the University website: www.unia.es/CITES

Closing date for Scholarship Applications

The closing date for scholarship applications is **1st June 2012**; applications sent by registered mail and postmarked no later than the closing date will be accepted. All scholarship applications should be addressed to the Antonio Machado branch campus of the International University of Andalusia.

6. ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND TIMELINE

The programme comprises 60 ECTS* credits (equivalent to a total of 1,500 hours)

* 1 ECTS credit = 25 hours (R.D. 1125/2003), including: lectures and practical classes; supervised projects; work on the virtual platform; independent study and tutorials; exams; preparation of material leading to final Master's project.

Teaching Module

ON-LINE MODULE

General Introduction to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

On-line learning at CITES Virtual College, hosted by the UNIA virtual platform (Virtual Campus).

16 ECTS credits

Dates: 1st October 2012 - 1st March 2013

Coordinators:

Dr. Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, Cordoba University.

Dr. Marcos Silva, CITES Secretariat.

Grading of work in the E-learning phase

On completion of this phase, in March, students will be awarded a grade for the on-line unit. The grade obtained will be taken into account in the final overall assessment of students' performance on the Master's course. At the start of the on-campus phase, students will be tested on their knowledge of the subjects studied during the on-line learning phase.

ON-CAMPUS PHASE

On-campus classes

Classes will be taught in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpreting, at the Antonio Machado branch campus of the International University of Andalusia. Classes will be held from Monday to Friday, in morning and afternoon sessions.

Unit 1. Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

4 ECTS credits

8th-12th April 2013

Coordinator:

Ms Mercedes Lasso Licerias, General Secretariat for Foreign Trade; CITES Management Authority, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

Unit 2. Trade and Biodiversity. Animal and Plant Species Regulated by CITES.

4 ECTS credits

15th-19th April 2013

Coordinator:

Dr. Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, University of Cordoba, Spain

Unit 3. Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) - Administrative Aspects

4 ECTS credits

22nd-26th April 2013

Coordinator:

Ms Mercedes Núñez Román, General Secretariat for Foreign Trade; CITES Management Authority, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

Unit 4. Techniques for Identification and Control of Species in International Trade

4 ECTS credits

29th April-3rd May 2013

Coordinators:

Ms Mercedes Lasso Licerias, Ms Mercedes Núñez Román. General Secretariat for Foreign Trade, CITES Management Authority, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

Unit 5. Plant and animal management: In situ and ex situ techniques.

4 ECTS credits

6th-10th May 2013

Coordinator:

Dr. Rodrigo Medellín Legorreta, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)

Unit 6. Geographic Information Systems (G.I.S.) applied to Species Management

4 ECTS credits

13th-17th May 2013

Coordinator:

Ms Rocío Hernández Clemente, Cordoba University

Unit 7. Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) - Scientific Aspects in the case of Fauna

4 ECTS credits

20th- 24th May 2013

Coordinator:

Mr. Carlos Ibero Solana, President of CITES Animals Committee. ATECMA, Spain.

Unit 8. Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) - Scientific Aspects in the case of Flora

4 ECTS credits

27th–31st May 2013

Coordinator:

Dr. Patricia Dávila Aranda, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

THE ON-CAMPUS PHASE INCLUDES 3 KEYNOTE SEMINARS:

Prof. Dr. Vernon H. Heywood, University of Reading, United Kingdom: *Global Change and Species in Trade*

Mr. Hesiquio Benítez, CONABIO, Mexico: *Synergies between CITES and the Convention on Biological Diversity*

Prof. Dr. José María Durán Altisent, Madrid Polytechnic University: *Preparation of Scientific Reports and Theses*

Use of the virtual platform during the on-campus phase

The content of each weekly unit will be posted on the virtual platform of the International University of Andalusia.

Content coordination, monitoring and management: Dr Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, Cordoba University, Spain.

Student grading during on-campus phase

Students will be graded on a weekly basis, either individually or in groups, in order to assess their knowledge of the subjects taught during each week-long unit. Grading will also take into account class participation and the use of the virtual platform, where students will do practical exercises relating to the content of each unit. The grade obtained for each unit will be a sum of these different scores; the final grade for the on-campus phase will be determined as the average of the grades obtained in the eight units.

In order to qualify for the International University of Andalusia's **Master's Degree**, participants should first obtain a pass grade at the end of the on-campus period; subsequently, they should prepare - and submit for approval - a final research project on one of the subjects included in the programme. A pass grade must be awarded for the research project in order to obtain the UNIA Master's Degree.

Projects should be submitted within the time limits established by the University. Any student failing to meet this requirement will be required to re-enrol for the following Master's course, in order to obtain the 12 credits for research work.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at the Antonio Machado branch campus. Students wishing to apply for accommodation should contact the Secretary's office. The cost of accommodation, in a shared room, for the whole of the on-campus stage of the Master's course, is 550 € per person.



8. INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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