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UNIA MASTER'S DEGREE IN
MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF *SPECIES IN TRADE: THE*
***INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK* (11th edition)**

WITH THE COLLABORATION OF:



CITES Management Authority



CITES Scientific Authority



From 28th April to 11th July 2014

The Master's Degree Course has already been given ten times by the International University of Andalusia (UNIA). In four editions, the course was linked to a Doctorate programme in collaboration with the University of Cordoba.

In these ten editions, including the Master's Degree and Doctorate courses, quality specialised training was given to 258 individuals from the following 72 countries: Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, 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, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Surinam, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

11th UNIA MASTER'S DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF SPECIES IN TRADE: THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK

Academic Director of the Programme:

Dr Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, Full Professor, University of Cordoba, Spain

1. DURATION AND ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

This programme of studies offers a total of 60 ECTS credits (equivalent to 1,500 hours): 44 for class attendance and 16 for the preparation of the final Master's thesis. The course is structured as follows:

- A. Class stage (presence required) referred to the contents of eleven subjects (clustered into 5 sections), of which 10% will be classes taught with contents and supervised work through the Virtual Platform of the University.
- B. Research stage (presence not required) in which students will perform research tasks in preparation for the final Master's thesis.

On-campus credits: 44 ECTS credits will be taught at the Antonio Machado Site of the International University of Andalusia for 11 weeks from Monday to Friday, in morning and afternoon sessions. Monitoring and assessment will consist of weekly individual and/or group tests on the contents covered. The UNIA Virtual Platform will provide further learning experience and diverse practical activities on the course content.

Research period: 16 credits will be given for supervised research activities leading to the presentation of a research project.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

The general objective of the programme is to provide specialised high quality training in the scientific bases, techniques and instruments that make it possible to implement and develop the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and its relationship and synergies with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

It is appropriate for people who are involved or wish to become involved in environment-related policy-making, in the implementation of international agreements or the development of the scientific and technical work required for their implementation at the executive level.

The **specific objectives** are to provide specialised training in the following areas:

- The concept of biodiversity at all organisational levels, particularly with reference to populations, species and ecosystems.
- Scientific bases and methods to diagnose and solve problems associated with proper implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- Administrative, legislative and enforcement issues in CITES implementation.
- Biological and trade criteria for listing species on the CITES Appendices.
- Significant trade reviews in CITES.
- Techniques for identifying species and specimens subject to CITES controls.
- Techniques for population studies.
- Population biology, conservation and management of CITES animals and plants.
- Use of Geographic Information Systems to study variation in forestry species, plant cartography and population assessment.
- Techniques for *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation.
- Recovery plans and sustainable management programmes for animals and plants.
- Studies for the making of non-detriment findings in CITES.
- Synergies between CITES and the CBD.
- Strategic plans of CITES and the CBD.

- Access to genetic resources and the sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.
- Negotiation systems in multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs).
- Environmental governance.

3. REGISTRATION

Class Size and Requirements for Admission

This Master's Degree Course offered by the International University of Andalusia is open to 30 graduate students with university degrees. Students holding the following degrees are eligible for this Master's Programme: Engineering (Agricultural, Forestry or Environmental Engineering); Veterinary Science, Biological Science, Environmental Science, Chemistry, Geography and History, Humanities, Education, Law, Policy and International Relations, or university degrees recognised as being equivalent to the former. If it is necessary to establish priorities between applicants, their Curriculum Vitae will be considered.

Application Requirements

Applicants must send the relevant documentation as required on the application form (available on the University website: www.unia.es/content/view/37/64/). The deadline for applications is **29th November 2013**. Applications certified and postmarked within this period will be accepted.

Acceptance and Registration

Once the selection is made, applicants will be personally notified of admission or non-admission to the programme. Those who have applied for a scholarship as well will also be notified accordingly. Upon receipt of notification, applicants admitted must confirm their participation in the programme, fully register and pay the fee for the 60 credits of the programme by **15th January 2014**.

Documentation Required

Applicants must provide the following documents:

1. Duly completed registration form provided by the International University of Andalusia.
2. Standard Curriculum Vitae (available from the website www.unia.es/content/view/37/64/). It must be accompanied by proof of graduation: original document or certified photocopy showing the applicant's transcript of records (courses passed and grades obtained) and a certified photocopy of the university diploma. Certified documents must be translated into Spanish or English.
3. Photocopy of the applicant's passport.
4. One passport-size photograph.
5. Letter of motivation explaining why the applicant has chosen the Master's Degree Course.

Public Prices for Academic and Administrative Services

Enrolment fee: 2,460 € (including a fee of 60 € that covers registration).

Diploma issuance fee: 150 € (to be paid once the student has passed the Master's Course).

Payment of academic and administrative services as well as the cost of accommodation (if applicable) must be made by bank transfer free of charges or a deposit in the following bank account:

BANK:	CAJA RURAL PROVINCIAL DE JAÉN
ADDRESS:	CALLE OBISPO NARVÁEZ, 12 23440 BAEZA (PROVINCE OF JAÉN) SPAIN
ACCOUNT HOLDER:	UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL DE ANDALUCÍA SEDE ANTONIO MACHADO CIF – Q7350007F
ACCOUNT NUMBER:	3067 0012 52 1147998627
IBAN:	ES54 3067 0012 52 1147998627
SWIFT (BIC) Code:	BCOESMM067

Health Insurance

Foreign students must take out and pay insurance for medical care and hospitalization during the on- campus period. The University can make the necessary arrangements for students who so request it. Students must pay the fee at the time of enrolment.

Cancellation

Students who expressly so request are entitled to a refund of the enrolment fee, excluding the registration fee, if the request can be justified and is made at least five days before the Master's Course begins. The request for the refund must be made in writing to the Antonio Machado Site Secretarial Office.

4. MASTER'S DEGREE

The International University of Andalusia will issue its own diploma accrediting the Master's Degree to students having attended and successfully passed the full 60 course and research credits of the programme.

5. SCHOLARSHIPS

The International University of Andalusia will grant scholarships partially or totally covering tuition and accommodation fees based on applicants' professional merits as well as their financial circumstances. Scholarship students must confirm acceptance of the scholarship and register by **15th January 2014**.

Documentation Required

Applicants must provide the following documents:

1. Duly completed application form provided by the International University of Andalusia.
2. Standard Curriculum Vitae, which will be considered in the selection process. It must be accompanied by proof of graduation: original document or certified photocopy showing the applicant's transcript of records (courses passed and grades obtained); if this is not available a certified photocopy of the university diploma may be provided. Certified documents must be translated into Spanish or English.
3. Photocopy of the family's income tax declaration for the last fiscal year. If this is not available, it will be necessary to provide documents certifying income.
4. Letter of motivation explaining why the applicant has chosen the Master's Degree Course.
5. Two letters of presentation of the applicant by competent authorities.

All these forms are available on the University website: www.unia.es/content/view/37/64/

Deadline for Scholarship Applications

The deadline for scholarship applications is **29th November 2013**. Applications registered by mail within this period will be accepted. Scholarship applications must be sent to the Antonio Machado Site of the International University of Andalusia.

6. ACADEMIC PROGRAMME AND CALENDAR

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

- 1 ECTS credit = 25 hours, including theoretical and practical classes, guided instruction, work on the Virtual Platform, study hours and supervised sessions, exams, preparation of various materials and the Master's thesis.

On-campus classes

Classes will be given at the Antonio Machado Site of the International University of Andalusia from Monday to Friday in morning and afternoon sessions. Lecturers will include recognized experts in the areas covered. The course is structured in 11 subjects clustered into the following 5 sections:

SECTION 1: Biodiversity: Challenges and Prospects. Subjects 1 and 4

Coordinator: Dr Margarita Clemente Muñoz, University of Cordoba, Spain

SECTION 2: Administrative Implementation of CITES. Subjects 2, 3 and 11

Coordinators: Ms Mercedes Lasso Liceras and Dr Mercedes Núñez Román, CITES Management Authority.
Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness

SECTION 3: Animal Species in CITES. Techniques for the Management of Fauna and Flora. Subjects 5 and 7

Coordinator: Mr Carlos Ibero Solana. ATECMA, scientific consultant for the CITES Scientific Authority,
Chairman of the CITES Animals Committee during the period 2010-2013

SECTION 4: Plant Species in CITES. Applications of GIS. Subjects 6 and 8

Coordinator: Dr Margarita Clemente Muñoz, University of Cordoba, Spain

SECTION 5: Non-Detriment Findings. Subjects 9 and 10

Coordinator: Mr Carlos Ibero Solana. ATECMA, ATECMA, scientific consultant for the CITES Scientific Authority, Chairman of the CITES Animals Committee during the period 2010-2013

Section 2 (subjects: 2, 3 and 11) will be given in English and Spanish – with simultaneous interpretation – and Sections 1, 3, 4 and 5 (subjects 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9) will be given only in English.

Subject 1: “Biodiversity as a Paradigm”

4 ECTS credits

From 28th April to 2nd May 2014

Subject 2: “The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)”

4 ECTS credits

From 5th to 9th May 2014

Subject 3: “Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) – Administrative Aspects”

4 ECTS credits

From 12th to 16th May 2014

Subject 4: “The Convention on Biological Diversity – Synergies with CITES”

4 ECTS credits

From 19th to 23rd May 2014

Subject 5: “Animal Species Regulated by CITES”

4 ECTS credits

From 26th to 30th May 2014

Subject 6: “Plant Species Regulated by CITES”

4 ECTS credits

From 2nd to 6th June 2014

Subject 7: “Management of Fauna and Flora: In-situ and Ex-situ Techniques”

4 ECTS credits

From 9th to 13th June 2014

Subject 8: “Applications of Geographic Information Systems for species management”

4 ECTS credits

From 16th to 20th June 2014

Subject 9: Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Scientific Aspects – Fauna”

4 ECTS credits

From 23rd to 27th June 2014

Subject 10: Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Scientific Aspects – Flora”

4 ECTS credits

From 30th June to 4th July 2014

Subject 11: “Techniques for Identification and Control of Species in International Trade”

4 ECTS credits

From 7th to 11th July 2014

Use of the Virtual Platform During the On-campus Period

The contents of the sections will be included in the Virtual Platform of the International University of Andalusia.

Content coordination, monitoring and management: Dr Margarita África Clemente Muñoz, Dr Rocío Hernández, University of Cordoba, Spain, and Dr Mercedes Núñez Román, Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness.

Students will also work with the materials of the CITES Virtual College, hosted in the virtual platform of the International University of Andalusia.

Content coordination, monitoring and management: Dr Marcos Silva, CITES Secretariat.

On-campus Class Evaluation

Students will be tested, either individually or in groups, on the subjects covered in each section.

Participation in the various sections will also be assessed, as well as use of the Virtual Platform, where there will be practical exercises on the contents of each subject. The results will be combined to obtain the mark of the participants in each of the subjects. The final mark for each section will be obtained by calculating the mean of the marks obtained in the various subjects.

To obtain the **Master’s Degree issued by the International University of Andalusia**, participants must first pass the on-campus period and subsequently prepare and submit a final research project on one of the subjects included in the programme. Participants must pass the research project to obtain the UNIA Master’s Degree.

The research project must be completed and approved within the deadlines set by the University. Students who fail to meet this requirement within such deadlines must register again for the 16 research credits in the next edition of the Master’s Degree Course.

7. RESIDENCE SERVICE

The Antonio Machado Site has a university residence. Those who wish to choose this form of accommodation must apply for it at the Secretarial Office of the Antonio Machado Site.

The cost of accommodation in a shared double room for the duration of the on-campus period is 800 € per person.

8. INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

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