



COURSE IN TROPICAL CONSERVATION BIOLOGY FOR SENIOR UNDERGRADUATES AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS IN EASTERN HIMALAYAS

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is offering a comprehensive field-based course on conservation biology with an emphasis on sound scientific principles that underlie the practice of conservation. This course will be held in Siliguri in North Bengal. The course will provide students with an opportunity to learn the basics of conservation science from some leading conservation biologists from India and abroad. It will provide rigorous training in tropical conservation biology as a separate discipline and will integrate socio-economic issues into the training curricula. The course will focus on conservation issues at the regional level, but with a global perspective.

A set of 16–18 lectures will complement several exercises in the field that will expose students to concepts and techniques of conservation biology. The 7–8 days fieldwork at Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary is designed to maximize the student's exposure to real-life field situations. Topics to be discussed include: Distribution and status of biodiversity, Conservation of biodiversity at species and community levels, Threats to biodiversity, Approaches to conserve biodiversity, Role of protected areas in conserving biodiversity, Conservation planning, and Policies and institutions to conserve biodiversity.

Eligibility:

B.Sc. or equivalent. The course is intended for postgraduates and senior undergraduates with a keen interest in nature and conservation. Number of participants will be limited to 15.

Dates:

The 15-day course is scheduled for the 2nd week of November 2003.

Application process:

An application from the participant should contain: 1. A one-page justification by the candidate as to why this course is important to him or her, 2. Demonstrated aptitude or interest in the area of natural resource conservation – published articles, essays, other relevant activities and membership, 3. Recommendation by the Department Head or concerned supervisor.

Course fees:

Rs 2000 as registration fee. All other expenses of selected candidates will be borne by the organizers.

Kindly send your application to Dr T. Ganesh by email (tganesh@atree.org) or fax or post it before **31 August 2003** to:

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