



Conservation Biology Course at Eastern Himalayan Region from 21 January–4 February 2003

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 undergrid the practice of conservation. The course will provide the students with an opportunity to learn the basics of conservation science from some leading conservation biologists in the country. It will provide rigorous training in conservation biology as a separate discipline but will integrate socio-economic issues into the training curricula that will help young biologists to develop their skill in tackling practical issues related to conservation of biodiversity. The course will focus on conservation issues at the regional level but with a global perspective. A set of lectures and field exercises will address practical problems faced while conserving biodiversity.

The proposed course will be held both at Darjeeling district and also in Guwahati. It will be divided into two parts each of a seven-day duration. The course will start in Darjeeling district on **21 January 2003 at 9.00 am and on 28 January 2003** the participants will move to Guwahati from Darjeeling for the second part of the course. The course at Guwahati will start from **29 January 2003 and shall end 4 February 2003** with a campfire.

Eligibility: First class or at least 55% marks in B.Sc. or equivalent. The course is intended for senior undergraduate and postgraduate students with a keen interest in nature and conservation. Number of participants will be limited to 20 only.

Date: The 15-day course is scheduled from 21 January–4 February 2003.

Application Process: An application from the participant should contain – (1) A one page justification by the candidate of 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 and (4) Good academic record including a minimum of a first class or at least 55% marks in B.Sc. or other disciplines.

Course fee: The course fee is subsidized at Rs 1000/- and includes boarding, lodging and course materials. Travel expenses of participants from their place of origin to Darjeeling and from Guwahati to their place of origin will have to be borne by the participants.

Kindly send your application to the following address before **31 December 2002 to the following address:**

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