



ASHOKA TRUST FOR RESEARCH IN ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

659, 5th 'A' Main, Hebbal, Bangalore 560 024, India

Course in Tropical Conservation Biology for Senior undergraduates and postgraduate students (Under the Contact Programme of the Department of Science and Technology)

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 is the 5th such course offered by ATREE. 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 day fieldwork at ATREE's field station in Biligiri Rangan Hills and other sites in the Western Ghats 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.*

Potential guest speakers include Prof. K. S. Bawa, Prof. K. N. Ganeshaiyah, Prof. R. Uma Shaanker, Prof. R. Sukumar, Dr Sharachandra Lélé, Dr T. Ganesh and Dr Jagdish Krishnaswamy.

Eligibility:

First class 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 20.

Dates:

The 15-day course is scheduled for the 2nd week of June 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:

All expenses of selected candidates will be borne by the organizers.

Kindly send your application to Dr. T. Ganesh by e-mail (tganesh@atree.org) or fax or post it before **30 April 2003** to: Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), No. 659, 5th A Main, Hebbal, Bangalore 560 024, India. Telephone: 91-80-3533942; Fax: 91-80-3530070.