



Community-Based

**Natural Resource Management
and Adaptive Co-Management**

Short Course

**Zuurberg Mountain Inn,
Addo Elephant National Park**

25-28 June 2007

Presented by:
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◆◆◆ COURSE OVERVIEW ◆◆◆

This will be the seventh year that Rhodes University have offered a course on Community-Based Natural Resource Management. Each year the course has taken a different approach in response to the needs expressed by participants, and identified through experience in the field. As CBNRM gains in profile and more CBNRM related initiatives are launched, there is growing realization that adaptive co-management of natural resources and CBNRM have very similar objectives. There is a demand for a course which alligns the objectives of CBNRM with those of Adaptive Co-management.

The course has been scheduled around two important events: the Society for Conservation Biology's Annual Congress in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 1-6 July 2007 (see <http://www.nmmu.ac.za/scb/>); and the Standard Bank National Arts Festival in Grahamstown, 28 June–7 July 2007 (<http://www.nafest.co.za/>). Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown are within 90 minute's drive from the course venue.

The course will also, for the first time, be held in the surroundings of a National Park, Addo Elephant National Park (www.sanparks.org).

The focus of the course will be on:

- analysing and describing the key success factors and concepts in CBNRM and co-management;
- outlining a typical Adaptive Co-Management process;
- critically analysing and assessing the viability of CBNRM initiatives in the context of governance, natural resources and poverty alleviation;
- designing and implementing a CBNRM project, using an Adaptive Co-management approach;

- developing a monitoring and evaluating programme for CBNRM projects, using an Adaptive Co-Management approach.
- Capacity Building for adaptive co-management.

AIMS

Community-Based Natural Resource Management has three main objectives: a) maintaining or improving ecosystem integrity; b) improving the well-being of impoverished people; and c) developing the capacity of local people to manage their own natural resources sustainably. More recently, Adaptive Co-Management, where institutions and individuals learn and work together and flexibly adjust their management strategies in response to new information, has emerged as a complementary concept to CBNRM. In CBNRM the emphasis is often on rights and power relations, whereas Adaptive Co-management emphasises cooperative governance, learning, adaptability and capacity development. We aim to provide opportunities for discussions and contributions from participants. There will be group activities associated with some sessions, and in the evenings.

Lecturers include Lawrence Sisitka, Prof. Christo Fabricius, Dr James Gambiza, and Dr Hector Magome. Other contributors will include a range of CBNRM experts in the region.

The course will be intensive, with presentations, activities, and debates running from 8:30 - 5:00 p.m. Although there will be time for socialising and relaxation, additional individual or group tasks will be set for the evenings. A field trip, where participants can get first-hand information about innovations in CBNRM, will form part of the

course. Participants wanting a Certificate of Competence will be assessed, and an assignment must be completed within 4 weeks of attending the course.

◆◆◆ WHO SHOULD ATTEND? ◆◆◆

This course is intended primarily to meet the needs of practitioners who have started actively facilitating and supporting CBNRM-type projects in the field, with a three-year post-school qualification (degree or Diploma) or at least five years post-matric experience. It is expected that they will have some basic understanding of the policy framework in which CBNRM is located.

More specifically, the course is aimed at:

- Managers (including project managers), consultants, and researchers in
 - Conservation
 - Forestry
 - Tourism
 - Parks and recreation
 - Rural development
 - Land affairs
 - Agriculture
 - Environmental affairs
- Environmental educators and extension staff
- Students of natural resources and natural resource management
- Academics

Minimum qualifications: an appropriate 3 year Diploma or Bachelors degree, *or* 5 years practical experience in CBNRM.

Environmental Science Honours students will also be attending the course.

There are only 30 places available on the course



COSTS



The cost of this professional course is **R 5 200.00 (US\$ 740)** per delegate.

Included in this fee are:

- A copy of the book '*Rights, Revenue and Rural Development: CBNRM in southern Africa*'
- A set of course notes and other literature
- Lunches and teas
- A field trip
- A Rhodes University **Certificate of Competence**.

Additional costs (your responsibility) will be air transport, evening meals, and accommodation (about R450 per night at Zuurberg Mountain Inn, <http://www.addo.co.za>). A block booking has been made, but participants should book and pay for their own accommodation. Transport to and from Port Elizabeth air port can be arranged on request.

A reduced fee for bulk bookings (5 or more participants from one organisation) can be negotiated.



REGISTRATION FORM



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Highest Qualification:
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I enclose my registration fee of R 5 200 (Cheques made payable to RHODES UNIVERSITY): _____

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