

Seminars on nature conservation in German development cooperation

Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing

15 – 20 July, 2018

Human rights and equity in biodiversity conservation

22 – 27 July, 2018

at the International Academy for Nature Conservation
Isle of Vilm

Background

The series of seminars on nature conservation in development cooperation has been held at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm since 1999. It is jointly organised by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), KfW Development Bank and the International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN). The first seminar “Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing” presents an overview and update of the most relevant concepts. Based on a combination of practical examples, tools and trends in biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing and development, it provides a good platform for exchanging experiences. The second seminar is devoted to the in-depth consideration of a specific topic identified as of particular interest. Based on feedback from last year’s participants and on-going discussions in international biodiversity policy fora, the topic “Human rights and equity in biodiversity conservation” was chosen for 2018.

The language of both seminars will be English.

Venue

Both seminars will take place at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm (see <https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/vilm-as-venue.html>), an island in the Baltic Sea next to Ruegen Island. The Isle of Vilm has been a protected area for many centuries.

Target group

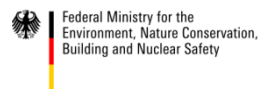
The target group of the seminars are practitioners at the interface of development cooperation and biodiversity conservation (GIZ, KfW, BMZ, BMUB, consulting companies, foundations, NGOs, universities, partner organisations).

The number of participants for the 1st seminar is limited to 20, for the 2nd seminar to 25.

On behalf of



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Biodiversity conservation for human well-being

(15 – 20 July, 2018)

Objectives

- raise awareness for the significance of biodiversity for the provision of ecosystem services - hence: for human wellbeing
- convey new concepts, instruments and trends of conservation and development cooperation
- analyse the opportunities provided by the CBD and its Strategic Plan as the policy framework for German development cooperation in the area of biodiversity conservation
- offer a forum for the exchange of experiences.

Contents

The following topics will be addressed by inputs, case studies, group work and discussions:

- Relevance of biodiversity conservation for sustainable development
- New directions arising from the CBD, its Strategic Plan and the SDGs
- Current trends in German development cooperation with regard to biodiversity conservation
- Balancing conservation and development interests: a critical review of approaches and achievements
- Conservation in land- and seascapes: concepts, current issues and developments
- Financing biodiversity conservation
- Biotrade: maximising benefits for conservation and development (tbc)
- Ecosystem-based adaptation (tbc)

A related field trip will take place in the middle of the seminar.

Human rights and equity in biodiversity conservation

(22 – 27 July, 2018)

Background

The recognition of rights and of diverse value and knowledge systems, inclusive decision-making and the fair sharing of costs and benefits are all aspects of equity that are instrumental to achieve conservation goals. Also, these issues have become an important concern in international biodiversity conservation policy and are high on the agenda of key conservation actors. Advancing human rights-based approaches remains a challenge in contexts of ill-aligned legal frameworks and conflicting interests around the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. Based on real life examples the seminar will explore instruments and options for how the challenges can be addressed in practice and develop guidance for development cooperation.

Objectives

- Raise awareness and provide “user-friendly” orientation about the international normative framework including concepts, legal instruments, actors and their rights and responsibilities, as well as current trends and initiatives;
- Analyse and reflect on implications, challenges and solutions for typical settings of development cooperation projects in the field of biodiversity conservation;
- Provide information about instruments for implementation, and identify options for action using „real life“ examples;
- Develop recommendations on how to enhance human rights and equity in the area of biodiversity conservation at different levels of intervention in German development cooperation.

A related field trip will take place in the middle of the seminar.

Costs

1st seminar (15 – 20 July):

approx. 500 € per participant (including full board and lodging)

2nd seminar (22 - 27 July):

approx. 980 € per participant (including full board and lodging)

The final price can only be set by mid May 2018. A late cancellation of your registration within 30 days prior to the start of the seminar will imply a fee of about 500 € in case no substitute can be found.

Registration

Please register online at:

1st seminar:

https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/anmeldeformular-2.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcid%5D=3665

2nd seminar:

https://www.bfn.de/en/int-academy/anmeldeformular-2.html?tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcid%5D=3666

You also have to send in the attached filled-in form to martina.finger@bfn.de. Otherwise, your registration cannot be considered. Participants will be chosen based on a number of criteria, such as:

- Regional and institutional balance
- Participation in previous seminars
- Motivation and relevance to work context
- Ability to contribute actively

Deadline for online registration and submitting of application form: 31 March 2018

For questions, please, contact Martina Finger (martina.finger@bfn.de)

Confirmations will be sent out by 30 April 2018

