

Public Policy for Biodiversity Conservation Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Environmental Management and Conservation	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Analyze the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and its implications for national policy.
2. Evaluate the nexus of climate change and biodiversity loss to inform integrated policy solutions.
3. Apply principles of nature-based solutions (NbS) in policy design for ecosystem restoration.
4. Integrate biodiversity finance mechanisms and economic valuation into conservation strategies.
5. Develop and update National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs) aligned with global targets.
6. Assess the effectiveness of market-based instruments for biodiversity conservation.
7. Identify and mitigate the negative impacts of harmful subsidies on nature.
8. Promote equitable governance and the inclusion of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in decision-making.
9. Utilize remote sensing and GIS technologies for policy-relevant biodiversity monitoring.
10. Design policies that address the drivers of illegal wildlife trade and unsustainable use.
11. Formulate regulations for access and benefit-sharing (ABS) of genetic resources under the Nagoya Protocol.
12. Master stakeholder engagement and conflict resolution in complex conservation scenarios.
13. Communicate the economic and social value of biodiversity to diverse public and private sectors.

Organizational Benefits

- Cultivates a workforce capable of leading the development and implementation of effective and innovative public policies for biodiversity conservation.
- Ensures the organization is at the forefront of evolving international and national environmental regulations, minimizing legal and reputational risks.
- Equips staff with skills to build cross-sectoral partnerships, fostering collaboration with government agencies, NGOs, and the private sector.

- Provides the knowledge to integrate biodiversity considerations into organizational strategy, leading to more sustainable and impactful programs and projects.
- Positions the organization to successfully apply for grants and funding from global initiatives focused on biodiversity, climate resilience, and sustainable development.
- Demonstrates a strong commitment to environmental responsibility, enhancing the organization's reputation and credibility with the public and key stakeholders.

Target Audience

1. Government Officials and Policymakers.
2. Conservation Professionals
3. Environmental Managers and Consultants.
4. Scientists and Researchers.
5. Legal Professionals specializing in environmental law and international treaties.
6. Project Managers and Development Planners
7. Community Leaders and Advocates.
8. Academic Staff and Students

Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Biodiversity Policy & Governance

- Defining Biodiversity: The Global Crisis and Response.
- International Frameworks and Conventions.
- The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.
- Governance Structures for Conservation.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing the policy response to the extinction of a key species, such as the Yangtze River dolphin, to understand the role of governance failures.

Module 2: The Climate-Biodiversity Nexus

- Interlinkages of Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss.
- Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) in Policy.
- Climate and Conservation Finance.
- Policy for Ecosystem Restoration.
- **Case Study:** Examining national policies on mangrove restoration in a country like Bangladesh, evaluating their effectiveness in coastal protection and carbon sequestration.

Module 3: Economics and Finance of Conservation

- Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services.
- Biodiversity Finance and Investment.
- Harmful Subsidies and Incentives.
- Market-Based Instruments.
- **Case Study:** The Costa Rica Payments for Environmental Services (PES) program, analyzing its design, impact, and scalability.

Module 4: Legal & Regulatory Frameworks

- Environmental Law and Regulation.
- Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS).
- Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade.

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- **Case Study:** A mock legal brief on a hypothetical case of biopiracy, requiring participants to apply the principles of the Nagoya Protocol.

Module 5: Stakeholder Engagement & Policy Implementation

- Principles of Public Policy Implementation.
- Multi-Stakeholder Engagement.
- Conflict Resolution in Conservation.
- Communication and Advocacy for Policy Change.
- **Case Study:** Simulating a public hearing on a proposed protected area to practice stakeholder negotiation and conflict management.

Module 6: National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans (NBSAPs)

- Developing an NBSAP.
- Mainstreaming Biodiversity.
- Monitoring and Reporting.
- Indicator Development.
- **Case Study:** Critiquing the NBSAP of a selected country, identifying gaps and opportunities for strengthening its policy and implementation.

Module 7: Emerging Trends in Public Policy for Biodiversity

- Biodiversity and Human Health.
- Technology in Conservation Policy.
- Urban Biodiversity Policy.
- Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs).
- **Case Study:** Analyzing the use of satellite technology and AI for detecting illegal deforestation and informing law enforcement in the Amazon.

Module 8: Capstone Project

- Policy Brief Development.
- Policy Presentation
- Peer Review and Feedback.
- Reflective Practice.
- **Case Study:** The final project is a comprehensive case study, requiring participants to apply knowledge from all modules to propose a full policy plan for a specific real-world problem, such as controlling an invasive species or managing a transboundary protected area.

Training Methodology

This course employs a dynamic, mixed-methods approach to ensure an engaging and effective learning experience. It combines interactive lectures and expert-led discussions with hands-on activities, case study analysis, and group work. The methodology is designed to bridge the gap between theory and practice, enabling participants to immediately apply their new knowledge. Key components include:

- Case Study Analysis.
- Interactive Workshops.
- Expert Panel Discussions.
- Action Learning Projects.

- Peer-to-Peer Learning.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commencement of the training, to FINESKILL TRAINING CENTER account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	11 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
14 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
28 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
05 Oct 2026	09 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
12 Oct 2026	16 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500
19 Oct 2026	23 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
26 Oct 2026	30 Oct 2026	Physical	\$1,500

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