

C1113 Conservation in Practice

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Assessment Mode: 30% Coursework, 70% Exam

Teaching Methods: Lecture, Fieldwork, Seminar

Credit: 30

Available to: Biology (Stream B), Ecology (core), Zoology (Stream B), Geography

The module aims:

- 1) to familiarise students with the management practices required to maintain key habitats in western Europe, and with conservation issues concerning specific groups of organisms in those habitats;
- 2) to examine issues in practical conservation at the level of NGOs, governments and society in general; and
- 3) to introduce students to professionals currently working in conservation, in order to give them a realistic idea of what the work involves, as well as an indication of employment opportunities.

The aims will be achieved through a combination of lectures, seminars by internal and external guest speakers and field visits to local nature reserves for demonstrations of practical conservation management and survey techniques.