

THE proforest INITIATIVE

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Introduction to the High Conservation Value approach: a practical tool for conserving critical values in production landscapes

DATE

Friday 22 July 2011
1-Day Training Course

AUDIENCE

For anyone needing an understanding of how standards and certification address key issues in biodiversity conservation, the protection of affected peoples, and the involvement of local communities in natural resource management. The course will be of particular interest for forest and plantation managers, wood and vegetable oil processors, traders, retailers, organizations supporting conservation and development and those involved in policymaking and procurement decision-making, as well as anyone involved in legal and sustainable natural product purchasing and trade

VENUE

Harris Manchester College, Oxford
United Kingdom

COURSE FEE £300

(includes coffee, lunch,
and training materials)

ACCOMMODATION

See our website for details

Course Outline

Over the last decade, the High Conservation Value (HCV) approach has emerged as one of the most important new tools for responsible land management, with broad support from conservation organisations, industry and civil society. It is a simple, globally applicable yet locally adaptable framework, which seeks to identify and conserve outstandingly important values of production landscapes, taking into account not only biodiversity values, but also the needs of people who are dependent on natural resources.

This course provides an overview of the HCV concept and its practical use in forest and agricultural certification. We will consider the history and development of the concept from its origins in FSC forest certification and its relationship to other conservation approaches, including challenges created by the recent adoption of HCV in non-forest sector standards such as palm oil, soy, carbon and biofuels.

We will introduce the steps needed to identify, manage and monitor HCVs in forests and other ecosystems, drawing on a number of case studies from differing contexts, both tropical and temperate. You will be challenged to think about the implementation of conservation approaches in production landscapes, and will have the chance to evaluate real-world examples drawn both from Proforest's own practical experience of carrying out HCV assessments, and from the global pool of knowledge brought together by the HCV Resource Network.

Outcomes

By the end of the course participants will be familiar with the HCV concept and its principles of application, and aware of its wide-ranging use in forestry, agriculture and land-use planning. They will understand what the HCV concept can achieve, what the major challenges are for the future, and how the HCV approach can be used within their own organisations to contribute to successful conservation outcomes.

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This course is part of our Summer Training Programme. To find out more or to book, go to www.proforest.net, email Andry Rakotovololona at andry@proforest.net or call us at +44 (0) 1865 243439