



Erasmus Mundus Masters Course SUTROFOR - Sustainable Tropical Forestry

Call for student applications

We offer an integrated two-year world-class Masters Course in Sustainable Tropical Forestry (SUTROFOR) based on our long experience in teaching and research, and building on masters programmes that have proved to be dynamic and viable. By joining the teaching and research experiences of five European leading educational institutions, this unique Course will constitute an in-depth educational programme with inherent impetus to stay at the forefront of research-based teaching strongly linked to realities in many European and non-European countries.

The SUTROFOR Course is offered by a consortium consisting of five institutions: (i) University of Copenhagen, Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, Copenhagen, Denmark, (ii) Bangor University, School of the Environment and Natural Resources, Bangor, UK, (iii) Dresden University of Technology, Institute of International Forestry and Forest Products, Germany, (iv) Paris Institute of Technology for Life, Food and Environmental Sciences, ENGREF, Montpellier – France, and (v) University of Padova, Faculty of Agriculture, Padova, Italy.

The Course consists of a first study year at one of three institutions (Bangor, Copenhagen, Dresden) and a specialising second study year with different topics offered by each of the five institutions. The students are required to spend the second year at another university than the first one. The aim of the first study year is to provide a thorough and broad introduction to sustainable Tropical Forestry. The learning outcomes are similar for the three first year institutions and allow students to choose freely among the five specialisation options in the second year. The first study year ends with a Joint Summer Module, run as a two-weeks excursion to a Tropical country. You can specialise in the second year within the following topics: (i) Agroforestry systems (Bangor), (ii) Forest and Livelihoods in developing countries (Copenhagen), (iii) Tropical forest management (Dresden), (iv) Environmental management and policies for tropical forests (Montpellier), (v) Ethics in forestry and responsible trade in tropical forest product and services (Padova). The specialisation includes a master thesis based on research and fieldwork inside or outside the EU. When students have acquired 120 ECTS by studying at two Consortium institutions (at least 60 ECTS at each) they will obtain a SUTROFOR Double Degree and the Diploma Supplement. All SUTROFOR modular activities can be completed in English, except the second year option at Montpellier which is available mainly in French. The following degrees are awarded: MSc in Agricultural Development in Copenhagen, MSc in Environmental Tropical Forestry and MSc in Agroforestry in Bangor, MSc in Tropical Forestry in Dresden, MSc in Agricultural Sciences, specialisation Tropical and Rural Forestry in Montpellier, and MSc in Forestry and Environmental Sciences in Padova.

Consortium fees per year are €4,500 for EU/EEA-EFTA students and €8,000 for third-country students. EU/EEA-EFTA students are eligible for financial support, see www.sutrofor.net. Around 20 Erasmus Mundus scholarships (€21,000 per year per student) are expected to be available for third-country students. Applications must be received no later than 16 January 2009. EU/EEA-EFTA applications must be received no later than 14 August 2009. The application form is available at www.sutrofor.net. There is no separate application form for scholarships. The next academic year starts around 1 September 2009 (depending on first year institution).

Detailed information on the SUTROFOR Masters Course is available on www.sutrofor.net. Applicants should observe that only complete application forms will be processed. Please read the admission procedure carefully and note that applicants will be informed about scholarship decisions around mid-May 2009.