



## Courses Main Thematic Areas

- EIA and ESA Conceptual Framework
- EIA and ESA as planning and decision-making tools for wetlands management Ramsar Convention Guidelines, EIA – ESA and the 'wise use' concept
- Biodiversity, ecology, hydrological and socioeconomic impacts
- Regional and local governmental policies
- EIA in Practice (Case Study). EIA guidelines as support for wise use of wetlands
- ESA in Practice (Case Study). ESA phases and inclusion for wise use of wetlands

## Main Goal

At the end of the course participants will be able to include the following issues in their activities related to wetlands:

- Direct application of resolutions and recommendations from the Ramsar Convention guidelines, related to wise use, wetlands inventory and both EIA and ESA.
- Updated information and case studies specifically addressing the topic of EIA and EAE applied to wetlands ecosystems in Latin America, with a deep analysis of methodological approach.
- Key factors and aspects involved in the maintenance of wetlands services and values that they provide.

## Admission Request

To request admission please send the following documents:

- Admission Request Form
- CV indicating formal education and experience in the area of natural resources and/or wetlands
- Summary of specific interest for taking the course and how the course and the knowledge will be useful and apply in terms of impact in your work and responsibilities
- Official letter from the institution where he/she works authorizing his/her participation (if that is the case)

The course is limited to 25 participants. Those interested are required to request a place beforehand. An evaluation will be carried out on the basis of the profile of those interested.

**The admission request form, and any additional information, can be found in CREHO's webpage <http://www.creho.org> or you can request it by sending an e-mail to [cursos@creho.org](mailto:cursos@creho.org) or by phone to (507) 317-1242**

## Academic Value

Participants who attend 100% of sessions will receive a certificate of participation.

## International Course on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Strategic Assessment (ESA) for Wetlands Management



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### Why take a course like this one?

In the Western Hemisphere there is a wide variety of wetlands covering sizable territories. However, they are currently being lost due to threats that must be evaluated to consider the environmental issues that could lessen the negative impacts on wetlands and to include the design and implementation of mitigation, compensation or recuperation measures for these ecosystems.

### To whom this might be of interest?

The course has been designed for decision-makers and mid-level officials from the governmental, non-governmental, private and international sectors, professionals or technicians working in wetlands-related issues.

## Costs

There are two options to cover the costs:

### Option A:

**USD\$ 3,500.00 includes enrolling, working material, field trips, lodging and food (breakfast, lunch, supper and snacks), hotel/airport shuttle and insurance. It does not include: plane ticket, visas and taxes, tourism activities, phone calls, internet, laundry, health insurance nor any other expense that has not been previously agreed on.**

### Option B:

**USD\$ 2,300.00 includes: enrolling, materials, field trips, insurance, food (lunch and snacks, only). It does not include: lodging, food (breakfast and supper), hotel/airport shuttle, plane ticket, visas and taxes, tourism activities, laundry, phone calls, internet, health insurance nor any other expense that has not been previously agreed on.**

## Organizers

The course is organized by CREHO (the Ramsar Regional Center for Wetlands Training and Research for the Western Hemisphere), a non-for-profit international organization located at City of Knowledge, in Panama City which contributes to the conservation and wise use of wetlands in the Western Hemisphere through the strengthening of capabilities based on the technical implementation of the Ramsar Convention.

The team of instructors is made up of experienced people with ample knowledge and international experience in wetlands management, EIA, the Ramsar Convention and other well-known international institutions.

## Methodology

The course will be imparted through theoretical-practical classes to include a brief introduction to each theme along with the use of study cases from the region where the participants come from, followed by practical exercises and field work, all in order to analyze the environmental problems identified in a rural and urban context.

The approach is eco-systemic, with an emphasis on the wetlands' environmental services, particularly as they face economic developments, and on the importance of tools such as the EIA and the ESA for the wise use and conservation of wetlands within the framework of the goals established by international agreements such as the Ramsar Convention.

