



Courses Main Thematic Areas

- The importance of implementing systematic planning for wetlands management
- Concepts and methodologies for management plan formulation (Ramsar Resolution VIII.14, VIII.6, VIII.7, IX.1 and Annexes, and IX.20, among others) as a planning tool with emphasis in the eco-systemic approach, classification, inventory, monitoring, and evaluation of wetlands
- GIS for wetlands management
- Biotic, social and economic description
- Wetlands zoning
- Goals and action plan
- Wetlands initiatives in the region
- Communication, Education and Public Awareness Program (CEPA) – Resolution VIII.31
- Field work for wetlands management

Main Goal

At the end of the course the participants will be able to develop the following topics in their corresponding activities related to wetlands:

- Wetlands goods, values, and services
- Conceptual framework of management plans, decision-making related to wetlands management and implementation of policies
- Resolution, Recommendations, and Guidelines of the Ramsar Convention related to wise use, management plans, inventory, monitoring, education and public awareness
- Development of a planning process for wetlands with an eco-systemic approach

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 the specific interest for taking the course and how it will be useful in, and be applied to, his/her daily work and responsibilities in terms of how it will impact the conservation of wetlands
- Official letter from the institution where he/she works authorizing his/her participation (if that is the case)
- Recent certificate of good health

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 or by phone to (507) 317-1242

Academic Value

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

International Course on Wetlands Management: Formulation of Management Plans





Why take a course like this one?

In the Western Hemisphere there is a wide variety of wetlands covering sizable territories. There are currently more than 170 wetlands of international importance in the Americas; however, approximately 50% of them do not have a management plan and many of them do not have any protection category. Many threats affect them, such as development projects, plans, programs and/or policies, which increasingly contribute to their loss.

To whom this might be of interest?

Professionals or technicians from the government, the private sector, non-governmental organizations; independent professionals linked to topics related to the formulation or implementation of wetlands management plans and to decision-making processes regarding wetlands ecosystems; people responsible for policy development; site managers (protected areas, private reserves or properties located in wetlands); advisors and consultants.



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 Training and Research on Wetlands in the Western Hemisphere), a non-profit international organization located in 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 and training of the Ramsar Convention and other well-known international institutions.

Methodology

The course is aimed to strengthen the technical capabilities of professionals responsible, at an institutional level, for wetlands management in places identified as essentials due to their links with systems at the local, national and regional levels.

The theoretical sessions will include presentations, conferences, expositions, and group dynamics. These will be followed by practical exercises and field trips to wetlands, where participants will discuss, analyze and apply methods related to wetlands environmental issues from the perspective of management plans, its formulation and implementation. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with different groups of key actors, such as public and private institutions, NGOs and community groups.