

# Module on International Nature Conservation

26 February – 4 March 2023  
International Academy for Nature  
Conservation Isle of Vilm



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The five-day module will give interested master students the opportunity:

- to broaden their knowledge on current issues and tools in international nature conservation,
- to receive first-hand information and discuss with those actively involved, and
- to create a platform for networking and information exchange.

The module will contribute to qualify master students for future work in international conservation organisations and for scientific tasks related to international nature conservation.

## Content and structure

The module will cover the following topics (subject to minor changes):

- Biodiversity trends and conservation approaches
- Protected areas
- IUCN Red List
- Strategic conservation planning
- International governance framework for biodiversity conservation
- International negotiations within multilateral conventions
- Marine nature conservation
- Social aspects of conservation

It will take place from Monday to Friday while Sunday and Saturday are travelling days. You will experience a didactical mix of lectures, interactive discussions, role plays and training units including working groups. The language will be English.

## Crediting

Each participant has to prepare an assigned contribution (e.g. delivering a presentation, taking a role in a simulation game or preparing a case study) and do further assignments. You need to allocate about 40 hours for preparation of these tasks. About 50 hours are envisaged for the participation in the module on the Isle of Vilm. Please be prepared for long working days, but be sure to be rewarded with a life-time experience.

The module is offered as facultative module, elective module or mandatory module within your Master's programmes. Credits will be issued based on 90 hours by the respective universities according to their rules. Please contact your Master's programme coordinator for details.

## Costs

There are no costs for the board and lodging. Only the travel costs have to be paid by the participants themselves.

## Participating Master's programmes and contacts

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Only students enrolled in one of the following Master's programs are eligible to apply:

### Universität Bayreuth

- Global Change Ecology (S. Thomas)
- Biodiversity and Ecology (H. Feldhaar)

### Brandenburgische Technische Universität Cottbus-Senftenberg

- World Heritage Studies (H. Schmiemann)
- Environmental and Resource Management (M. Elhag)

### Technische Universität Dresden

- Tropical Forestry & Management (E. Auch)
- Ecosystem Services (I. Ring)

### Hochschule für nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde

- Global Change Management (C. Nowicki)

### Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

- International Nature Conservation (M. Deutinger)
- Biodiversity, Ecology & Evolution (M. Deutinger)

### Universität Greifswald

- Landscape Ecology and Nature Conservation (T. Timmermann)
- Biodiversity and Ecology (T. Timmermann)

### Stiftung Universität Hildesheim

- Umwelt, Naturschutz und Nachhaltigkeitsbildung (J. Glahn)

### Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

- Applied Ecology (T. W. Donath, U. Ulrich)
- Environmental Management (T. W. Donath, U. Ulrich)
- Sustainability, Society and the Environment (I. Reimer)

### Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

- Landschaftsökologie (T. Buttschardt, U. Hamer)

### Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

- Landschaftsökologie (E. Kiel)

### Universität Potsdam

- Ecology, Evolution and Conservation (F. Jeltsch)

### Universität Rostock

- Meeresbiologie (S. Forster)

## Venue and course organiser

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The International Academy for Nature Conservation as part of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation hosts about 70 events annually on conservation topics of high interest in partnership with leading organisations and experts. It is located on the Isle of Vilm near Rügen and in the heart of the Biosphere Reserve South-East Rügen.

The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation is the central scientific authority of the German federal government for both national and international nature conservation.

On the Isle of Vilm you will be accommodated in the guest houses of the International Academy for Nature Conservation and you will enjoy full board.

For more information on the venue see: [www.bfn.de/en/international-academy-nature-conservation-isle-vilm](http://www.bfn.de/en/international-academy-nature-conservation-isle-vilm)

## Trainers and Resource Persons

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The sessions will be delivered by trainers and experts from various organisations, such as the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), consultancies, etc.

## How to apply

Please apply online: <https://umfrage.bfn.de/limesurvey/index.php/916225?lang=en>

Fill in the online application form, upload your CV and submit your application electronically **by 30 November 2022**.

Participation is limited to 25 participants. As we usually receive more applications than available places, the participants will be selected based on established criteria. Confirmations will be sent out in December.

## Please note: Changes may be made due to the pandemic!

We are planning to hold the module at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm. However, the pandemic might worsen again during autumn and winter. In the case we will be forced to hold the module virtually, we will adapt and stretch the module content over two weeks from **27 February to 3 March and 6 March to 10 March 2023**. In case this will happen, we hope to be able to inform the participants in November/December. Please only apply in case you are able to participate online as well. **Please save the dates!**

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