

WLM 404: Conservation & business: Natural resource-based enterprise & local livelihoods



This short course will deal with natural resource-based enterprise development linked to local livelihoods. The course will be led by Prof Tony Cunningham, a world expert in ethnobotany and links between natural resources, local livelihoods and conservation, and will include guest lectures by several local leading practitioners in this field. Theory will be integrated with Australian and international examples with an emphasis on issues pertinent to desert and tropical Australia. This course will link theory and practical components, through a combination of lectures and discussions about natural resource based enterprises. The lecture series will cover five themes: a) Poverty alleviation and the social context of bush produce enterprises b) Sustainable harvest issues; c) Economic issues, including value-chains for bush produce enterprises; d) Certification (labelling and cultural branding) and e) Communicating research results to different audiences using a range of tools, including video/DVD cost-effectively tailored to small, specific audiences.

Who should attend?: This course is targeted for practitioners working with territory, state and local government, NGOs & community groups in natural resource management. This course is an accredited core unit of the Masters in Tropical Environmental Management (MTEM) and attendance can be used toward future CDU courses. * **Assumed Knowledge:** Post graduate or for working professionals.

Course Presenter: Anthony (Tony) Cunningham, Adjunct Professor, School for Environmental Research, CDU; **Course Coordinator:** Julian Gorman, Research Fellow, School for Environmental Research, specializing in commercial utilization of native products.

Date: 16 – 20 June 2009. Participants need to arrive in Darwin by the evening of 15th June 2009 & will finish by 4 pm on 20th June.

Cost: CDU MTEM students \$90 + GST. External participants \$1,200 + GST. Please contact Gill Ainsworth for further details. The cost will include course materials and a 1-day field trip. Registration: Maximum 25 participants. To enrol in the course please complete the enrolment form available at <http://www.cdu.edu.au/ser/ShortCourses.html> & fax or email to Gill Ainsworth by 15th May.

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SES360 - Field Studies in Tropical and Desert Landscapes



This course introduces the landscapes of central and northern Australia, and enables students to develop a range of skills in field survey, the use of computer based technologies in the field and data compilation and analysis. The unit hinges upon an 11 day field trip along the environmental gradient from Alice Springs to Darwin. Characteristics of landform, soil and vegetation will be assessed, and land management practices that are unique to each area will be considered from a range of perspectives. Guest speakers from the CSIRO, NT Government, CDU and local Landcare groups provide invaluable knowledge of local landscapes.

Who should attend?: This course is suitable for students of environmental science or related fields and particularly for undergraduates in the final year of their degree or post-graduate students undertaking course work. * Assumed Knowledge: Equivalent of 1 year undergraduate study.

Course Coordinators and presenters: Dr Guy Boggs & Dr Christine Schlesinger, School of Environmental and Life Sciences, CDU

Dates: Tuesday 23rd June - Friday 3rd July. The trip begins at the Alice Springs campus on Tuesday morning & ends in Darwin on Friday evening.

Cost: The cost of accommodation and food are the responsibility of the student. Using prearranged accommodation will cost approx. \$350 including some meals. Camping is an option at most venues.

Assessment: Three assessment items must be completed; on-trip contribution (15%), an on-trip presentation (25%) and a 5000 word report (60%) to be completed after the field trip.

Enrolment: Students from other universities can enrol as cross institutional students at CDU (<http://www.cdu.edu.au/study/apply/enrol.html>) or contact Christine Schlesinger, email: christine.schlesinger@cdu.edu.au; ph:(08) 89 595 218

