Natural Resources and Indigenous Livelihoods Course

COURSE OVERVIEW
This short course covers the connections between natural resource-based enterprise development and local and Indigenous livelihoods, and features a 5 day intensive based in Darwin and its environs. The intensive may be taken as a 5 day short-course on a fee for service basis by those already working in a related sector. For Masters or final year Bachelor students, the intensive is part of a fully accredited unit at CDU. Theory is integrated with Australian and international examples with an emphasis on issues pertinent to desert and tropical Australia (including coastal environments). This course will link theory and applied topics, through a combination of lectures, discussions and field-based observation during the 5 day intensive.

The course and intensive cover six themes:

1. Indigenous livelihoods and poverty alleviation in context of bush and marine product enterprises,
2. Sustainable harvests and commercial use of natural resources,
3. Economics and value-chains,
4. Marketing and certification,
5. Policy issues,
6. Communication tools and engagement, approaches (e.g. participatory planning, communicating results to different audiences; corporate engagement).

FIELD TRIP
This intensive features field trips that will take place in the Darwin-Daly and outer Darwin region. They will involve an introduction to two natural resource-based enterprises which will be later critiqued to determine the critical issues affecting their establishment, operation and sustainability. The 1.5 days of field trips will be integrated with 3.5 days of seminars and workshop sessions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
This course and field intensive is targeted at practitioners working with local, Territory, state and national governments, NGOs and community groups in natural resource management. This full course is an accredited specialist elective of the Masters of Environmental Management (MEM) and elective in the third year of the Bachelor Environmental Science and Bachelor of Science. Cross-institutional enrolments from other universities are very welcome.

COURSE COORDINATOR/PRESENTERS
Julian Gorman (Research Fellow, Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods, CDU) who has worked in this field for 15 years is the course coordinator. The course will also feature several leading researchers and practitioners who will explore the links between natural resources, local livelihoods and conservation.

DATES
Course will start at 9am on Monday 24 November and finish by 5pm on Friday 28 November, 2014.

COST
CDU MEM, BES and BSc students $100 (+HECS) for field trip costs (transport and weaving tour costs). External participants $750 for tuition and field trip costs.

REGISTRATION
Maximum 25 participants on a first come, first serve basis. Email Julian for a registration form. For MEM/BSc students send Julian a completed Change of Enrolment form.

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TESTIMONIALS

Over the nine years this course has been running, participants have come from many areas including:

- Land councils
- Indigenous Ranger Groups
- Aboriginal Resource Centres
- Government agencies in Australia and Asia
- Shires/Local Government
- Master level and final year undergraduate students

2013, Anonymous Participant Evaluation
‘Great program, great mix of videos, lectures and outside presenters and fieldtrips. External presenters were excellent.’

2013, Anonymous Participant Evaluation
‘I really enjoyed the course and got a lot out of it. Now I need to reconsider my career direction...’

2012 course, Professional Development participant, from NT Fisheries Darwin Aquaculture Centre
‘My head is still spinning from the fantastic information and experiences from last week. I must thank you again for everything you brought to the course, I think you and Julian and the diversity of other students made it the success that it was.’

2012, Anonymous Participant Evaluation
‘Incredible knowledge provided by lecturers, individual attention and interest given to all participants in a very personal and helpful manner. Examples backed up messages on each topic. Really enjoyed international context and content.’

2012, Lizz Bott, CEO, Merrepen Arts, Daly River ‘Thank you for once again bringing your students down to Daly River. I know the ladies love going out and sharing their knowledge and culture. I also appreciate your support as the ‘Fi Tours’ is of great economic benefit to Patricia and her group as well as the flow on sales for the art centre.’