



## The Durrell Endangered Species Management Graduate Certificate (DESMAN) 2009

### Who is the course for?

This course is aimed at conservation professionals working with threatened species in the wild or in captivity. Zoo curators, senior keepers, veterinarians, field biologists and educators will all benefit from attending this course.

### Where will you be based?

The International Training Centre (ITC) is located in the grounds of Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, based on the island of Jersey in the British Channel Islands. We have purpose built learning facilities including a 54 seat lecture theatre, a reference library containing over 11000 volumes and subscriptions to over 60 journals and a computer lab. Our on-site animal collection means that you will have the opportunity to gain first-hand experience on our animal, veterinary and education departments.



### What topics will be covered?

The taught component of the course focuses on 11 main topics:

- Biodiversity and conservation and Zoos
- conservation planning and priority setting
- Principles of animal husbandry
- Animal health
- Small population biology
- Zoo and field research
- In-situ conservation
- Management skills
- Facilitation training
- Education in zoos
- Translocation biology



**Practical work:** Students will learn population monitoring techniques, field sample collection and computer modelling. you will also get experience in different animal departments within Durrell, learning the practical aspects of care and maintenance of animals in captivity.

**Guest lecturers:** ITC has well-established links with professionals and institutions in the field of conservation biology and zoos world-wide. Speakers will be invited to give students greater insight into the subjects taught within the courses.

### How will I be assessed?

Students are assessed through the following:

*Written examination*

*Practical work assessment*

*Written project proposal and presentation*

*Fundraising proposal and presentation*

The course is accredited by the University of Kent.

### How are participants selected?

You must

1. Be employed in the field of conservation or in teaching conservation related topics at graduate or postgraduate level;
2. Have the support of your employer and confirmation that, should you be selected, you will be returning to your place of employment after training;
3. Be sufficiently fluent in English to follow technical presentation read scientific papers and write a research report.

We have a limited number of scholarships available for this course. Further information about these is provided during the selection process

**Dates: 19<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Application deadline: ~~31<sup>st</sup> October 2008~~ Extended to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

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