



Island Species-Led Action

A course for island species conservation practitioners and educators

To be held in Fiji, 6 – 15 July 2009

“An excellent course which has focused my future direction with respect to my personal and regional conservation initiatives and perspective.” ISLA course participant 2008

What is ISLA?

Island Species-Led Action (ISLA) is a 10 day course for conservation practitioners and educators working in some of the world's 'hottest' conservation hotspots to save species from extinction. Attention in the course will focus on proven and practical approaches to managing endangered species and habitats that can be realised with minimal resource implications.



Who is it for?

ISLA is designed for island species and habitat conservation managers from the public and private/charity sectors and academic staff from island universities/colleges. The course can be taken as an optional module as part of the 2009 Pacific Islands Community Conservation Course (PICCC).

Where is ISLA being run?

ISLA 2009 will be held in Fiji and run in partnership with the National Trust of Fiji. Participants have the opportunity for direct experience of current conservation issues in the Pacific region and 'real time' endangered species case studies from Fiji and its surrounding islands.

What topics will be covered?

The course is divided into three modules with associated themes:

Module 1 – Understanding Islands

- Pacific island biogeography
- Ecology of the Pacific region
- Island species vulnerability and threats
- Climate change impacts on islands

Module 2 – Species-led Action

- Managing species recovery in the wild
- Translocations and captive breeding for reintroduction
- Invasive species threats and management
- Supporting functioning ecosystems for species conservation
- Measuring effectiveness

Module 3 – Strategic planning

- Prioritisation for conservation actions
- Project planning and management
- Strategic planning processes and issues for island species conservation
- Collaboration and networking

The focus will be on the recovery of endangered reptiles, amphibians and birds, with special attention to threats such as diseases, introduced rats and weeds.

How much does it cost?

The total cost of the course is US\$1,700. Scholarships are available for participants from the region, including participants in the PICCC, please enquire for details.

How do I apply for the course?

Complete an application form and submit this together with a recent CV and letter of support from a senior member of staff from within the organisation for which you work. Further Information and application forms are available at: www.durrell.org/Conservation/Training

The deadline for this course is 27 March 2009.

“The lectures were informative and motivating and I really appreciated the wide variety of people from all projects presenting and sharing, and hearing the views of so many people from different conservation pursuits around the world.”

ISLA course participant 2007