Learn from the conservation experts

saving species from extinction
Our founder, Gerald Durrell, believed that saving species from extinction was as much an art as a science. One of his greatest ambitions was to create a training centre which would unite these two disciplines and provide conservationists worldwide with the skills they need to prevent species extinctions. It was a dream come true when, one summer’s evening in the early 1980s, he played croquet with ten students from ten different countries on the lawn at Les Noyers, the training centre he established at Durrell’s headquarters in Jersey.

To date we have trained more than 3,500 students who have learnt from some of the world’s leading conservation practitioners in the art and science of species conservation. I invite you to come to Durrell Conservation Academy where we will help you to develop your career and your positive impact upon conservation.

Dr Lee Durrell MBE
Honorary Director, Durrell

Thus the Trust would become a form of university… where people can get the correct training… and then take their talents back to conservation units throughout the world

Gerald Durrell, 1976, The Stationary Ark
Durrell Conservation Academy is a world leader in conservation capacity development, operating at the interface between in-situ and ex-situ conservation. We can offer you a unique learning experience wherever you are in your career.

Durrell has a proven track record of saving species from extinction and 35 years’ experience of conservation training. This expertise, combined with partnerships with other leading conservation organisations, creates a diverse range of conservation training courses for all conservation practitioners and enthusiasts.

Endangered species recovery techniques
Durrell has an extensive history of leading the conservation of highly threatened species, through research and breeding programmes at our headquarters, and in our overseas field conservation programmes.

Technical training
The in-house skills and knowledge of the Durrell team is supplemented by our expert partners to provide key training in specialised areas such as GIS, Conservation Genetics, Education and Public Engagement.

Conservation management and leadership
Effective conservation action requires excellent leadership as well as people and project management skills. Durrell’s experience of running successful conservation programmes provides significant insight which feeds into our training courses.

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"what an honour to be a part of Gerald Durrell’s vision and study here at the Academy"

Durrell Graduate

Successful conservation action involves a wide variety of cross-disciplinary skills.

"from biology to sociology, we covered everything and all linked to first hand experience"

Durrell Graduate

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Courses in Jersey, Mauritius and beyond…

We have courses in Jersey and Mauritius running throughout the year and we also take our courses around the world to meet the needs of specific conservation issues. Our Jersey based campus, linked to the wildlife park, is a centre for ex-situ conservation management, perfectly positioned to provide technical training in captive breeding management and husbandry techniques. We provide the theory and the practice of conservation breeding, drawing on Durrell’s 50 plus years of captive management expertise. We are uniquely placed to offer comprehensive courses highlighting the role zoos can play in saving species from extinction.

In Mauritius we offer direct access to a variety of species and habitat recovery projects that Durrell has been involved with for over 25 years. You will be immersed within existing conservation projects and learn key field skills required of wildlife conservation professionals. You will gain first-hand experience and learn directly from in-situ project managers.

We provide accommodation for all of our courses. To find out more about the courses we run both in Jersey and Mauritius please visit our website or email us.

www.durrell.org/training academy@durrell.org

“learning from people who actually worked in the field was so useful”
Durrell Graduate
Collaborate with peers globally

We provide support through the Durrell Conservation Learning Network allowing you to connect with us and Durrell graduates around the world. By attending a training course at Durrell you will start a relationship that will stay with you throughout your professional life. The network encourages the exchange of ideas, difficulties and solutions; provides access to the latest information, scientific papers and conservation experts, it also makes funding available to help purchase equipment, build capacity and kick start conservation projects.

Hands on learning

Durrell Internships provide fledgling conservationists with the skills to maximize their impact and become conservation leaders of the future. A Durrell Internship equips you with a combination of practical hands-on training and complementary management and leadership training in areas necessary to developing and leading conservation projects. Additionally, interns are provided with coaching support from Durrell staff in order to successfully implement the strategies developed during the internship.

"The practical experience I learnt at Durrell got me my job."
Durrell Intern
Field study groups

We run tailored courses designed for college and university groups providing direct contact with some of the world’s leading experts on species conservation in both Jersey and Mauritius. In Jersey the students gain a critical understanding of the role zoos play in conservation projects through the management of ex-situ populations and in-situ conservation efforts. Courses in Mauritius open up unique learning opportunities to develop tropical field conservation skills, learning directly from those working in-situ and gaining first-hand experience within a range of conservation projects.

Our training partners

We believe in providing the highest quality training possible. With many of our courses this involves drawing on Durrell expertise in endangered species recovery, for some we partner with other organisations and individuals who can inject additional skills and experience into the training we provide. We collaborate with specialist groups, in-country NGOs, international conservation organisations and some of the worlds’ leading universities. We bring the experts to you, providing you with a unique and comprehensive learning experience with the most up to date theory and practice of endangered species recovery.

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“the tailor made course dovetailed perfectly with the topics we cover back at college”

Visiting College Tutor

“Durrell attracts world experts, who bring their experience from the frontline of conservation”

Durrell Trainer
I do assure you, that the world needs Durrell

Sir David Attenborough

Since running its first course in 1978, Durrell has trained more than 3,500 conservationists from over 135 countries. This indicator measures the geographical scope of Durrell's training programmes and tracks the number of people around the world it has trained in conservation theory and techniques.
Our graduates

“An inspiring and life changing experience”
Richard Switzer, U.S.A
Endangered Species Recovery course.
Associate Director of Applied Animal Ecology at San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research.

“We arrived at Durrell Conservation Academy as strangers but left as brothers and sisters”
Ramesh Chand, Fiji
Durrell Endangered Species Management, Graduate Certificate course.
Manager of Kula Eco-Park, Fiji.

“Durrell has changed my life as a biologist”
Arturo Munoz, Bolivia
Amphibian Biodiversity Conservation course.
Founder of Bolivian Amphibian Initiative.

“Honestly, it was the best experience of my life!”
Carolina Falla, Colombia
Durrell Endangered Species Management, Graduate Certificate course.
Executive Director of ACOPAZOA (Colombian Association for Zoo and Aquariums).
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