

Syllabus
International Wildlife Conservation
NR5884 CRN 17157

Spring Semester 2009
January 19-May 13

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Natural Resources

1. Class Schedule

This class will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:45 PM at the VT College of Natural Resources Northern Virginia Center, 7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church, Virginia (West Falls Church Metro Stop)

2. Instructors

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3. Office Hours

Appointments can be arranged at the mutual scheduling of instructor and course participants. Please send an email to request/suggest an appointment date, time and location.

4. Course Description

Wildlife resources around the globe are impacted by human decision-making. Declines in many populations of terrestrial, freshwater and marine species are well-documented. Local-level land-use, local, national and international policies, and human trade and development activities heavily influence wildlife populations and their potential for management to assure viable populations. This course reviews issues of global wildlife conservation concern, US-based and international agencies working toward wildlife conservation objectives, organizations and activities impacting international wildlife management policy and practices across key regions of the globe. This course will provide knowledge and skills to those interested in including an international wildlife perspective to their academic and professional focus.

5. Course Objectives

After the successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the roles and responsibilities of a variety of US government agencies working in bi- and multi-lateral cooperation to support international wildlife conservation

- Analyze policies, methods, impacts and outcomes of wildlife management strategies generally employed in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe
- Differentiate perspectives and components necessary for effective, sustainable wildlife strategies outside the United States
- Evaluate the strengths and challenges to US government and non-governmental organizational roles and impacts on international wildlife conservation
- Review and integrate wildlife management case studies through a step-wise policy and practical management process using tested theories and methods

6. Meeting the Course Objectives

Course objectives will be met through a diversity of evaluative discussion and practical activities. In-class mid-term (25%) and final examinations (25%) will complement group papers (30%) and class participation (20%) in evaluation methods for achieving course objectives.

7. Course Schedule

Class	Date	Topic	Assignment
1	22 January	Introduction and Course Objectives	
2	29 January	Global Wildlife Conservation Issues	
3	05 February	Approaches to Wildlife Conservation	
4	12 February	US Agencies: USAID, USFS, USFWS	
5	19 February	US Agencies: NPS, DOS, DOA	
6	26 February	US Based Non Profit Organizations: WWF, WCS, CI, IFAW, JGI, RARE, WRI	
7	05 March	Mid-Term Exam	
	12 March	Spring Break	
8	19 March	Africa Wildlife Conservation	
9	26 March	Asia Wildlife Conservation	
10	02 April	Latin America Wildlife Conservation	
11	09 April	European Wildlife Conservation	
12	16 April	Group Papers Due & Presentations	
13	23 April	International Wildlife Conservation Policy	
14	30 April	Future of International Wildlife Conservation	
15	7 May	Final Exam	

8. Texts and Resource Materials

Borrini-Feyerabend, G., M. Pimbert, M.T. Farvar, A. Kothari, and Y. Renard. 2007. *Sharing Power: A Global Guide to Collaborative Management of Natural Resources*. Earthscan UK.

9. Internet Resources

National Park Service Office of International Affairs

<http://www.nps.gov/oia/>

USAID Biodiversity Program

http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/environment/biodiversity/index.html

US Department of Agriculture

National Center for Import and Export

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/NCIE/>

US Department of State

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

<http://www.state.gov/g/oes/> -- and Coalition Against Wildlife Trafficking

<http://www.cawtglobal.org>

US Fish and Wildlife Service Division of International Conservation

<http://www.fws.gov/international/>

US Forest Service International

<http://www.fs.fed.us/global/>

Bushmeat Crisis Task Force <http://www.bushmeat.org>

Conservation International <http://www.conservation.org>

Foundations of Success <http://www.fosonline.org>

International Fund for Animal Welfare <http://www.ifaw.org>

Jane Goodall Institute <http://www.janegoodall.org>

RARE <http://www.rareconservation.org>

TRAFFIC <http://www.traffic.org>

Wildlife Alliance <http://www.wildlifealliance.org>

Wildlife Conservation Society <http://www.wcs.org>

World Resources Institute <http://www.wri.org>

World Wildlife Fund <http://www.wwfus.org>

10. Honor Code

The tenets of the Virginia Tech Graduate Honor Code will be strictly enforced in this course, and all assignments shall be subject to the stipulations of the Graduate Honor Code as outlined in the Graduate Catalog at <http://www.ncr.vt.edu>

For more information on the Graduate Honor Code, please refer to the GHS Constitution, located online at <http://fbox.vt.edu/studentinfo/gradhonor/>

Please contact the instructor immediately if you have questions.

11. Emergency Information

For weather cancellations, please check www.ncr.vt.edu and the Weather Alert Line 703-538-8325.

12. Course Improvement

As a new and hopefully continued course offering your input is extremely valuable. Recommendations for improvement of the course will be solicited throughout the semester and during a formal evaluation format at the last session of the course.