



DEGREE CURRICULUM

ST IN DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR RESOUCES MANAGEMENT

Coordination: COLL MIR, LLUIS

Academic year 2023-24

Subject's general information

Subject name	ST IN DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR RESOUC... MANAGEMENT			
Code	111012			
Semester	ANUAL CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Master's Degree Erasmus Mundus in Spatial and Ecological Modelling in European Forestry	2	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
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Course number of credits (ECTS)	3			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRACAMP	PRALAB	TEORIA
	Number of credits	0.6	1.2	1.2
	Number of groups	1	1	0
Coordination	COLL MIR, LLUIS			
Department	AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	Traditional (face-to-face), blended learning. The course will include lectures, group discussions and field trips.			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	English			
Distribution of credits	Theoretical: 70 Practical: 30%			

Teaching staff	E-mail addresses	Credits taught by teacher	Office and hour of attention
PROFESSOR PENDENT ASSIGNAR		3	

Subject's extra information

Introductory course to the principles of forest management oriented to the provision of different goods and services and to the role of participatory processes in support of decision-making tools.

Learning objectives

The course will introduce the students to the main techniques used to quantify and manage forest resources for ecosystem services provision. It will also provide information on: (1) the existing interactions between different management options, (2) the methods to address multi-criteria forest management and (3) the basis of scenario participatory planning tools in support of decision-making processes.

Subject contents

- 1) Introduction and principles to natural forest resources and ecosystem services provision
- 2) Forest management strategies for the provision of different forest ecosystem services
- 3) Quantification of ecosystem services provision and tradeoffs
- 4) Multi-criteria decision-making frameworks for forestry management in a context of environmental uncertainty
- 5) Overview of theories of participation and principles
- 6) Models of participatory planning to support decision-making processes in forestry.

Methodology

The course will be based on:

- Lectures and discussions based on the latest scientific literature and research programs
- Workshop on the use multi-criteria decision-making frameworks
- One-day field trip to forest areas managed for the joint provision of different forest ecosystem services
- Group work: design of participatory scenarios
- Debates about how the use of social science can enable transdisciplinary approaches and learning in decision-making processes in forestry and forest conservation.

Development plan

Scheduling is by agreement with the students at the beginning of the course.

Evaluation

Grading will be based on (i) participation on lectures, seminars and debates, (ii) completion of practical exercises and (iii) public presentation of the results from exercises

Bibliography

(additional literature will be supplied during the course)

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