Background

Since 1999, seminars on nature conservation in development cooperation have been held annually at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm. They are jointly organised by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN).
The first seminar "Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing" presents an overview of the most relevant concepts, developments and tools in biodiversity conservation with regard to development cooperation and offers a broad forum for the exchange of experiences. The second seminar is devoted to the in-depth consideration of a specific topic identified as of particular interest.
Based on feedback from last year's participants and ongoing discussions in the development policy arena, the topic "Protected area management and governance: linking policy and practice" was chosen for 2015.
The language of both seminars will be English.

Venue

Both seminars will take place at the International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm (see http://www.bfn.de/06), an island in the Baltic Sea next to Ruegen Island. The Isle of Vilm has been a protected area for many centuries.

Overview Seminar
Biodiversity conservation for human well-being

Objectives

- To convey new concepts, tools and instruments of nature conservation and development cooperation
- To raise awareness for the significance of the CBD and its Strategic Plan as the policy framework for German development cooperation in the area of biodiversity conservation
- To offer a forum for the exchange of experiences.

Contents

The following topics will be addressed by lectures, case studies, group work and discussions:

- Current trends in German development cooperation with regard to biodiversity conservation and natural resource management
- New directions arising from the CBD and its strategic plan
- Balancing conservation and development interests: a critical review of approaches and achievements
- Valuing and financing biodiversity conservation
- Protected areas: concepts, current issues and developments
- The role of the private sector in biodiversity conservation

The seminar will consist of expert input, group work, discussions and exercises as well as training units on certain tools relevant for work in DC.
A related field trip will take place in the middle of the seminar.

Focus Seminar
Protected area management and governance: linking policy and practice

Background

In 2014 the IUCN World Parks Congress has brought together 6,000 people concerned with protected areas and brought forward the "Promise of Sydney" - setting out an ambitious agenda to safeguard the planet's natural assets over the next decade, and position protected areas (PAs) as effective and efficient solutions to some of the world's key development challenges; which underlines their relevance in the context of German Development Cooperation.

Objectives

Participants shall

- Become familiar with the history and challenges of area-based conservation in terrestrial and marine realms
- Be inspired to improve PA planning, governance and management by analyzing cases and lessons
- Get an overview over state-of-the-art concepts and relevant tools
- Identify entry points for German development cooperation in the interplay with other actors to enhance enabling environments

Contents

The analysis of good practice approaches in management and governance of protected areas will show how PAs can effectively contribute to biodiversity conservation and lead to enhanced implementation of all aspects of Aichi Target 11 (CBD Strategic Plan 2011-2020).

A related field trip will take place in the middle of the seminar.

Application

Please apply online at:

Seminar "Biodiversity conservation for human wellbeing"

Seminar "Management and governance of PAs"

Registration deadline: 15 March 2015

Your application will be considered based on a number of criteria, such as

- Regional balance
- Institutional balance
- Participation in previous seminars
- Motivation and relevance to work context

Confirmations will be sent out by 31 March 2015.

Any enquiries to

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Target group

The target group of the seminars are practitioners and planners at the interface of development co-operation and biodiversity conservation (from GIZ, KfW, BMZ, BMUB, foundations, NGOs, consulting companies, partner organisations of German development).

To enable interactive working mode, the number of participants for the 1st seminar is limited to 20, for the 2nd seminar to 25.

Costs

The costs of the 1st seminar (02 – 07 August) will be around 430 € per participant (including full board and lodging).
For the 2nd seminar (09 - 14 August), around 800 € per participant have to be calculated (including full board and lodging).
The final price can only be set by mid May 2015.
A late cancellation of your registration within 30 days prior to the start of the seminar will imply a fee of 360 € in case no substitute can be found.

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