



ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTERS COURSE

# SUFONAMA

SUSTAINABLE FOREST AND  
NATURE MANAGEMENT

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The MSc programme in Sustainable Forest and Nature Management (SUFONAMA) is a two-year world-class integrated programme aimed at qualifying graduates to deal with the enormous challenge in sustainable management of natural resources, namely the challenge of management of forests and nature areas in an integrated landscape context. The programme is part of the Erasmus Mundus (EM) programme initiated by the European Commission to enhance and promote European higher education throughout the world.

### **WHY CHOOSE SUFONAMA**

Through a top-level, research-based education, graduates will gain the required competencies for working with sustainable forest and nature management issues: a significant theoretical foundation, practical and international experience, and a cross-disciplinary approach. The successful student will be able to apply to high-level PhD programmes or pursue a career in e.g. international and government agencies, consultancy, private companies, and NGOs.

### **THE SUFONAMA MASTER OF SCIENCE**

The SUFONAMA Course is offered by a consortium of five European universities:



The University of Copenhagen,  
Centre for Forest, Landscape and  
Planning, Copenhagen, Denmark



Bangor University  
School of the Environment and Natural  
Resources, Bangor, UK



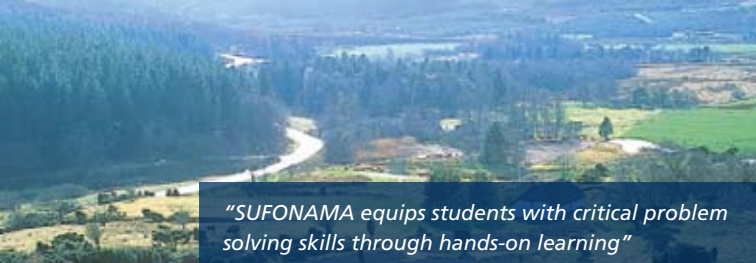
University of Göttingen  
Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology,  
Göttingen, Germany



Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences-  
Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre,  
Alnarp, Sweden




University of Padua  
Faculty of Agriculture, Padua, Italy



*“SUFONAMA equips students with critical problem solving skills through hands-on learning”*  
*Cathy Brown, USA, SUFONAMA student*

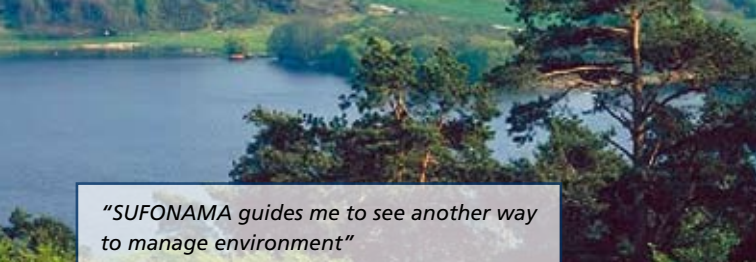
**STRUCTURE OF SUFONAMA**

FIRST YEAR (60 ECTS)		SECOND YEAR (60 ECTS)	
Bangor Max. 25 students	Joint Summer Module	Bangor Max. 15 students	
Copenhagen Max. 25 students		Copenhagen Max. 15 students	
Göttingen Max. 25 students		Göttingen Max. 15 students	
	Alnarp Max. 15 students		
	Padova Max. 15 students		

**PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

The programme consists of a first study year at one of three institutions (Bangor, Copenhagen, Göttingen) and a specialising second study year with different topics offered by each of the five institutions in the MSc Programme. The students are required to spend the second year at a university other than the first one.

The aim of the first study year is to provide a thorough and broad introduction to sustainable forestry and nature management. The learning outcomes are similar for the three first year institutions and allow students to choose among all five specialisation options in the second year. The first year ends with a compulsory Joint Summer Module, run as a two-week excursion to a Consortium country.



*"SUFONAMA guides me to see another way to manage environment"*

*Hsinping Pai, Taiwan, SUFONAMA student*

<b>SPECIALISATION</b>	<b>DEGREES AWARDED</b>
Conservation and land management	MSc in Environmental Forestry/ MSc in Conservation and Land Management
Economic management of forests and nature	MSc in Forestry
Timber and non-timber forest product use and processing	MSc in Forestry
Scandinavian and East European forestry	MSc in Forestry
Mountain forestry and watershed management	MSc in Forestry and Environmental Sciences

The second year takes place at one of the other four partner institutions where you did not stay during your first year.

Each specialisation is based on the partner universities' research strengths. The specialisation includes a masters thesis based on research and fieldwork inside or outside Europe.

The SUFONAMA offers a truly integrated study programme already recognised in all the participating countries. When students have acquired 120 ECTS by studying at two Consortium institutions (at least 60 ECTS at each) they will obtain a SUFONAMA double degree and a Diploma Supplement.



*"This MSc will become a European centre of excellence in holistic forest and nature management"*

*European Commission*

## **ADMISSION CRITERIA**

The main selection criteria for applicants are:

- A good BSc degree in Forestry, Biology or related fields such as Environmental Science or Geography, alternatively in Economics, Management or Political Science
- Good English language proficiency
- C.V.
- Experience from relevant practice may be an advantage
- Personal statement of motivation
- Recommendations from two referees

## **APPLICATION**

Applications from third country students must be received no later than 16 January 2009. EU/EEA-EFTA students must apply no later than 14 August 2009. The application form is available at [www.sufonama.net](http://www.sufonama.net), where you will also find detailed information about the programme, incl. financial support opportunities for EU/EEA-EFTA students. The next academic year starts at the end of August 2009 (depending on first year institution). Only complete applications will be processed. Decisions on EM scholarships will be made by mid-May 2009.

## **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**

All SUFONAMA modular activities are completed in English.



## **ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Around 20 EM scholarships are expected to be available for third-country students, i.e. students from outside the EU and EEA/EFTA countries.

The scholarship amounts to € 21,000 per year for two years. The SUFONAMA Commission will propose the best applicants for EM scholarships. Grant holders are selected on the basis of academic potential and in observance of geographical criteria determined by the European Commission.

EM scholarship applicants must not have spent more than one year as a student or worker in any EU or EEA/EFTA country during the last five years. Please indicate in the SUFONAMA application form if you are applying for an EM scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application form.

## **CONSORTIUM FEE**

The consortium fee per year is € 4,500 for EU/EEA-EFTA students and € 8,000 for third-country students.

The consortium fee is the same irrespective of study institution. EU/EEA-EFTA students are eligible for financial support, see [www.sufonama.net](http://www.sufonama.net).

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Detailed information on the SUFONAMA programme is available on [www.sufonama.net](http://www.sufonama.net)

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*“SUFONAMA was an opportunity to do my studies differently, and to meet and experience other cultures”*

*Signe M. Ingversen,  
Denmark, SUFONAMA  
student*