



Erasmus Mundus

**Erasmus Mundus Masters Course
SUFONAMA - Sustainable Forest and Nature Management**

Call for student applications

We offer an integrated two-year world-class Masters Course in Sustainable Forest and Nature Management (SUFONAMA) based on our long experience in teaching and research, and building on masters programmes that have proved to be dynamic and viable. By joining the teaching and research experiences of five European leading educational institutions, this unique Course will constitute an in-depth educational programme with inherent impetus to stay at the forefront of research-based teaching strongly linked to realities in many European and non-European countries.

The SUFONAMA Course is offered by a consortium consisting of five institutions: (i) The University of Copenhagen, Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, Copenhagen, Denmark, (ii) Bangor University, School of the Environment and Natural Resources, Bangor, Wales, UK, (iii) University of Goettingen, Faculty of Forest Sciences and Ecology, Goettingen, Germany, (iv) Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Southern Swedish Forest Research Centre, Alnarp, Sweden, and (v) University of Padova, Faculty of Agriculture, Padova, Italy.

The Course consists of a first study year at one of three institutions (Bangor, Copenhagen, Goettingen) and a specialising second study year with different topics offered by each of the five institutions. The students are required to spend the second year at another university than the first one. The aim of the first study year is to provide a thorough and broad introduction to sustainable forest and nature management. The learning outcomes are similar for the three first year institutions and allow students to choose freely among the five specialisation options in the second year. The first study year ends with a Joint Summer Module, run as a two-weeks excursion to a Consortium country. You can specialise in the second year within the following topics: (i) Conservation and land management (Bangor), (ii) Economic management of forests and nature (Copenhagen), (iii) Timber and non-timber forest product use and processing (Goettingen), (iv) Scandinavian and East European forestry (Alnarp), (v) Mountain forestry and watershed management (Padova). The specialisation includes a master thesis based on research and fieldwork inside or outside the EU. 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 the Diploma Supplement. All SUFONAMA modular activities can be completed in English. The following degrees are awarded: MSc in Forestry in Copenhagen, MSc in Environmental Forestry and MSc in Conservation and Land Management in Bangor, MSc in Forestry in Goettingen, MSc in Forestry in Alnarp, and MSc in Forestry and Environmental Sciences in Padova.

Consortium fees per year are €4,500 for EU/EEA-EFTA students and €8,000 for third-country students. EU/EEA-EFTA students are eligible for financial support, see www.sufonama.net. Around 20 Erasmus Mundus scholarships (€21,000 per year per student) are expected to be available for third-country students. Non-EU student applications must be received no later than **16 January 2009**. EU/EEA-EFTA student applications must be received no later than **14 August 2009**. The application form is available at www.sufonama.net. There is no separate application form for scholarships. The next academic year starts around 1 September 2009 (depending on first year institution).

Detailed information on the SUFONAMA Masters Course is available on www.sufonama.net. Applicants should observe that only complete application forms will be processed. Please read the admission procedure carefully and note that applicants will be informed about scholarship decisions around mid- May 2009.