



Short Course Announcement

Background

The College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka is implementing a three-year project titled “*Bee-Pollinator monitoring Project*” under the financial support from JRS Biodiversity Foundation. The project seeks to develop understanding on the status and trends of bee pollinator and their interactions to plant communities. Specifically, the project will assess the diversity, abundance, and distribution of bee pollinator species; create some initial information about bee-plant interactions; and strengthen capacity of the Tanzanian scientific community.

Short Course Training

The College is hereby pleased to announce a back-to-back intensive short course training on various topics which altogether contribute to the overall objective of the project.

Training objectives

1. To enhance the capacity of the participants on bee ecology and bee-plant mutualistic interactions.
2. To develop an in-depth understanding on bee taxonomy and collection management.
3. To strengthen capacity of the participants on study design and monitoring protocols.

Content Summary

Specific topics that will be covered in this course include:

1. Bee ecology;
2. Bee-plant mutualistic interactions;
3. Bee taxonomy and collection management; and
4. Study design and monitoring protocols

Expected outcome

All participants are equipped with knowledge and skills necessary to carry out bee taxonomic work in the lab using a combination of morphometric and DNA-based techniques.

Training Participants

Potential applicants are project team members, lab technicians, field assistants, students and staff from Mweka and collaborating academic, research, conservation and agricultural institutions. Places are limited to 25 participants only.

Prerequisites for Training

1. Good reading and listening skills (training will be delivered in English language);
2. A solid background in ecology or biology
3. Basic computer skills and familiarity with Windows or Mac OSX operating systems and;
4. Experience in bee-pollinator research will be an added advantage.

Course Duration/ Dates

The course will be conducted for 35 days commencing from 15th February, 2018 to 19th March, 2018.

Trainers

The following experts will be involved in the provision of the training;

1. Dr. Emmanuel H. Martin (Department of Wildlife Management, College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka)
2. Dr. William Kindeketa (Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology)
3. Prof. Dr. Ingolf Steffan-Dewenter (Department of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology, University of Würzburg, Germany)
4. Dr. Peters Marcell (Department of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology, University of Würzburg, Germany)
5. Dr. Connal Eardley (Agricultural Research Council, Plant Protection Research Institute, South Africa)
6. Dr. Alain Pauly (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences rueVautier 29, B-1000, Brussels, Belgium)
7. Dr. WouterDekoninck (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences,rueVautier 29, B-1000, Brussels, Belgium).
8. Dr. Jean-Luc Boevé (Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, rueVautier 29, B-1000, Brussels, Belgium)

Training Costs

Participants will not be charged training fees. **However**, selected candidates will have to cater for their own meals, accommodation & transport expenses.

Mode of application

Please submit your CV (max. 2 pages) and a motivational letter (Max. 2 pages) in order to register your interest in attending this course. The motivational letter should include among others:1) your current research work; 2) previous relevant training or experience and 3) how you think

attendance to this course will support your work and career development. Submit your application to the following address;

Rector,
College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka,
Att: Project Director,
Bee-Pollinator Monitoring Project,
P.O Box 3031,
Moshi.
E-mail: pollinators_p@mwekawildlife.ac.tz
cc: mweka@mwekawildlife.ac.tz

NB: Electronic submission should be in Microsoft Word or PDF format

Application deadline

Applications should reach us not later than 11th February, 2018.