

Environmental Law in Developing Countries: Challenges and Prospects



The challenges faced by developing countries in seeking to balance priorities of development and environmental protection are substantially different from those confronting the world's industrialised nations. In many contexts issues of poverty, wealth inequality and lack of technical and other capacity frustrate objectives of effective environmental governance. But there are also many highly innovative and effective governance responses to the sustainability challenge being applied in developing countries in different regions of the world.

This intensive postgraduate course addresses both these challenges and responses. Offered by the USP School of Law, it brings together a team of expert environmental law instructors from Indonesia, South Africa and the Pacific, drawing upon examples from these very different regions.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To develop an understanding of the unique legal, policy and governance challenges faced by various developing countries in seeking to achieve sustainable management of their natural resources and environments
- To foster recognition of the issues facing developing countries in negotiating and implementing international environmental agreements.
- To generate understanding of the different approaches taken to promote regional cooperation for environmental protection in the Pacific Islands, Africa and South East Asia.
- To build awareness of recent innovative developments in Pacific Island Countries, South Africa and Indonesia in the field of environmental law aimed at overcoming these challenges.

TIMETABLE AND COURSE EVENTS

Winter Intensive teaching in-country 11-16 July 2011 | Course materials will be made available to students by 1 June 2011.
Final assessments will be due on 1 October 2011 |

Two (2) field trips:



1. CHIEF ROI MATA'S DOMAIN |

Vanuatu's first and only World Heritage Site, declared by UNESCO in 2008 as an outstanding example of a landscape representative of Pacific chiefly systems. The landscape reflects continuing Pacific chiefly systems and respect for customary authority through tabu prohibitions on use of Roi Mata's residence and burial that have been observed for over 400 years and have structured local landscapes and social practices.



2. NGUNA-PELE MARINE PARK |

In 2008 the Nguna-Pele Marine Park received the United Nations Equator Prize at the World Conservation Congress recognizing and celebrating their outstanding community efforts to reduce poverty through grass-roots activities for the conservation of biodiversity. A visit to Nguna and Pele, is truly a real island experience.

USP WELCOMES CROSS INSTITUTIONAL ENROLMENTS

USP School of Law welcomes enquiries and enrolments from students studying at other universities for degrees such as Master of Laws, Master of Environmental Laws, and Master of International Law. The rules of most universities allow their students, subject to prior approval and upon the condition that no comparable course is offered by that university, to study a course at another institution to be counted towards their degree. This course is an excellent cross-institutional adjunct for postgraduate students studying in Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere. Fee for non USP students: AUD\$ 2,730 (Including field trips)

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