



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

National Conservation Training Center

Training Announcement

Climate-Smart Conservation

ALC3195- Pilot Course

Course Description

This course is based on a forthcoming guide to the principles and practice of Climate-Smart Conservation. This publication is the product of an expert workgroup on climate change adaptation convened by the National Wildlife Federation in collaboration with the FWS's National Conservation Training Center and other partners (see sidebar). The course is designed to demystify climate adaptation for application to on-the-ground conservation. It will provide guidance in how to carry out adaptation with intentionality, how to manage for change and not just persistence, how to craft climate-informed conservation goals, and how to integrate adaptation into on-going work. Conservation practitioners and natural resource managers will learn to become savvy consumers of climate information, tools, and models.



Credit: USFWS

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Design adaptation planning processes that are relevant at multiple scales (e.g., place-based to large landscape level)
- Evaluate conservation goals from a climate change perspective, and align adaptation strategies with climate-informed goals
- Explain how climate change vulnerability assessments, scenario planning, and downscaled climate models inform adaptation
- Describe the process for identifying possible adaptation options based on vulnerability information and other management considerations
- Integrate climate adaptation into existing planning and decision making processes and policies

Date

October 29-31, 2013

Location

NCTC, Shepherdstown, WV

Who Should Attend

The target audience includes conservation practitioners and natural resource managers working at multiple scales to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of their work in an era of climate change.

Length

3 days

Tuition

There is no tuition for this PILOT course. Tuition for additional courses will vary with hosting offices.

To Register

Register online at <http://training.fws.gov> using DOI Learn, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System.

Availability

Course will be offered multiple times/year by various hosts.

Course Development

In partnership with staff from National Wildlife Federation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, National Park Service, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Forest Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Conservation Society, The Nature Conservancy, EcoAdapt, Geos Institute, and PRBO Conservation Science.

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*"Adaptation is rapidly becoming the primary lens for conservation and natural resource planning and management."
Stein et al. 2012*