

Report on Planning Day for Step Down Training Courses Darwin Field Station, Abuko Nature Reserve

Biodiversity, National Policy and the Law

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Present:

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Mr Sajo Fatajoh, Department of Forestry
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Mr Kawsu Jammeh, Department of Parks and wildlife Management
Ms Ajie Binta Kinteh, National Environment Agency
Mr Kalimang Camara, NARCO
Mr Famara Darboe, Department of Fisheries
Mr Malang Jambang, Makasutu Wildlife Trust (MWT)
Mr Ousmab Bah, MWT
Ms Binta Mankali, MWT
Dr Linda Barnett, Darwin project co-ordinator
Mr Craig Emms, MWT

Background

Following the training of trainers course held from 26th July-6th August 2004, trainers met to discuss the details and logistics of the follow up step down training courses, which would provide training to further participants from the Departments of Wildlife Management, Forestry, Fisheries, NEA and NARCO.

Course Content

A provisional timetable for a three day course was presented to the trainers and comments were requested. On the whole the structure was accepted although it was agreed that three days was quite a short time for the course. However the trainers also appreciated the fact that they had a finite amount of time to dedicate to the course and that it would be difficult to get participants to attend if the course was much longer. It was requested that logistical arrangements were made clear at the beginning of the course, and that the role of communities in the natural resource laws be included in this session. Upon discussion it was decided to extend the time allotted to the natural resource policy and law session, and encourage discussion. The amended structure for the course is located in appendix 1.

Training Manual and Teaching Aids

Dr Barnett informed the trainers that a training manual was being prepared which would also contain copies of the teaching aids available.

Division of Labour

The trainers were asked to pick three subject areas that would prepare to lecture on for the forth coming courses. The subject areas being covered are located in appendix 2.

Trial Run of the Lectures

It was decided that the trainers would practise their lectures at the Darwin Field Station prior to the start of the first course. The proposed dates are 29th and 30th September and 1st October 2004.

Candidates for the Step Down Training Courses

The trainers from NARCO, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife presented lists of their participants for the future courses. NEA, Department of Forestry and Department of Community development were encouraged to provide their lists as soon as possible.

Step down Training Courses

It was decided that three step down courses would be held before the end of the year, accommodating 12 participants on each course.

The dates of the courses are:

October 4th-6th 2004

November 22nd-24th 2004

December 6th-9th 2004

There would also be feedback days with the trainers on the 7th October and 9th December 2004.

Financial Issues

1. Payment to Trainers

It was agreed that for each lecture given on the step down courses, the trainer would be paid a fee of D500 plus D75 travel expenses as an incentive.

Trainers that came from up country would be paid an allowance of D150 for accommodation and D50 evening meals.

2. Course Participants

It was agreed that course participants would be paid a per diem of D200 per day. A flat rate of D75 per day would be paid for travelling expenses for those travelling locally whilst participants travelling from up country would receive any additional costs entailed in travelling and staying near the field station for the course (D150 per night).

Funding/ co-funding Opportunities

Dr Barnett raised her concern about the long term sustainability of running the courses at the Field Station considering that lecturers and participants expected to be paid to provide and attend the courses. Trainers suggested a number of prospective donors that may be approached for support for the courses including WWF, FAO, GEF, Peacecorps, SEALS, EU, Actionaid and Concern Universal.

Long term Sustainability

Courses on forest management are run at the Forestry Training School at Kafuta. Courses for local communities are also run at the Rural Development Institute. It was also suggested that the content of the Darwin courses should in some way be included in the curriculum of the courses currently run at these institutes to extend the audience reached.

Appendix 1: Biodiversity, National Environmental Policy and the Law

Training of Trainers Course (2nd stage) Course Structure

Day	Time	Session	Subject
1	9.30		Arrival and drinks
	10.00	1	Introduction to the course, and the Darwin project. Logistical arrangements.
	10.30	2	Assessment of baseline knowledge
	11.00	3	Biodiversity
	12.00	4	What is a healthy environment? How and why is biodiversity an important component of a healthy environment?
	13.30		Lunch
	14.30	5	What's happening to biodiversity?
	15.30	6	Gambian biodiversity
	16.20	7	Conflicts of people and wildlife
	17.00		Departure
2	9.30		Arrival and drinks
	10.00	1	Benefits of biodiversity globally and specifically in The Gambia
	11.00	2	Threats to biodiversity
	12.00	3	International Conventions
	12.50	4	Environmental Policy in The Gambia
	13.40		Lunch
	14.40	5	Natural resource policy and law in The Gambia, and the role of local communities (covering fisheries, forestry and wildlife/biodiversity)
	17.00		Departure
3	9.30		Arrival and drinks
	10.00	1	Field trip to Abuko Nature Reserve to provide practical experience of national policy implementation.
	13.30		Lunch
	14.30	2	Clarification of issues covered during the course, including Abuko Nature Reserve ecosystem service review.
	15.30	3	Post course evaluation
	16.15	4	Assessment of course by participants
	17.00		Departure

Appendix 2: Subject Areas to be Covered in Training Course

Subject Area	Lecturer
Biodiversity	Malang Jambang Kawsu Jammeh Famara Darboe
What is a healthy environment? How is biodiversity an important component of this?	Ajie Binta Kinteh Sarjoh Fatajoh Kalimang Camara
What is happening to biodiversity?	Lamin Jarjusey Ousman Barrow Sadie Cham
Gambian biodiversity	Malang Jambang Kawsu Jammeh Sarjoh Fatajoh
Benefits of Biodiversity Globally and Specifically in the Gambia	Binta Mankali Ajie Binta Kinteh Sadie Cham Kawsu Jammeh Sarjoh Fatajoh
Threats to Biodiversity	Kalimang Camara Famara Darboe Lamin Jarjusey
Conflicts of People and Wildlife	Ousman Bah Kawsu Jammeh Ousman Barrow
International Conventions	Malang Jambang, Sadie Cham Sarjoh Fatajoh Kawsu Jammeh
National Environmental Policy Natural Resource Policy and the Law	Kalimang Camara Ajie Binta Kinteh Malang Jambang Famara Darboe

