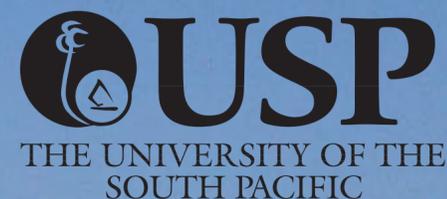


PACIFIC ISLANDS NATURE CONSERVATION TRAINING PROGRAMME



The Pacific Island states are known to have high levels of endemic biodiversity. Much of this is owned by local communities which are heavily reliant on these natural resources for their survival.

However, global and local changes, especially land degradation, coastal ecosystem stress, climate change and market liberalization are having adverse impacts on these natural resources and habitats.

It is against this background that the University of the South Pacific together with partner organisations have been involved in the development and delivery of courses that would give Pacific Islands resource custodian training in the latest approaches to resource conservation and sustainable management.

Who are the courses for?

The courses are mainly aimed at conservation practitioners, community representatives, government technical officers, NGOs, training personnel and postgraduate students to build and enhance capacity for the sustainable management of natural resources and protection of biological diversity. The courses will be offered both face-to-face at the Suva campus and also through USP's Distance and Flexible Learning (DFL) mode.

What are the Courses on offer?

1. Pacific Islands Community-based Conservation Course (PICCC) – currently on offer at USP
2. Postgraduate Certificate in Protected Areas (2 courses) – currently being developed to start in Semester 1, 2008
3. Postgraduate Diploma in Protected Areas Management (4 courses) – the two courses from (2) above and two more to be developed
4. Postgraduate Diploma in Biodiversity and Conservation – available through FST
5. Science of Marine Managed Areas – being developed for 2008 delivery

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