

# Managing Our Common Resources



*Cap de Creus Natural Park, Spain, managing marine and terrestrial resources*

The course will be delivered through distance- learning approaches making use of video and audio materials, readings, on-line activities, and group discussion forums, enabling participants to learn from one another as well as from the tutors. The courses will be delivered jointly by the Countryside and Community Research Institute of the University of Gloucestershire (UK) and the Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (IIS-UNAM), in both English and Spanish, under the auspices of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC).

## **Dates of next course:**

**Start Date: Monday 13th March 2017**

**Finish Date: Friday 28th April 2017**

## **Cost:**

Non-member IASC: £100

Member IASC: £60

***‘Managing our Common Resources’*** will start with an exploration of what we mean by the term ‘commons’, explore the notions of co-operation, self-interest and rational choice, and also tackle misunderstandings – particularly in relation to the concept of the ‘tragedy’ of the commons. Course participants will then be challenged to explore the nature of property rights, the role of trust and the characteristics of rules and institutions as foundations for collective action. The final section of the course will explore the means for strengthening institutions and the design principles for commons governance.

- Participants who complete the course will improve their understanding of the concept of the commons and explore the application through a wide range of case studies of both ‘traditional’ (e.g. grazing pasture, fisheries, forests) and ‘new’ commons (e.g. urban open space, the internet, genetic resources).

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- Participants will have an increased awareness of the possibilities, difficulties and benefits of cooperation, and improve their understanding of the nature of property rights, and the roles of institutions.
- Participants will start to develop the skills needed for designing the institution arrangements needed for good commons governance.

## Who will Benefit from Taking the Course?

The course is being targeted at practitioners involved in commons management and policymakers or others with responsibilities for management, or oversight, of use and access to commons resources. A wide range of community and non-government groups involved in creating or developing institutional arrangements for managing shared resources would also benefit.

## Registration

Registration and payment can be made at the University of Gloucestershire online store via the links below:

[IASC Member](#)

[Non IASC Member](#)

For more information contact: Email [ccri@glos.ac.uk](mailto:ccri@glos.ac.uk) or telephone +44 1242 714122

Or follow the link to the CCRI website:

<http://www.ccri.ac.uk/managing-our-common-resources/>



*Woodland biodiversity – common heritage or private property?*



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