

ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTERS COURSE

SUTROFOR

SUSTAINABLE TROPICAL FORESTRY

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The MSc programme in Sustainable Tropical Forestry (SUTROFOR) is a two-year outstanding integrated programme aimed at qualifying graduates to deal with the growing challenges in sustainable tropical forestry. SUTROFOR is part of the elite Erasmus Mundus (EM) programme initiated by the European Commission to enhance and promote European higher education throughout the world.

WHY CHOOSE SUTROFOR

Through an outstanding, research based education, graduates will gain the required competencies for working with tropical forestry issues: a firm theoretical foundation, practical and international experience, and openness to foreign cultures – all competencies needed for working as a researcher or in tropical forest practice, e.g. with a development agency, consultancy company, NGO, international organisation, ministry, or governmental agency. Successful students will also be able to apply to high-level international PhD programmes.

THE SUTROFOR PARTNERS

The SUTROFOR programme is offered by a consortium of five European universities:



The University of Copenhagen,
Centre for Forest, Landscape and
Planning, Copenhagen, Denmark



Bangor University, School of the
Environment and Natural Resources,
Bangor, UK



Dresden University of Technology,
Institute of International Forestry and
Forest Products, Tharandt, Germany



Paris Institute of Technology for Life,
Food and Environmental Sciences-ENGREF,
Montpellier, France




University of Padova, Faculty of Agriculture,
Padova, Italy



“SUTROFOR has an innovative approach: research based problem oriented learning!”

*Alejandra Hernandez Guzman, Guatemala
SUTROFOR student*

STRUCTURE OF SUTROFOR

FIRST YEAR (60 ECTS)		SECOND YEAR (60 ECTS)	
Copenhagen Max. 25 students	Joint Summer Module	Copenhagen Max. 15 students	
Bangor Max. 25 students		Bangor Max. 15 students	
Dresden Max. 25 students		Dresden Max. 15 students	
		Montpellier Max. 15 students	
		Padova Max. 15 students	

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

SUTROFOR offers a truly integrated study programme fully recognised in all the participating countries. When students have acquired 120 ECTS at two Consortium institutions (at least 60 ECTS at each) they will obtain a SUTROFOR Double Degree and the Diploma Supplement.

The aim of the first study year is to provide a thorough and broad introduction to sustainable tropical forestry. The first year ends with a compulsory Joint Summer Module including fieldwork in a tropical country. The learning outcomes



*“Tropical forests are our classrooms:
SUTROFOR integrates theory and field knowledge”*

Elodie Alberny, France, SUTROFOR student

SPECIALISATION	DEGREES AWARDED
Forests and livelihoods in developing countries	MSc in Agricultural Development
Agroforestry systems	MSc in Environmental Forestry (Tropical), MSc in Agroforestry
Tropical forest management	MSc in Tropical Forestry
Environmental management and policies for tropical forests	MSc in Agricultural Sciences, specialisation Tropical and Rural Forestry
Ethics in forestry and responsible trade in tropical forest products and services	MSc in Forestry and Environmental Sciences

are similar for the three first year institutions and allow students to choose among all five specialisation options in the second year.

Students are required to spend the second year at a university other than the first one. Each specialisation is based on the partner universities’ research strengths.

All SUTROFOR students are assigned a personal tutor from senior faculty members.



"The partners have outstanding expertise in the field of tropical forestry"

European Commission

ADMISSION CRITERIA

The main selection criteria for applicants are:

- A good Bachelor degree in Forestry, Biology or related fields such as Environmental Science or Geography, alternatively in Economics, Management or Political Science
- Good English language proficiency
- C.V.
- Experience from relevant practice may be an advantage
- Personal statement of motivation
- Recommendations from two referees

APPLICATION

Applications from third country students must be received no later than **16 January 2009**. EU/EEA-EFTA students must apply no later than **14 August 2009**.

Application form can be downloaded at www.sutrofor.net, where you will also find detailed information about the programme, incl. financial support opportunities for students.

The next academic year starts end of August 2009 (depending on the institution). Only complete applications will be processed. Decisions about Erasmus Mundus scholarships will be made in mid-May 2009.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

All SUTROFOR courses are in English, except the second year option at Montpellier which is available mainly in French.



ERASMUS MUNDUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Around 20 Erasmus Mundus (EM) scholarships are available for third-country students, i.e. students from outside the EU and EEA/EFTA countries. The scholarship amounts to € 21,000 per year for two years. The SUTROFOR Commission will recommend the best applicants for EM scholarships on the basis of academic potential. EM scholarship applicants must not have spent more than one year as a student or worker in any EU or EEA/EFTA country during the last five years.

Please indicate in the SUTROFOR application form if you are applying for an EM scholarship. There is no separate scholarship application form.

CONSORTIUM FEE

The consortium fee per year is € 4,500 for EU/EEA-EFTA students and € 8,000 for third-country students. The consortium fee is the same irrespective of study institution. EU/EEA-EFTA students are eligible for financial support, see www.sutrofor.net.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Detailed information on SUTROFOR is available on www.sutrofor.net

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"Great teaching – and what an excellent study environment!"

*Susan Chomba, Kenya
SUTROFOR student*