

Thursday 8 July

High Conservation Values: an introduction to the HCV concept, as a practical tool for conserving critical values in production landscapes 1-day course

Audience

The course is aimed at those who need an understanding of the HCV approach such as forest managers, land-use planners, responsible purchasers, investors and advocacy groups, and those with an interest in practical approaches to conservation

Location

Oxford, United Kingdom

Course fee

£300 (includes coffee, lunch, training materials and VAT)

Course Outline

The High Conservation Value (HCV) framework is a valuable, flexible conservation tool with practical applications in natural resource management, land-use planning, the design of responsible purchasing and investment policies and conservation advocacy. This course provides an overview of the HCV concept and its practical use in forest certification. We will consider the history and development of the concept and its relationship to other conservation approaches, including challenges created by the adoption of HCV in non-forest sector standards such as palm oil and biofuels.

We will introduce the steps needed to identify, manage and monitor HCVs in forests and other ecosystems, drawing on a number of case studies from differing contexts, both tropical and temperate. You will be challenged to think about the implementation of conservation approaches in productive landscapes, and will have the chance to evaluate real-world examples.

Outcomes

By the end of the course participants will be familiar with the HCV concept and its implementation in forest certification, and aware of its wider use in a range of natural resource management settings.

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