



UNIA MASTER'S DEGREE IN

# MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF SPECIES IN TRADE. THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK

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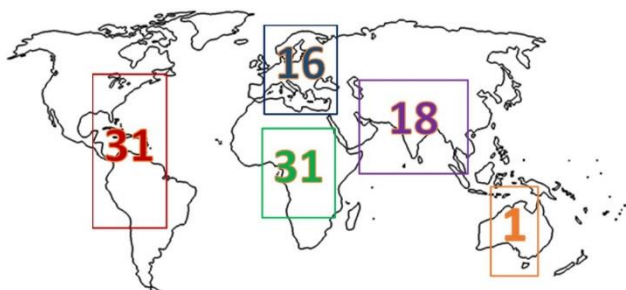
## Background

The International University of Andalusia (UNIA) has now held thirteen editions of this Master Course, four of which included a joint PhD programme in collaboration with the University of Cordoba; *curriculum* content makes this a unique programme.

In 1997, aware of the need for training on the CITES Convention, a Master Programme proposal was submitted proposal to the UNIA. The proposal had the support of the Spanish Management Authority for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and the CITES Secretariat.

After thirteen editions, it can be said that this course has had a major impact worldwide and has provided specialized, quality training to **336 students** from the following **97 countries**:

Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, France, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Surinam, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



Most of graduated Master students are currently working for governmental organizations responsible for the implementation of CITES and/or the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), or for non-governmental organizations, universities, or environmental institutions involved in the implementation of CITES and the CBD. The Master Course has enabled students to further their career development and make a major contribution to enhancing CITES implementation in their respective countries.

A large number of graduated Master students are part of/headed their country's official delegation at the 15th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Doha (Qatar). CITES has acknowledged the valuable contribution of the UNIA and the Spanish Management Authority to training and international cooperation.



## Objectives of the Programme

**The general objective** of the programme is to provide high quality, specialized training in the scientific bases, techniques, and instruments that enable CITES implementation and development, in order to strengthen the fight against illegal trade, particularly in those countries of origin where animals and plants are subject to international trade.

**The specific objectives** are to provide specialized training on:

- The concept of Biodiversity at all organizational levels, particularly at population, species, and ecosystem levels.
- Scientific bases and methodologies for identifying and solving problems that hinder proper implementation of CITES.
- Administrative, legislative and controlling aspects of CITES implementation.
- Biological and trade-related criteria for CITES-listing

of species.

- Population survey techniques. Population biology, conservation, and management of CITES-listed fauna and flora. *In situ* and *ex situ* conservation methods.
- Application of geographic information systems and spatial data to the study of the current and potential distribution of species and assessment of habitat suitability.
- Wildlife recovery plans and sustainable management programmes.
- Analyses for making Non-detriment findings for CITES-listed species.
- Analyses and procedures for CITES Significant Trade Review.
- Techniques for identification and control of CITES-listed species and specimens.
- Synergies between CITES and the CBD. Strategic Plans. Access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits arising from their utilization.
- Techniques for negotiation of multilateral environmental agreements. Environmental governance.

## Admission in the Programme

This Master is appropriate for people interested who are involved or wish to become involved in environment-related policy-making, in the implementation of CITES and the development of the scientific and technical work required for its implementation at the executive level.

To be eligible for the programme, candidates shall hold a bachelor's degree in one of the following university careers: engineering (agricultural, forestry, environmental); veterinary science; biological science; zoology; botany; environmental science; chemistry; geography and history; humanities; education sciences; law; policy and international relations; or hold an equivalent degree, accredited by a international university.

## Duration and Academic Structure

The programme consists of 60 ECTS\* (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System), equivalent to a total of 1,500 hours.

\*1 ECTS credit = 25 hours, including theoretical and practical classes, guided instruction, work on the Virtual Platform, study hours and supervised sessions, exams, preparation of various materials and the Master's thesis.

The course is structured as follows:

- Class stage (presence required) referred to the contents of eleven subjects (clustered into 5 sections).
- Research stage (presence not required) in which students will perform research tasks in preparation for the final master's thesis.

**On-campus credits:** 44 ECTS credits will be taught at the Antonio Machado Site of the International University of Andalusia for 11 weeks from Monday to Friday, in morning and afternoon sessions. Monitoring and assessment will consist of weekly individual and/or group tests on covered contents. The UNIA Virtual Platform will provide further learning experience and diverse practical activities on the course content.

**Research period:** 16 ECTS credits will be given for supervised research activities leading to the presentation of a master's thesis.

## Academic content during the On-Campus period

Subject 1: *"Biodiversity as a Paradigm"*

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Subject 2: *"The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)"*

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Subject 3: *"Animal Species regulated by CITES"*

27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Subject 4: *"Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) – Administrative Aspects"*

4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Subject 5: *"Plant Species regulated by CITES"*

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Subject 6: *"Management of Fauna"*

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Subject 7: *"Applications of Geographic Information Systems for species management"*

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Subject 8: *"Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Scientific Aspects – Fauna"*

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Subject 9: *"Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Scientific Aspects – Flora"*

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Subject 10: *"The Convention on Biological Diversity – Synergies with CITES"*

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Subject 11: *"Techniques for Identification and Control of Species in International Trade"*

22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Note: The Subjects: 2, 4 and 11 will be given in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation. If external funding is not available, the rest of Subjects will be given only in English.

To obtain the **master's degree issued by the International University of Andalusia**, participants must first pass the on-campus period and subsequently prepare and submit a master's thesis on one of the subjects included in the programme. Participants must pass the master's thesis exam to obtain the UNIA Master's Degree.

The master's thesis must be completed and approved within the deadlines set by the University (26 September 2020 or 26 March 2021). Students who fail to meet this requirement within such deadlines must register and pay again for the 16 research credits in the next edition of the master's degree course.

## Admission requirements and registration process. Application deadlines

### 1.- Pre-registration phase: From 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Applicants must submit the following documentation:

1. Application form (standard form) ([www.unia.es/impresos](http://www.unia.es/impresos)).
2. Curriculum Vitae (Europass CV)
3. Photocopy of ID card or passport.
4. Passport-size photograph.
5. Certified photocopy accrediting university degree.
6. Certified photocopy with the Academic transcript.

The UNIA will communicate, via e-mail, the admission of to selected candidates.

### 2.- Enrollment period: From 11 November to 16 December 2019

Public prices for academic and administrative services.  
Credits comprised in the master's program: 60.

Enrolment fee: 2.630 €.

Registration: 60 €.

Issue of student card: 4,50 €.

Diploma issue fee: 150 € (to be paid upon completion of the master's course).

Academic transcript: 8 € (if requested by student).

#### Bank details for payment:

- Bank transfer or payment into the following account:  
La Caixa, IBAN ES7821009166752200074348.

Bank charges resulting from bank transactions shall be paid for by the student.

Unless full payment has been received, Registration will be automatically cancelled, and no refund shall be given for any partial payments made.

The candidates selected must to send to the UNIA, via e-mail, the copy of the Bank transfer payment, to get **final admission with deadline 16 December**. If it is not received, the UNIA will offer the admission to other candidate included in a waiting list.

#### Health Insurance

Students must take out and pay insurance for medical care and hospitalization during the on-campus period. The University can make the necessary arrangements for students who so request it. Students must pay the fee at the time of enrollment.

#### Withdrawal

Withdrawal means that registration shall no longer be valid for any academic or administrative purpose. Applicants will be entitled to a refund of the enrolment fee, excluding student records and student card costs, provided that withdrawal is due to compelling circumstances and notified, at the latest, five working days prior to the first day of the course. Any request for refund should be submitted in writing to the campus secretary's office ([www.unia.es/impresos](http://www.unia.es/impresos)). Return will proceed only when request is submitted on aforementioned period.

#### RESIDENCE SERVICE

The Antonio Machado Site has a university residence. Those who wish to choose this form of accommodation must apply for it at the Secretarial Office of the Antonio Machado Site ([residencia.baeza@unia.es](mailto:residencia.baeza@unia.es))

The cost of accommodation in:

- A single room for the duration of the on-campus period is 1.875 euros per person.
- A shared double room for the duration of the on-campus period is 750 euros per person.



#### INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT

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