

# Herpetology: Reptile and Amphibian Conservation Training Course

## Professional Development Training Course Outline

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|----------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Category | Wildlife Management | Duration      | 5 Days                  |
| Base Fee | \$1,500 USD         | Delivery Mode | Online / On-site Hybrid |

### Course Introduction

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### Programme Curriculum

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### **Course Objectives**

1. To provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of reptile and amphibian biology.
2. To develop skills in identifying herpetofauna species using taxonomic tools.
3. To enhance knowledge of conservation biology and global biodiversity frameworks.
4. To train participants in ecological survey and monitoring techniques.
5. To introduce advanced GIS and remote sensing applications in herpetology.
6. To strengthen understanding of habitat restoration and ecosystem management.
7. To equip learners with practical field-based data collection methodologies.
8. To build capacity in captive breeding and species recovery programs.
9. To explore climate change impacts on reptile and amphibian populations.
10. To familiarize participants with international wildlife policies and conservation treaties.
11. To foster critical thinking through case study analysis and conservation problem-solving.
12. To promote sustainable conservation practices aligned with community involvement.
13. To prepare participants to contribute to academic research, NGOs, and conservation organizations.

### **Organizational Benefits**

- ?? Development of in-house conservation expertise.
- ?? Enhanced institutional capacity for biodiversity management.
- ?? Improved compliance with international conservation regulations.
- ?? Strengthened organizational reputation in environmental protection.
- ?? Increased staff competency in ecological monitoring.
- ?? Contribution to sustainable environmental goals.
- ?? Better stakeholder engagement in biodiversity initiatives.

- ?? Improved project outcomes through skilled personnel.
- ?? Advancement in conservation research collaborations.
- ?? Long-term ecological and organizational sustainability.

### **Target Audiences**

1. Wildlife biologists and ecologists
2. Conservation officers and park rangers
3. Environmental researchers and academicians
4. NGO workers in biodiversity protection
5. Graduate and postgraduate students in biology or zoology
6. Government environmental agencies staff
7. Zoo and aquarium professionals
8. Community-based conservation practitioners

### **Course Duration: 5 days**

### **Course Modules**

#### **Module 1: Introduction to Herpetology**

- ?? Understanding the scope of herpetology
- ?? Taxonomy of reptiles and amphibians
- ?? Ecological significance of herpetofauna
- ?? Global distribution and diversity patterns
- ?? Threats and conservation needs
- ?? Case study: Global amphibian decline crisis

#### **Module 2: Reptile and Amphibian Biology**

- ?? Anatomy and physiology basics
- ?? Reproductive strategies and life cycles
- ?? Adaptations to terrestrial and aquatic habitats
- ?? Feeding ecology and behavior
- ?? Physiological responses to environment
- ?? Case study: Sea turtle nesting biology

#### **Module 3: Conservation Biology Principles**

- ?? Concepts of biodiversity and extinction
- ?? Conservation genetics in herpetology
- ?? Population viability analysis
- ?? Ex-situ versus in-situ conservation approaches
- ?? Role of protected areas
- ?? Case study: Conservation of the Komodo dragon

#### **Module 4: Survey and Monitoring Techniques**

- ?? Visual encounter surveys
- ?? Acoustic monitoring of amphibians
- ?? Pitfall traps and drift fences
- ?? Radio telemetry in reptiles
- ?? Data collection and analysis tools
- ?? Case study: Monitoring frog populations in wetlands

#### **Module 5: Habitat Management and Restoration**

- ?? Habitat assessment methods
- ?? Wetland and forest ecosystem restoration
- ?? Creating artificial habitats for species survival
- ?? Role of ecological corridors
- ?? Human-wildlife conflict mitigation
- ?? Case study: Habitat restoration for Gharial in India

#### **Module 6: GIS and Remote Sensing in Herpetology**

- ?? Basics of GIS mapping
- ?? Remote sensing tools for habitat analysis
- ?? Species distribution modeling
- ?? Geospatial analysis for conservation planning
- ?? Application of drones in ecological surveys
- ?? Case study: Mapping amphibian distribution in Amazon basin

#### **Module 7: Captive Breeding and Reintroduction**

- ?? Principles of captive breeding programs

- ?? Genetic management in captivity
- ?? Reintroduction protocols
- ?? Disease management in breeding centers
- ?? Ethical issues in captive conservation
- ?? Case study: Amphibian Ark conservation initiative

#### **Module 8: Climate Change and Herpetofauna**

- ?? Impacts of temperature shifts on reptiles
- ?? Amphibian vulnerability to changing rainfall patterns
- ?? Climate adaptation strategies for conservation
- ?? Role of climate modeling in species survival
- ?? Integrating climate policy with conservation programs
- ?? Case study: Climate change and coral reef-associated reptiles

#### **Training Methodology**

- ?? Interactive lectures with multimedia presentations
- ?? Group discussions and participatory learning exercises
- ?? Field-based simulations and data collection activities
- ?? Case study analysis and problem-solving workshops
- ?? Use of GIS, remote sensing, and mapping software
- ?? Hands-on laboratory demonstrations

#### **Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount**

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#### **Certification**

*Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.*

#### **Tailor-Made Course**

*We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.*

#### **Key Notes**

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

## Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

| Start Date  | End Date    | Location | Price   |
|-------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| 21 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Online   | \$1,000 |
| 21 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Physical | \$1,500 |
| 21 Sep 2026 | 25 Sep 2026 | Physical | \$0     |
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