

Training Course on Geographic Information Systems for Natural Resource Management and Conservation

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	GIS	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

1. Proficiently collect, manage, and process diverse **geospatial data** from various sources, including **satellite imagery**, **UAV data**, and **field surveys**.
2. Apply advanced GIS techniques for **spatial analysis**, **geostatistics**, and **network analysis** to solve complex natural resource problems.
3. Accurately map and monitor **land use** and **land cover change** using **remote sensing** and GIS for **environmental impact assessment**.
4. Utilize GIS for **forest inventory**, **deforestation detection**, **habitat mapping**, and **sustainable forestry planning**.
5. Apply GIS for **watershed delineation**, **hydrological modeling**, **water quality monitoring**, and **irrigation optimization**.
6. Employ GIS for **habitat suitability modeling**, **species distribution mapping**, **wildlife corridor analysis**, and **protected area management**.
7. Use GIS to analyze and visualize **climate change vulnerability**, **sea-level rise impacts**, and develop **adaptation strategies**.
8. Leverage GIS for **hazard mapping**, **vulnerability assessment**, **early warning systems**, and **disaster response planning** in natural resource contexts.
9. Effectively integrate and analyze **multi-spectral** and **hyperspectral imagery** for comprehensive **ecosystem health monitoring**.
10. Gain proficiency in **open-source GIS software** (e.g., QGIS) for cost-effective and accessible spatial analysis.
11. Explore the application of **machine learning** and **AI in GIS** for predictive modeling and automated environmental monitoring.
12. Understand and implement **participatory GIS** approaches for **community-based natural resource management** and stakeholder engagement.
13. Create compelling **cartographic visualizations**, **story maps**, and reports to communicate complex **geospatial insights** to diverse audiences.

Organizational Benefits

- Empower organizations with **data-driven insights** for strategic natural resource planning and policy development.
- Establish robust systems for real-time monitoring of **environmental changes, resource degradation, and conservation progress**.
- Optimize resource allocation, minimize waste, and identify efficient solutions through **spatial optimization** and analysis.
- Proactively identify and manage **environmental risks**, natural hazards, and the impacts of **climate change**.
- Support adherence to **environmental regulations**, international conventions, and **sustainability goals**.
- Develop a highly skilled workforce capable of leveraging **cutting-edge GIS technologies** for natural resource challenges.
- Foster inter-agency and cross-sector collaboration through shared **geospatial intelligence** and visualization tools.
- Produce impactful maps and reports for stakeholders, policymakers, and funding bodies, improving transparency and accountability.

Target Audience

1. Environmental Managers & Scientists.
2. Foresters & Wildlife Biologists.
3. Hydrologists & Water Resource Managers.
4. Urban & Regional Planners.
5. GIS Professionals & Analysts.
6. Conservation Practitioners
7. Agriculturalists & Agronomists.
8. Disaster Management Specialists

Course Outline

Module 1: Introduction to GIS for Natural Resource Management

- Overview of GIS
- Importance of Spatial Thinking
- Geospatial Data Types
- GIS Software Introduction.
- **Case Study:** Mapping and analyzing critical habitats for endangered species in the Amazon.

Module 2: GIS Data Acquisition and Management

- **GPS Data Collection:** Techniques for field data acquisition using GPS devices.
- **Remote Sensing Fundamentals:** Introduction to satellite imagery, aerial photography, and drone data.
- **Geodatabase Design:** Principles of organizing and managing spatial and tabular data.
- Data Quality and Accuracy: Ensuring reliable **geospatial data** for analysis.
- **Case Study:** Using high-resolution drone imagery to map and monitor illegal logging activities in protected forests.

Module 3: Coordinate Systems and Projections

- Understanding **Geographic Coordinate Systems (GCS)** and **Projected Coordinate Systems (PCS)**.
- **Map Projections:** Types, distortions, and choosing appropriate projections for NRM.
- **Datum Transformations.**

- Georeferencing and Rectification.
- **Case Study:** Aligning historical land use maps with current satellite imagery for change detection in a coastal wetland.

Module 4: Spatial Analysis Fundamentals

- **Geoprocessing Tools:** Buffering, overlay analysis.
- **Spatial Queries:** Selecting features based on location and attributes.
- Measuring Distances and Areas: Calculating key spatial metrics.
- **Raster Analysis Basics:** Map algebra, reclassification, and density mapping.
- **Case Study:** Identifying suitable areas for reforestation based on slope, soil type, and proximity to water sources.

Module 5: Thematic Mapping and Cartography

- Principles of **Cartographic Design**
- Creating **Thematic Maps:** Representing various natural resource data
- **Map Production Workflow:** From data to final printed or digital maps.
- **Web Mapping Basics:** Sharing **geospatial data** and maps online.
- **Case Study:** Designing a series of thematic maps illustrating biodiversity hotspots and conservation priority areas for a national park.

Module 6: GIS for Forest Resource Management

- Forest Inventory Mapping
- Deforestation and Reforestation Monitoring
- Forest Fire Management.
- Forest Health Assessment.
- **Case Study:** Monitoring the impact of a recent wildfire on forest regeneration and biodiversity using satellite imagery and GIS.

Module 7: GIS for Water Resource Management

- Watershed Delineation and Analysis.
- Floodplain Mapping and Flood Risk Assessment.
- Water Quality Monitoring.
- Groundwater Modeling and Management
- **Case Study:** Assessing the impact of agricultural runoff on river water quality within a specific watershed.

Module 8: GIS for Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation

- Habitat Mapping and Suitability Analysis
- Species Distribution Modeling.
- Wildlife Corridor Design.
- Protected Area Planning and Management.
- **Case Study:** Modeling potential wildlife corridors for elephant migration across a human-modified landscape.

Module 9: GIS for Land Use Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

- Current Land Use/Land Cover Mapping.
- Land Suitability Analysis.
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

- **Case Study:** Assessing the environmental impact of a proposed dam project on surrounding ecosystems and communities.

Module 10: Advanced Remote Sensing for NRM

- Image Classification.
- Vegetation Indices (NDVI, EVI).
- LiDAR Data Processing.
- Thermal Remote Sensing
- **Case Study:** Using **LiDAR** data to accurately estimate forest biomass for carbon sequestration projects.

Module 11: GIS for Climate Change Impact Assessment and Adaptation

- Mapping Climate Vulnerability.
- Sea-Level Rise Modeling.
- Climate Change Adaptation Planning.
- Monitoring Climate Indicators.
- **Case Study:** Mapping coastal communities vulnerable to sea-level rise and identifying potential relocation or protection strategies.

Module 12: GIS in Disaster Risk Management and Emergency Response

- Hazard Mapping.
- Vulnerability Assessment:.
- Emergency Response Planning.
- Post-Disaster Assessment.
- **Case Study:** Developing a GIS-based early warning system for drought conditions in an agricultural region.

Module 13: Introduction to Geospatial Machine Learning and AI

- Machine Learning Concepts
- Classification and Regression Models.
- Deep Learning for Image Analysis
- AI in Environmental Monitoring.
- **Case Study:** Using machine learning algorithms to automatically identify and map invasive species from satellite imagery.

Module 14: Participatory GIS (PGIS) and Stakeholder Engagement

- Introduction to PGIS.
- Community Mapping Tools.
- Integrating Local Knowledge.
- Stakeholder Workshops.
- **Case Study:** Engaging indigenous communities in mapping their traditional land use and resource management practices.

Module 15: Communicating GIS Results and Future Trends

- Effective Cartographic Communication.
- GIS Story Maps.
- Presentation Skills.
- Emerging GIS Technologies.

- **Case Study:** Developing an online **story map** showcasing the success of a river restoration project, highlighting pre and post-restoration data.

Training Methodology

This course adopts a highly interactive and practical training methodology designed to maximize learning and skill acquisition. The approach combines:

- **Instructor-Led Presentations:** Clear theoretical explanations of GIS concepts and principles.
- **Hands-on Software Exercises:** Extensive practical sessions using industry-standard (ArcGIS) and open-source (QGIS) GIS software.
- **Real-World Case Studies:** In-depth analysis and discussion of actual natural resource management and conservation scenarios where GIS has been applied.
- **Group Work and Collaborative Projects:** Fostering teamwork and problem-solving skills through applied spatial analysis challenges.
- **Interactive Discussions**

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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