

**Short Course in Tropical Biodiversity and Conservation
Programme**

Week 1

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Day	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8-8.30	Orientation programme Summer school	Introduction to the course	Regeneration and restoration ecology of tropical forests, field sample techniques, social aspects and biodiversity conservation - Field visit to Knuckles	Biodiversity conservation and social aspects, field sampling techniques, plant animal identification - Wasgomuwa	Aquatic ecosystems of SL	Field trip - coastal ecosystems+ tropical rain forest (Kanneliya-kalameitiya)	
8.30-10.30		Island biogeography					
10.30-11.00		Tea					
1100-1300		Ecosystems of SL - terrestrial					
1300-1400		Lunch					
1400-1800		Hantana field visit and herbarium collection					
		Tea			Summer school activities		

Week 2

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon			
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15			
Day	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3			
8-8.30	Summer school activities	Research design	Presentation of proposals	Summer school activities	Field work - projects	Field work/ Presentation	Project presentation				
8.30-10.30											
10.30-11.00		Tea	Tea								
1100-1300		Group work - research project proposal	Field work - projects					Making project presentations	Wrap-up session/ certificates		
1300-1400										Lunch	Lunch
1400-1800										Botanical Garden - plant id and conservation	
	Tea										

Time allocation to instructors

1. Island biogeography – Sumudu – 2 hrs
2. Ecosystems of Sri Lanka – 4 hr
3. Restoration of tropical lands – Thilanka – 4 hrs
4. Biodiversity conservation – Nilmini, Thilanka, Gehan and Chaminda – 2 hrs
5. Tropical plant and animal identification – Thilanka and Chaminda Gehan – 4 hrs
6. Field sampling techniques- Nilmini – Chaminda – Thilanka – 4 hrs
7. Community conservation -Thilanka – 2 hrs
8. Research design and research project – 4 + 4 hrs (Sachitra)
9. Analysis of ecological data- Nilmini and Gehan 4 + 4 hrs