



# 2025 COURSES *in* CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP



## CONSERVATION LAW

Law determines much of how our work happens on the field, not just what is allowed and not allowed but also how nature is conserved, who has access, who has control and who uses it. Conservation laws are embedded not just within the larger legal framework, but also in the social, political and economical processes that shape the legal system. The workshop will take an embedded approach to conservation law, looking at the broader legal framework, including constitutional law, and at how history, debates, identities, negotiations, and practices of environmental law are tied to legal decision making. Governance of nature has seen multiple paradigm shifts across the years, and it is important to understand trends and patterns and what it means for conservation.

This course is focused on beginners who have had limited engagement with legal systems with the aim to empower non-lawyers to engage critically with conservation law at the national level, understand broader contexts as well as think about legal strategies in the context of their work. Often, the vast realms of legal jargon can feel intimidating. The workshop aims to demystify the law and familiarise participants with the practice of examining specific Acts, notifications and cases.

This certificate course focuses on laws governing natural ecosystems, primarily forests and marine spaces. A vast array of laws govern environmental issues, and it is beyond the scope of this course to examine all of them. However, we have tried to provide an overview that will familiarise the participants with major legislations as well as build your capacities to explore further.

At the end of this course, the participants will have acquired a greater capacity to engage critically in the conversation around conservation and law.

#### Participatory design

The course will be designed to be highly participatory and involve hands-on examination by the participants into different laws. The course will be light on lectures, and focus on using case studies, fun workshop tools and theatre games with the aim to make the legal world more accessible and interesting.

#### OBJECTIVES

- Understanding the larger legal, socio-political and economic landscape related to environmental conservation
- Overview of major conservation laws in India
- Demystifying legal texts and deep dive into specific Acts and notifications

## Resource Person(s)



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### DETAILS

**Duration:** 4 days

**Dates:** 21-24 July

**Capacity:** 20

**Location:** Bangalore