



The workshop is part of *Developing Research Capacity among African Environmental Scientists* (DRECA). DRECA is a collaboration involving Makerere University, University of Ghana, National Museums of Kenya, Nature Kenya, Nigerian Conservation Foundation, and the Tropical Biology Association and is funded by the EU's ACP Science and Technology Programme.

The workshop targets active conservation scientists and researchers working for:

- Universities (Junior or Assistant Lecturers especially in biological science departments);
- Research institutes;
- NGOs with a research component in their work;
- Research and monitoring units of protected areas (parks and reserves); and
- Government departments that are involved in research.

Participants will enhance their skills in designing research projects from setting objectives, choosing methods and interpreting data. This will be a practical workshop that aims to assist African environmental scientists to improve their research so that they can produce publishable results and become more effective in their work. In addition they will gain skills on designing research methods and protocols, statistical analysis of data and presentation of results.

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Aim: The workshop aims to fill the skills gaps that African institutions have identified in the sound design of scientific research projects relevant to the management of natural resources. It will teach Kenyan scientists skills in how to • frame research questions • select and design appropriate methods • manage and analyse data • interpret and present results.

Funding: The workshop will not pay per diems. However, full costs (in-country travel, tuition fees, teaching/writing materials, meals and accommodation, etc) will be covered and an incidentals allowance given.

Applicants must

- have a Masters degree or higher in biology, and related fields (environment, forestry, ecology, natural resource management, conservation, etc); Masters students who are preparing to undertake fieldwork for their masters research projects will be considered.
- be actively involved in research as part of their work or duties.
- write concept notes of proposed research projects that are strongly committed to undertake within the next 12 months. The concept notes are required for practical exercises during the workshop.

Applicants must be willing to submit a personal action plan outlining timelines and targets for implementing a chosen study design for a proposed research project. Preference will be given to applicants who show a high potential to apply the skills gained from the workshop in their professional careers and or studies.

Applications must include a (1) cover letter stating why and how the training will help in your work, (2) completed application form available at the address below, and (3) current CV (no more than 2 pages) with qualifications and research experience (incl. current research projects and activities). Your application should be sent, **preferably by email**, to:

The DRECA Project, P.O Box 44486-00100 GPO, Nairobi;

Tel: +254 (0)20 353 7568/77 134 3138; **Email:** Dreca-Ke@tropical-biology.org, to reach by **20th Jan 2012**. See www.tropical-biology.org for an electronic copy of the application form.

It is applicants' responsibility to secure employer's approval to attend the workshop if selected.

Successful applicants will be notified by 1st February 2012.

