



A springboard for new champions in tropical conservation, this TBA course gives aspiring young scientists the training they need to become leaders, at a crucial point in their careers.

Our one-month, multi-cultural course – held in conservation sites in Africa and SE Asia – transfers skills, builds knowledge, grows confidence and develops networks.



Unrivalled learning

We run our courses in tropical habitats because this is the best way to learn first hand about these ecosystems and how to manage them sustainably. Crucially, students meet local communities to find out how they benefit from natural resources and to discuss their needs.

TBA is uniquely placed to bring together local and international experts to provide practical training in cutting edge research and approaches to conservation.

On every course, students represent at least 15 countries worldwide, half of them from Africa or SE Asia. This diverse cultural mix lays the foundations for lasting global conservation networks.

Why training matters

Very few training opportunities are available to African and SE Asian students that combine academic rigour and relevant field experience in their continent's own iconic habitats that need conserving.

Every field course we are able to run means that a new cohort of young conservation scientists sets out, raising the critical mass of skilled professionals who are having an impact on the ground.

“...an outstanding experience, where I not only learnt specific methods of field work, but also started to build a network among young scientists and conservationists.”

“The TBA field course is the first one-month-long field course I have attended. It really improved my self-confidence and way of making decisions, especially in designing a research project.”

TBA Field Courses

launching new leaders in tropical conservation

On every TBA field course, 24 exceptional young scientists

- Learn from experts about the **latest methods in research and conservation** for a range of animal and plant species.
- Gain practical expertise in designing relevant and scientifically **rigorous research projects**
- Visit **local conservation projects** for first-hand insights into how communities are managing their natural resources sustainably and which factors are key to success.
- Discuss current concepts and ideas in international practice with world-renowned scientists.
- Develop important **professional skills** for successful careers in conservation, such as leadership, critical thinking and communication

Track record

“This field course built my capacity as a future conservationist in many domains. The exciting techniques in insect and freshwater research, have inspired my MPhil research work and opened my mind to the diverse possibilities in conservation science.”



- TBA field courses have launched the careers of **2000 environmental scientists**, half of them from **35 countries in Africa and SE Asia**.
- **100% alumni** stay in touch to tell us about their progress, even 10 years after their training.
- Many are now **leading conservationists**, working in research, government and NGOs.

“It was amazing how within a short time we could get an enormous amount of data to analyse and write a full-fledged report.”

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