

The timetable below is intended to give a general overview of a typical TBA course.

The exact timetable is adapted between courses and years to make the best of the opportunities available to us.

In general we work from dawn until around 9pm, seven days a week.

Day	Overview	Activity	Aim
1	Rendezvous	Meet your fellow participants, course coordinators and core teachers	A chance to recover from your travels and get to know your TBA group
2	Travel	An early departure and travel by road to the field site	A chance to examine the landscape and get to know your fellow participants better
3	Orientation	Tours and talks about the field site, health and safety and the course in general	Get to know your way around the field site
4	Field workshops	Workshops on local flora and fauna - these are given jointly by local guides and experts, course co-ordinators and your core teachers	Learn some of the more common and unique species as well as field skills training
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6	Field exercise 1	A series of one or two day mini projects on a ecological or conservation question. These field based projects will introduce you to a research interest of one or more core staff members and teach you key field techniques. Each mini project will be question based, and you will work in small groups to collect data, analyse and present it. We will support you in this by giving workshops on basic data management and analysis, and feedback on presentation technique	Learn to develop and execute research questions in the field. Evening lectures and workshops on key issues in tropical ecology and conservation
7	Field exercise 2		
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9	Field exercise 3		
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11	Field exercise 4		
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13	Excursion	A visit to a different habitat type or local project	Experience active research and conservation projects in action and get the opportunity to learn from local conservation leaders
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15	Project planning	Work in small groups with a core teacher as a supervisor to develop a research question. Field scouting sessions for suitable sampling sites and trials of methods	Work with participants from other countries with complementary field skills to develop a collaborative project. Learn about project design and planning
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17	Project fieldwork	Work with your group to collect your data for your independent research project	Core staff will continue to provide support throughout with training in data management and analysis.
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24	Write-up	Write up your projects in the form of a short paper and prepare a powerpoint presentation	Support given in data analysis and report writing
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26	Project presentations	Present your project findings as a group	oral presentation and feedback
27	Reflect	Feedback and ongoing support from staff	Learn how the TBA network can continue to benefit you throughout your career
28	Travel to rendezvous	Travel by road back to rendezvous point	Say your final farewells to your fellow participants and staff
29	Participants depart		