

GVI Online

Course syllabus

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The Marine Conservation course equips you with an understanding of key concepts and terminology, tools to analyze a marine protected area ecosystem, and knowledge of global ocean issues and different approaches.

Modules		Lessons	Learning objectives
1.	Introduction to Marine Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Marine Biodiversity Loss Species and Biodiversity Monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the importance of marine biodiversity Describe the driving forces behind marine biodiversity loss Explain why monitoring biodiversity is important in conservation
2.	Approaches to Marine Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governing Global Marine Biodiversity Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) Benefits of MPAs Successful MPAs Sustainable Local Fisheries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) marine biodiversity challenges Evaluate aspects of marine protected areas (MPA) Identify the building blocks of sustainable local fisheries
3.	Key Threats to Marine Environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endangered Species Keystone Species Threats to Coral Reefs Community Strategies to Protect Coral Reefs Marine Pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the main contributors that threaten marine environments Outline main threats to coral reefs Describe strategies for tackling marine pollution
4.	Marine Conservation in the Field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Study: Sustainable Livelihoods for Fisheries Case Study: Atlantic Cod Case Study: Marine Protected Areas Case Study: Plastic Pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify approaches to address sustainable livelihoods for small-scale fishers, marine protected areas (MPAs) and coral restoration efforts Discuss how turtles are being conserved

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate an industry-led approach to reducing ocean plastic pollution
5.	Marine Conservation Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Ocean Governance Role of Policy and Governments Balancing Policies for Multi-Use Government and NGOs Communities and Marine Conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss global ocean governance challenges and the role of policy Identify roles that NGOs play in marine conservation Discuss the role of communities in conservation

Distribution of learning effort

- Course total: 10 - 15 hours, self-paced.
- Per module: Average of 2 hours for videos, reading material, quizzes and engagement in the discussion forum.
- Final quiz-based assignment: Up to 1.5 hours to complete.

Your responsibility

You are expected to:

- complete your profile on Canvas with some background information on your areas of interest, work experience and/or educational qualifications and upload a profile picture
- master a series of modules that consist of readings, videos, presentations and notes
- undertake self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module to enhance your overall understanding of the content
- make at least one significant contribution to the discussion forum in each module (we define significant as something that adds a new perspective, provides input on resources and networks. or ask questions)
- complete the quiz-based course assignment at the end of the course

Assessments

- You will only be graded on the final course assignment. This is a summative assessment that integrates learning from all the modules.
- You are required to participate in pre- and post-course surveys and contribute to the discussion forums.
- You will not be graded on the self-assessment quizzes at the end of each module. These are formative assessments.

Grading

- You will need to achieve a grade of 75% or higher on your final course assignment to pass the course and receive a certificate of completion.