

REGIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON BIODIVERSITY (RSSB)



Deadline:
4 July, 2015

Venue: 11-14 September 2015,
Skadar Lake, Montenegro

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Description

CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY AT LAKES PRESPA, OHRID AND SHKODRA/SKADAR (CSBL) is a regional project implemented by *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH* (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

CSBL project will organize a Regional Summer School on Biodiversity (RSSB) and Lake Ecosystem Services from September 11 – 14, 2015. The RSSB will be held at Lake Shkodra/Skadar. The topic is Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services offered by lakes, with Lake Skadar serving as a case study. Students from Montenegro, Albania and Macedonia will be given the opportunity to work jointly on the subject under the supervision of senior university staff bringing expertise in the respective fields.

The expected outcome of the RSSB is an improved understanding of the economic importance of lake ecosystems and the ecological and other services they provide. The relationship between human economic activities and biodiversity will be studied through lectures on the concept of Local and Global Ecosystem Services and the way we make them accountable, field visits, class discussions and group assignments. Results and findings of the Economic Valuation of Lake Ecosystem Services project will be summarized and shared with experts and the general public in the form of presentations, fact sheets, interviews and documentary films.

Eligibility

The summer school is open to students that are currently following or finishing the Master Degree in Business Administration and Accounting, Economy, Environmental Biology, Ecology, Conservation Biology and Environmental Physiology.

Applicants are expected to meet the following prerequisites:

- Active proficiency in English
- Motivation for interdisciplinary work
- Motivation for cooperation with international staff and students
- Willingness for preliminary preparative work for the RSSB

Costs

GIZ will cover the travel expenses, accommodation and full board for all selected participants.

How to apply?

The deadline for applications is **4 July 2015**. For successful application you need to attach the following documents:

- Personal data sheet;
- Letter of intent (one page maximum);

Please apply by email and send your documents in PDF format to: giz-albanien@giz.de