

Terrestrial Protected Areas Management Training in the Caribbean Call for Applications

The [Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme \(BIOPAMA\)](#) is a four year initiative of the Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific Group (ACP) funded under the European Union's 10th European Development Fund (EDF). BIOPAMA aims to assist the ACP countries in developing a framework for improving technical and institutional approaches to conserve biodiversity, particularly in protected areas, through regional cooperation and capacity building activities. The protected areas component of BIOPAMA is being implemented jointly by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (EC-JRC) while the Multi-Donor ABS Capacity Development Initiative managed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is managing the access and benefit sharing (ABS) component.

BIOPAMA's capacity building efforts in the Caribbean aim to improve the region's protected area (PA) management capacity through the professional development of PA personnel and expansion of the network of PA professionals involved in biodiversity conservation and PA management.

Towards this end, a one week training course is being offered **in Spanish** for terrestrially-focused PA professionals. The training, scheduled for **11-16 January in the Dominican Republic**, will cover

- stakeholder engagement and developing partnerships for PA management;
- PA design, management category, governance and management planning;
- developing sustainable livelihoods; and
- PA-relevant law (basic legislation and principles; regulation, compliance & enforcement and financing)

The training will be delivered by the IUCN, in collaboration with local partners. Full funding is available for Spanish speaking applicants from the BIOPAMA Caribbean countries¹ and English-speaking colleagues with Spanish language capacities are encouraged to apply. Applicants from other Caribbean territories are invited to apply but are not eligible for funding assistance from BIOPAMA.

Interested persons are requested to submit the following application information:

- a resume and cover letter that highlights the relevance and application of this training to your work
- a letter of endorsement from the relevant government, NGO or CBO organization that has legal responsibility for managing your PA

Submit applications to Hyacinth Armstrong-Vaughn (hyacinth.armstrongvaughn@iucn.org) no later than **Friday 27 November, 2015**. Successful candidates will be notified no later than **Friday 4 December, 2015**.

¹ Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.