

# SUTROFOR - Sustainable Tropical Forestry Erasmus Mundus Masters Course

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## Summary description:

The two-year Masters Course in Sustainable Tropical Forestry (SUTROFOR) is a world-class programme aimed at preparing qualified graduates to deal with contemporary tropical forestry. The programme is offered by a five university consortium consisting of University of Copenhagen, Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning, Copenhagen (Denmark), Bangor University, School of Agricultural and Forest Sciences, Bangor (UK), Dresden University of Technology, Institute of International Forestry and Forest Products (Germany), Institute of Forestry, Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, Department of Tropical and Rural Forestry, Montpellier (France), and University of Padova, College of Agriculture, Padova (Italy). The Partnership is defined for two years between the five SUTROFOR Consortium members and four South partner institutions: Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE), (Costa Rica), Tribhuvan University, Institute of Forestry (Nepal), National School of Forestry (Morocco), and Hawassa University, Wondo Genet College of Forestry and Natural Resources (Ethiopia).

In SUTROFOR, research and teaching are strongly associated, and especially the master thesis is a unique opportunity to apply the methodologies taught. For their master thesis, all SUTROFOR students (except for Bangor University) must conduct field work for at least three months in the tropics. In the Partnership, European students are provided with access to field work sites and the local knowledge and networks of South partner institutions, and students are co-supervised by academic staff at the South partner institutions. Scholars from the SUTROFOR Consortium will through the Partnership get the opportunity to visit the South partner institutions with the aim to contribute to and obtain input for the development of courses/curricula/training, to do joint research, and/or to promote and learn concepts for sustainable forest management. Twenty-three mobility scholarships of three months length are offered to the European students of the SUTROFOR Masters Course and 13 scholar mobility scholarships of different lengths are offered to SUTROFOR faculty.

## European Partners:

- (1) University of Copenhagen (DK)
- (2) Dresden University of Technology (DE)
- (3) Institut National Des Sciences et Industries du Vivant et de L'environnement - Agro Paris Tech (FR)
- (4) Università Degli Studi Di Padova (IT)
- (5) University of Wales, Bangor (UK)

## Third-Countries Partner Institutions:

- (1) Tropical Agricultural Research And Higher Education Center (Costa Rica)
- (2) Ecole Nationale Forestière d'Ingenieurs National School of Forestry (Morocco)
- (3) Institute of Forestry, Tribhuvan University (Nepal)
- (4) Wondo Genet College of Forestry And Natural Resources (Ethiopia)

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