

Module code	AW-3310		
Module Title	Tropical Rainforest Environments		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Geography, Environment and Development Studies)		
Type of Module	Major Option/ Breadth		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims			
To equip students with a thorough understanding of tropical rainforest ecosystems - their present status and the communities who interact with them for their livelihood and cultural needs.			
Learning Outcomes:			
<i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order :	40%	- Understand the characteristics and dynamics of rainforests - Understand the habitat management regimes and the international conventions and treaties related to tropical rainforests.	
Middle order :	40%	- Analyse the threats to the survival of world's existing rainforests - Value the services rendered by rainforests	
Higher order:	20%	- Appreciate the interrelationship between people and rainforests and relate it to the present status of the rainforests	
Module Contents			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distribution and statistics; - Classification, patterns, characteristics and dynamics; - Community ecology; Concepts of species diversity; - Forest economics: ecosystem services; - Status of the world's rainforests & drivers; - Sustainable forest use and habitat management; - Biocultural diversity of the rainforests: Pristine vs. constructed debate, culture, language and livelihood; - indigenous rainforest management; -International convention / treaties related to tropical forests 			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Exit tests, Weekend tests, Class tests.	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 60% Coursework: 40% - Presentation (20%) - Fieldwork report (20%)	