

Training Venue

Trainings will be conducted at the International Academy for Nature Conservation on the Isle of Vilm, Germany. Part of the Southeast Rügen Biosphere Reserve, the 94 ha island is not only of exceptional natural beauty, but also an ideal venue for concentrated course work.

Application

Applications will be accepted from November 2011.

Costs

Participation in the Fellowship Programme is free of charge. The participants will receive free accommodation (full board) at the training venue and during excursions, and a contribution towards their travel expenses.

Further information

A course website with further information will be available from November 2011 at www.bfn.de/klaus-toepfer-fellowship.html.

Contact

In the meantime, please contact ktf@bfn-vilm.de for additional information.

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Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme

for Future Leaders in Nature Conservation
from the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe, the
Caucasus and Central Asia



The Klaus Toepfer Fellowship Programme is an extra-occupational training programme for emerging nature conservation leaders from Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia. Scheduled to commence in 2012, it is funded by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and implemented by its Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, in collaboration with IUCN, the CBD Secretariat, UNEP - WCMC and additional international partners.

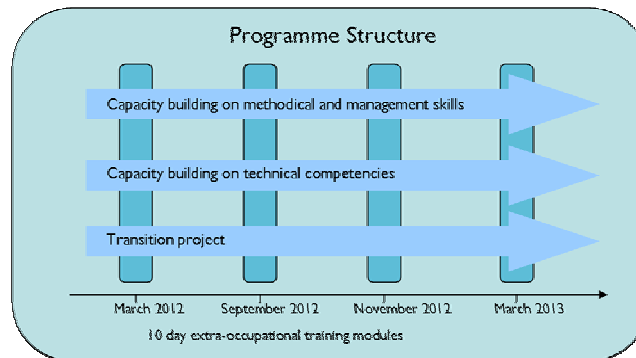
The programme will take an integrated approach to the development of the personal capacity of early-career conservation professionals, by combining technical learning, management training and network development support. It will focus on individuals with outstanding leadership potential while promoting the participants' commitment and contribution to their home institutions.



Vilm Island [Foto: B. Engels]

Programme structure

The 13-month course will consist of four ten-day training modules at the Federal Agency's International Academy for Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm (including excursions to leading nature conservation institutions in Germany), a transfer project with relevance to the work of the participants at their home institution, as well as tests, e-learning and additional assignments between the modules.



The modules combine joint learning on key conservation topics (e.g. implementation of biodiversity related conventions, protected areas system development, resource mobilization for nature conservation) with management and leadership training.



At the International Academy for Nature Conservation [Foto: INA]

Who can apply?

- Early-career conservation professionals (Government, NGOs or Academia), from Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia¹, who have at least three years of professional experience and are preferably not older than 35 years.
- The programme aims at emerging conservation leaders that have the support of their home organizations to attend the course, and a clear commitment to a career in their country of origin.

¹ Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan