

Sustainable Livelihoods in Africa

A field course in Kenya's Rift Valley working with the local community to help them find solutions to every-day problems and achieve sustainable development

This course is non-credit bearing (equivalent to 10-credits), but is an approved part of the Interdisciplinary Science (I-Science) degree programme in the Faculty of Science and is also being considered as appropriate for the "*Leicester Award*" recognising extra-curricular training that assists your future employability prospects.

It is led and taught by Drs David Harper, Dept Biology & Sean Avery, Hon Fellow, Dept Geography. The I-Science Centre is offering *a limited number of places* on this course to undergraduate students of any degree course in the University. Students will receive a certificate on the successful completion of the course.

The unit consists of preparatory reading, three discussion meetings in January. In Kenya you must keep a diary analysing activities, prepare a presentation for the community you have worked, delivered on the final day, outlining how your work benefits them with and complete a 1-page review after your return, reflecting on the way the course has improved your employment prospects.

Course Dates: *March 29th - April 12th 2009*

Costs: £750 per person, inclusive of food/accommodation/travel in Kenya (excludes air fare, social relaxation, day-off costs).

Logistical Details: The course is run in a full safari camp, under canvas at the entrance to Lake Bogoria National Reserve, near Marigat, Kenya. The communities with whom we work are Tugen, who were former pastoralists, now settled. The course was run for the first time in 2008, when six sustainability projects were investigated - rainwater harvesting, honey production & marketing, fish farming, livestock & overgrazing, soil erosion, and arid land rehabilitation. You choose from about a dozen issues including these. A day-off in the middle (additional cost) to Nakuru National Park, with rhino, giraffe, lion, leopard, buffalo, waterbuck.

Come and find out more: Wednesday October 8th, 1 pm.,

Adrian Lecture Room LG26 (Basement)

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Enrol by Friday, December 12th, with 25% deposit. Remainder by 27/2/09

