



# EVPP 621:

## *Overview of Biodiversity Conservation*

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The term “Biodiversity” has been in use only for about 30 years, though the history of what we now call biodiversity conservation goes back well over two thousand years, and the subject is so well established as a central aspect of human welfare that it has even spawned a new scientific discipline, Conservation Biology.

Through lectures, reading assignments, case studies, and class discussions we will explore biodiversity, its history, related policy, implications, and trends from a global perspective, with examples from all parts of the world. Among the issues considered will be how ideas have changed (in a sense, a history of ideas); the role of governments and international agencies; national and international policy and law which affects biodiversity conservation; the changing role of the public and non-governmental organizations; the development and status of scientific knowledge; the development and evolution of management techniques; and changing approaches to conservation.

This course provides a global overview of biodiversity conservation, through exploring what biological diversity is and why it is important. Also considered: Present status and trends, threats, evolution of concern with and action on biodiversity conservation, where we stand now, and what might be done in the future.



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