

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS Course

OCMB-8160, CZMT-0940
Puerto Morelos, MEXICO

Summer 2008: June 21st – 29th, 2008

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course takes an interdisciplinary approach to examining the ecological and socioeconomic challenges of designing and managing Marine Protected Areas (MPA) with emphasis on South Florida and Mesoamerican coral reefs. The course is an intensive, hands-on program that features lectures by a number of scientists, MPA managers and practitioners, as well as field trips to MPA sites. The course is taught in conjunction with the National University of México (UNAM) and Florida International University (FIU). Participating students will have the chance to interact with faculty and graduate students from UNAM, FIU, and other Latin American countries. The course lasts 8 days and is fully bilingual; translations for Spanish guest lectures will be provided.

LOCATION

The course will take place at one of the UNAM campuses in the Yucatan Peninsula. The campus is a fully-equipped research facility, located on the water, in the town of Puerto Morelos (<http://www.icmyl.unam.mx/arrecifes/>).

The campus has been designated as a *Center for Excellence* for coral reef research by the Global Environmental Facility. Puerto Morelos is a small fishing community, 22 miles south of Cancun. The town sits on a national park with several MPA sites. Reefs within Parque Nacional Arrecife de Puerto Morelos are part of the 700-mile Mesoamerican reef system, the second largest coral reef in the world (<http://puertomorelos.conanp.gob.mx/>).



TRAVEL & ACCOMODATIONS

Course participants will fly in to Cancun. Ground transportation to Puerto Morelos will be arranged. Students will stay in Puerto Morelos, walking distance from campus.

COST

The estimated cost for the course is \$ 1,000 (+ tuition). Cost includes: airfare, shared accommodations, ground and boat transportation for fieldtrips and airport, and lab fee (Meals are not included). A \$100 deposit is required by **April 1, 2008** (*deposit is non-refundable after 30 days*).

INSTRUCTOR

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