

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	Law for Biodiversity		
MODULE CODE	LW1007 (L4)	CREDIT VALUE	20 UK CREDITS / <u>10 ECTS</u>
SCHOOL	SCHOOL OF LAW		

MODULE AIMS

To explore a holistic concept of conservation and biodiversity protection and explain role legislation plays in this area.

To explain the basic principles underpinning conservation and biodiversity legislation.
To outline the problems of enforcement and the importance of European and international law in this context.

MODULE CONTENT

Illustration of the role that international law can play – CITES (Convention on Trade in Endangered Species)

The interaction between EU and national law in relation to biodiversity protection
Protection of species – wild birds, wild animals, plants and trees
Protection of habitats

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this module a student will be able to:

1. Define the basic principles of conservation and the law relating to biodiversity
2. Explain the importance of the role played by international and European Union law in protecting and promoting biodiversity
3. Identify strengths and weaknesses in biodiversity legislation and in enforcement of that legislation
4. Identify and apply relevant knowledge to given facts situations

TEACHING METHODS

A written assignment assesses a student's ability to articulate, in writing, legal analysis and argument, identify and apply legal sources to fictitious practical scenarios, and work within word and presentational constraints. Additionally, a student's ability to research and marshal legal evidence in support of an argument, express legal analysis and technique, whilst respecting and responding to the viewpoints of others, will be assessed by their oral performance in seminar discussion of legal problems. Short videos will be shown in some seminars to raise awareness of practical problems and issues. Performance is assessed over the seminar programme according to the level, quality and frequency of contribution to group discussion.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

This module is assessed through a Debate (25%) and a coursework (75%).

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English