



Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture

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**Announcement of an interdisciplinary study project within the  
Msc programmes IMRD, INRM, Agr. Econ.:**

Topic: <b>Capacity Building for Community-Based Management of Natural Resources to Promote Food Security and Health – the case of the Ijaló and Chiche River Basin, Ecuador</b>	LV Nr.
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**Responsible supervisors:** Dr. Susanne Hofmann-Souki

**Participating supervisors:** Dr. Thomas Aenis, Dr. Dimitrios Zikos (HU)

**Counterparts in Ecuador:** Dr. Myriam Paredes (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales – FLACSO Sede Ecuador), Cynthia Peñaherrera (Corporación Red Ambiental Ecuador)

**Work load:** 12 credit points (8 SWS)

**Number of participants:** 8-12, depending on financing of research in Ecuador

**Session dates:** First meeting on Monday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm at the Seminar Room 217, Div. of Agric. Extension and Communication, Luisenstr. 53.

Compulsory teamwork training Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Weekly sessions Mondays 2-5.30 pm unless otherwise agreed by the group

**Type of exam:** Project report and defence

**Planned excursion:**

12 days to Ecuador with interviews of resource persons and stakeholders of community-based water management in the research area, Province of Pichincha. Funding for the excursion still needs clarifying, a substantial own contribution of participants will be necessary.

**Remarks:** Project language is English, Spanish speakers welcome. The course is open to other Msc programmes. The study has been proposed by the Corporación Red Ambiental Ecuador, an NGO active in capacity building for rural communities on issues related to natural resources, food security, income generation and health. The organisation expects from this study an input for their work (in Spanish).

The study project will use a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) Methodology in an interdisciplinary setting. It is especially recommended for students in their 3<sup>rd</sup> Msc semester. Due to high interest there may be a waiting list. Registration with Dr. Susanne Hofmann-Souki, [s.hofmann-souki@agrar.hu-berlin.de](mailto:s.hofmann-souki@agrar.hu-berlin.de)

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