



# Course in Conservation of endangered Tropical Andean Plant Species

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## DESCRIPTION, CONTENTS AND OBJECTIVES

The Course is aimed at all those who are currently involved –or intend to become involved in species conservation, policy-making, and the scientific and technical work required for enforcement. To be eligible for the course, candidates must hold basic knowledge in botany, biological science, environmental science, geography and history.

**The general objective** of the course is to relate the current status of species in threatened landscapes of the tropical Andes of Bolivia with variables that affect their conservation and long-term maintenance

**The specific objectives** are to provide training in the following areas:

- Characteristics of some vascular plant species and especially vegetation formations in Andean environments of Bolivia
- Scientific bases and methods to diagnose and

solve problems associated with proper implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Flora (CITES).

- Biological and trade criteria for listing species on the CITES Appendices.
- Techniques for identifying species and specimens subject to CITES controls.
- Techniques for *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation.
- Recovery plans and sustainable management programs for plants.