Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2017-2018

Law and Ethics on Conservation of Aquatic Systems (C002469)

Course size
(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)

Credits  3.0  Study time  90 h  Contact hrs  25.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2017-2018
A (semester 2)  lecture  17.5 h
  microteaching  10.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2017-2018
Cliquet, An  RE06  lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2017-2018
cdts  offering
Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management  3  A
Master of Science in Aquaculture  3  A

Teaching languages
English

Keywords
Marine and aquatic conservation, international and European biodiversity law, environmental ethics

Position of the course
This course aims at giving an overview of international and European law on the conservation of marine and aquatic biodiversity. Specific attention is given to the ethical foundation of nature conservation, the conservation and management of marine and aquatic protected areas and the protection of marine species.

Contents
1. Environmental ethics
2. General introduction on biodiversity law: institutional context of international biodiversity law, sources of biodiversity law, legal regime of marine and aquatic natural resources, concepts and measures in nature conservation
3. Marine and aquatic protected areas: overview of international, European and national law on marine/aquatic protected areas (legal possibilities for the designation and management of protected areas)
4. Species protection: overview of international and European law on the exploitation of marine species (international trade, migratory species, specific protection of marine mammals, fisheries)

After this overview, all students are asked to give an oral presentation in small groups on a topic relating to marine or aquatic biodiversity law (on a topic of their choice).

Initial competences
- No basic knowledge is required.
- To have the attitude to be willing to develop a critic, scientific and interdisciplinary attitude.

Final competences
1. To have a basic knowledge of international and European marine and aquatic biodiversity law.
2. To have the abilities to understand international and European biodiversity law texts and sources.
3. To have the attitudes to do self study in international and European biodiversity law.
4. To be open minded for concepts of other disciplines (law, environmental ethics and
Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment.

Conditions for exam contract
This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract.

Teaching methods
Lecture, microteaching

Extra information on the teaching methods
An overview of international and European law on the conservation of marine and aquatic biodiversity is given in ex cathedra lectures. There is frequent interaction with students. Microteaching consists of presentations by students.

Learning materials and price

References

Course content-related study coaching
1. Answering questions and enabling discussion during the lectures
2. Answering questions of the students through e-mail or otherwise

Evaluation methods
end-of-term evaluation and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
Written examination with open questions, oral examination

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
Simulation

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation
examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Extra information on the examination methods
Permanent evaluation: evaluation of oral presentation in class. Examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form
Periodic evaluation: written and oral exam with questions on knowledge and basic applications of international and European marine and aquatic biodiversity law.

Calculation of the examination mark
First examination period: non-periodic evaluation (oral presentation 25%) and periodic evaluation (exam 75%)
Second examination period: periodic evaluation (exam 100%)

Facilities for Working Students
Work students are not obliged to attend every class.

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