



# Restoration Boot Camp for Tropical Asian Forests

*Online course with a field week*

**April 22 to June 2, 2019:**  
Intensive six-week online course

**Cost:** \$2,250 USD

**June 17 to June 22, 2019:**  
Field week in Leyte, Philippines

**Language:** English

**Apply by April 1, 2019.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until all spots are filled. After that, there will be a waiting list.

Partial scholarships for organizations, groups and individuals are available!

To apply, please go to: <https://bit.ly/2l1msrE>  
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## About the Course

### **Learn adaptive strategies for tropical forest restoration with an emphasis on Asian forests**

This online "boot camp" with a field week immerses participants in key theory and practical examples for planning and implementing concrete restoration projects.

This course includes diverse contributions and opportunities to interact with global environmental leaders, ELTI facilitators, Yale faculty members and other ELTI partners.



# Course Structure

The six-week online course is divided into weeklong thematic modules. Each module includes videos, readings, resources, discussions and assignments, completed at the participant's own schedule. Every week, participants meet with Yale professors, guest experts and peers during online live discussion sessions.

- Week 1** Tropical forest ecology, disturbance and regeneration potential
- Week 2** Strategies to catalyze restoration in the tropics
- Week 3** Integration of restoration and production goals
- Week 4** Social aspects of restoration
- Week 5** Monitoring and evaluation of restoration projects
- Week 6** Development of a restoration management plan



# Field Week Structure

Following the online course, participants will see concepts put into action during a 4-day field week at Visayas State University on the island of Leyte, Philippines. Learn about Rainforestation, a native species-based reforestation and agroforestry strategy that aims to support the livelihoods of local communities while also conserving biodiversity and enhancing ecosystems services. The field week includes a series of lectures, field visits to Rainforestation demonstration sites and hands-on exercises. Participants will need to arrive at Mactan-Cebu International Airport in Cebu City on Monday, June 17, and depart on Saturday, June 22.

**Day 1** Introduction to the biodiversity of the Philippines and Rainforestation

**Day 2** Phenological observation of indigenous tree species, nursery establishment and seedling production

**Day 3** Site assessment, establishing a Rainforestation site and monitoring

**Day 4** Refining restoration plans with lessons learned from the VSU experience

At the end of the course, participants will receive a certificate of completion from ELTI.



# Cost and Course Features

The cost of the course is \$2,250 USD. The fee includes registration, course materials, field week expenses (double accommodation, room and board for June 17-22, 2019) and a certificate of completion. The course fee does not include travel cost to and from your site of departure and Mactan-Cebu International Airport in Cebu City, Philippines.

ELTI courses provide a complete and enriching experience by allowing participants to:

## Access ELTI's resources and expertise

ELTI specializes in developing and delivering high-quality learning experiences for environmental leaders in the tropics. Course participants are presented with key concepts through professionally developed materials designed by Yale University faculty, ELTI team members and international partners.

## Access international experts and experience

ELTI provides participants with diverse international perspectives, presented through case studies and on-the-ground examples from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Costa Rica and Colombia.

## Receive customized instruction and personal attention

ELTI's courses provide the opportunity for live discussions with guest experts, personalized feedback and relating homework assignments to the individual needs and interests of the participants. The field week provides in-person learning opportunities from land management experts.

## Interact with a diverse community of participants

By participating in ELTI's courses, participants work in global teams, become part of a "community of learners" during and after the course and benefit from the diverse experiences of environmental practitioners worldwide.

## Develop practical skills

The homework assignments during the course are designed to help participants develop practical skill sets that they can apply to their careers. The field week allows for experiential learning and complements the online material for deeper comprehension of the restoration principles taught.



**For more information, please contact:**

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**About Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative at Yale University:**

Founded in 2006, ELTI is a capacity development initiative of the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Our mission is to empower people from all sectors and backgrounds to restore and conserve tropical forest landscapes using strategies that support biodiversity and livelihoods. We take a unique approach to capacity development for conservation and restoration by mentoring and supporting people who manage and influence these landscapes in tropical Asia, the Neotropics and tropical Africa. Many of our 6,500 alumni went on to become innovative leaders. For more information, visit: <http://elti.yale.edu>.

**About Visayas State University:**

Visayas State University is a globally competitive university for science, technology and environmental conservation. Through its Institute of Tropical Ecology & Environmental Management, VSU supports and promotes community-based projects that are anchored with rational management and protection of our natural environment and resources through the promotion of Rainforestation. <https://www.vsu.edu.ph>

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