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# Introduction to Forest Landscape Restoration

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**Language:** Spanish  
**Duration:** 6 weeks,  
6-8 hours per week

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**An online course organized by:**

The Environmental Leadership and Training Initiative (ELTI), Yale School of the Environment  
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# About the Course:

Explore the social, biological, and political processes that shape reforestation and forest restoration in tropical regions. This course is designed for a diverse audience involved in natural resource management, land use decision-making, forest landscape restoration (FLR) and the investment and financing of FLR. This course provides a unique opportunity to interact with environmental leaders and the Yale University instruction team to learn about an issue of immense importance for the sustainability of tropical forest landscapes and human wellbeing.

Participants will learn about the following themes:

- 🌿 Technical aspects of forest restoration in different biophysical and social contexts
- 🌿 Social, financial, and political catalysts and challenges
- 🌿 Protocols for monitoring and evaluating restoration for diverse objectives

## Course Structure:

The course is divided into six modules, each lasting one week. Each module includes videos, readings, educational resources, discussion forums, and assignments, all of which are completed at the pace of the participant. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to meet once a week with the facilitation team and invited guest experts during online live discussions.

**Week 1** Ecology, disturbance, and regeneration potential of tropical forests

**Week 2** Socio-cultural and political aspects of restoration

**Week 3** Effective practices and strategies for restoration

**Week 4** Integration of restoration and production goals

**Week 5** Monitoring of restoration projects

**Week 6** Design of restoration and reforestation projects

The participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate of participation.



# Instruction Team

**Lead instructor:** Jacob Slusser, Panama Coordinator, Neotropics Training Program, affiliate of the Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative (ELTI) at Yale University

**Facilitator:** Saskia Santamaría, Neotropics Training Program Associate, affiliate of the Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative (ELTI) at Yale University

**Curriculum design & support:** Gillian Bloomfield, Online Training Program Coordinator, Environmental Leadership & Training Initiative (ELTI) at Yale University

Contributions from **more than 20 guest speakers.**

## Course Features

The course provides an enriching training experience by allowing participants to:

### Access the materials and experience of ELTI and Yale University

ELTI specializes in developing and delivering high-quality training experiences for environmental leaders in the tropics. These materials employ a variety of teaching tools, including interactive presentations, pre-recorded video lectures, and diverse readings.

### Connect with a diverse community of participants and experts

This course has a strong emphasis on providing participants with diverse international perspectives, which are presented through case studies and on-the-ground examples. During and after the course, participants become part of a community of learners and benefit from the diverse experiences of environmental practitioners worldwide.

### Develop practical skills and receive personalized attention

The course provides the opportunity to exchange ideas with invited experts in the live sessions, receive personalized feedback, and adapt homework assignments to the individual needs and interests of the participants. The homework assignments during the course are designed to help participants develop practical skillsets that they can apply to their restoration projects.

## For more information, please contact:

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## About ELTI:

Founded in 2006, ELTI is a capacity development initiative of the Yale School of the Environment. 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 7,800 alumni have gone on to become innovative leaders. For more information, visit: <http://elti.yale.edu/>