



Improving the Practice of Conservation

Training Course: ***Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation***

What does the course cover? This course equips project teams with the skills necessary for effective project cycle management in the conservation sector. The course introduces the theoretical concepts and practical tools behind the five steps (Conceptualize; Plan Actions and Monitoring; Implement Actions and Monitoring; Analyze, Use, Adapt; and Capture and Share Learning) of the Conservation Measures Partnership's *Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation*. The course can also be set up to cross-reference the *Open Standards* with other organizational or agency planning systems. The course allows participants to work together to become familiar with and apply these concepts and tools in developing management and monitoring plans for real-world conservation projects. An overview of the *Miradi Adaptive Management Software* and a one-year license agreement to use the software are provided with this course.

Course objectives:

By the end of this training, participants will improve their ability to:

- Strengthen project design, management, and monitoring processes
- Choose the most strategic actions; set meaningful and measurable goals and objectives
- Determine if their conservation interventions are working
- Demonstrate and communicate their project or program's impact to their constituency
- Learn from their actions and improve them
- Become familiar with the *Miradi* program management software.

Who is the intended audience? Conservation project managers who work on natural resource issues and are interested in taking an experimental approach to project management. Participation is based on teams of two to three individuals working on one or more projects that have conservation of the natural environment and/or natural resources as their primary mission, although individuals who are not part of an existing project team are also encouraged to apply.

Who is teaching the material? Principal instructors are from Foundations of Success, which is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to “improve the practice of conservation through adaptive management” and “work with practitioners to test assumptions, adapt, and learn.”

How is the Course Offered? Foundations of Success offers this course on an as-requested basis to organizations and agencies that would like to provide training to their staff and partners. This course can be taught in-person over a 3-5 day period, over several separate sessions, or with a combination of in-person and online sessions. Prices vary according to course duration, number of students, and location. Please contact Foundations of Success at info@FOOnline.org for details.

Important Links:

[Open Standards for the Practice of Conservation Document](#)
[Foundations of Success Website](#)