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1. Course Overview

Qualification Title: Wildlife Management & Eco-Tourism Certificate

Level: 5

Duration: 12-18 months

Mode of Delivery: Blended (Classroom, Fieldwork, Online Learning)

Credit Hours: As per NQA standards

Entry Requirements: Level 4 qualification in a relevant field or equivalent experience

2. Course Modules and Units

Module 1: Principles of Wildlife Management

- Introduction to Wildlife Ecology
- Biodiversity and Conservation Principles
- Habitat Management and Restoration
- Sustainable Utilization of Wildlife Resources

Module 2: Protected Areas and Conservation Policies

- National and International Conservation Laws
- Management of National Parks and Game Reserves
- Human-Wildlife Conflict Management
- Wildlife Protection Strategies

Module 3: Eco-Tourism and Sustainable Development

- Principles of Eco-Tourism
- Community-Based Natural Resource Management
- Sustainable Business Practices in Tourism
- Cultural and Ethical Aspects of Eco-Tourism

Module 4: Wildlife Monitoring and Research Techniques

- Data Collection and Analysis in Wildlife Research
- Tracking and Survey Methods
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Conservation
- Fieldwork and Reporting

Module 5: Wildlife Health and Safety Management

- Wildlife Diseases and Veterinary Care
- Anti-Poaching Strategies
- First Aid and Emergency Response in the Wild
- Occupational Safety in Wildlife Management

Module 6: Business and Leadership in Conservation

- Entrepreneurship in Wildlife and Eco-Tourism
- Leadership and Management in Conservation Organizations
- Marketing and Customer Service in Eco-Tourism
- Financial Planning for Conservation Enterprises

3. Course Requirements

- Completion of all modules
- A minimum of 70% attendance in practical and fieldwork sessions
- Participation in a mandatory research project
- Final assessment through exams, practicals, and a research presentation

4. Assessment Methods

- Formative Assessments: Quizzes, assignments, field reports
- Summative Assessments: Final written exams, research project defense, practical evaluations
- Continuous Assessment: Participation in workshops, presentations, and teamwork

5. Research and Practical Components

- Research: Students must conduct an independent research project on wildlife management or eco-tourism.
- Fieldwork: Practical experience in game reserves, national parks, or conservation projects.
- Internship: A compulsory 3-month internship with a recognized conservation or tourism organization.

6. Quality Assurance Measures

- Compliance with NQA and NTA standards.
- Regular curriculum review with industry experts.
- Continuous feedback from students and instructors.
- External assessment moderation.
- Partnership with conservation agencies for real-world training.