Tropical ecology - field course

Course location: Venezuela, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Borneo Course time: ca. 29 VI – 20 VII

Course organizers & teachers:

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- Prerequisites: "Tropical ecology" (lectures & seminars); a course in general ecology
- ATTENTION! This is the English-language course! Basic knowledge of Spanish will be helpful in Ecuador and Costa Rica.
- Maximum group size: 10 students
- Topics: Examples of tropical ecosystems (lowland rainforests and montane cloud forests, mangroves, semi-deserts; inter-species interactions; functioning of tropical ecosystems; anthropogenic threats.

Costs

There is no course fee

- Jagiellonian University supports the students at a rate of <u>up to</u> 20,000 PLN per year
 - \rightarrow <u>actual support per person is 2000 PLN at least</u>
- Students have to cover all remaining costs connected with travel
- UJ covers insurance for course participants (*important*: the insurance covers only the course duration!)

Approximate TOTAL costs

Costa Rica:

air ticket (from Berlin or KRK): ca 3200 – 4500 zł
costs in Costa Rica: ca 1000 USD = ca 3800 zł
TOTAL ca 7000 – 8300 zł

Ecuador:

- air ticket (from Berlin or KRK): ca 4700 – 5600 zł

- costs in Ecuador: ca 600 USD = ca 2300 zł

TOTAL ca 7000 – 7900 zł

Other options: Madrid – San Jose, 3000 PLN; Madrid – Quito, 3600 PLN

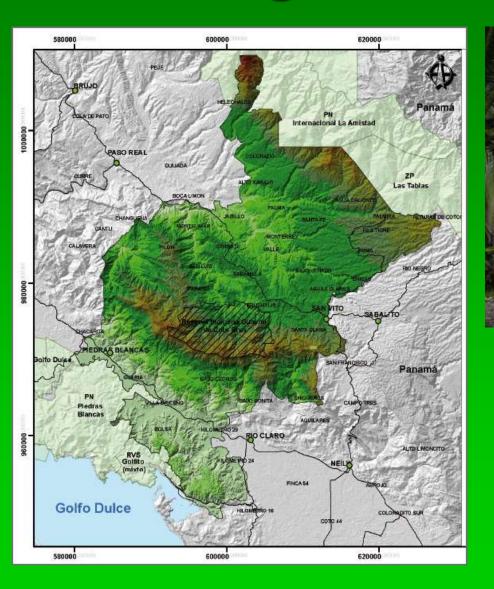
- The course starts and finishes at the destination
- We are adults:
 - You can stay there as long as you like after the course
 - Everybody can reach the destination on his/her own, but it is easier, safer and preferable to arrange the travel together;
- Return date? Must be decided at the time of booking the tickets at the latest!

Where exactly are we going?

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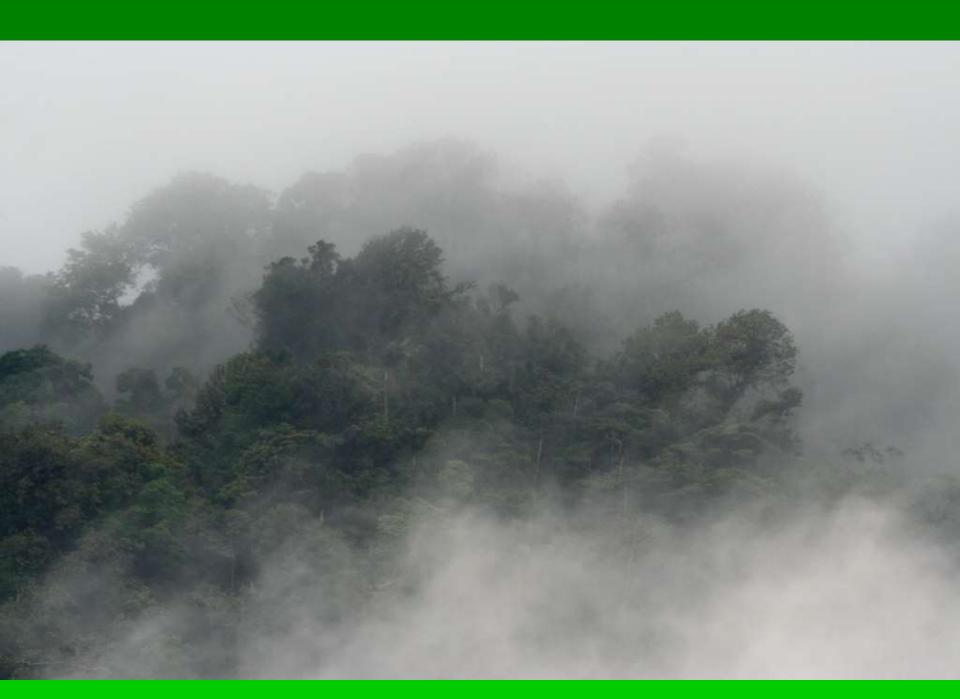




































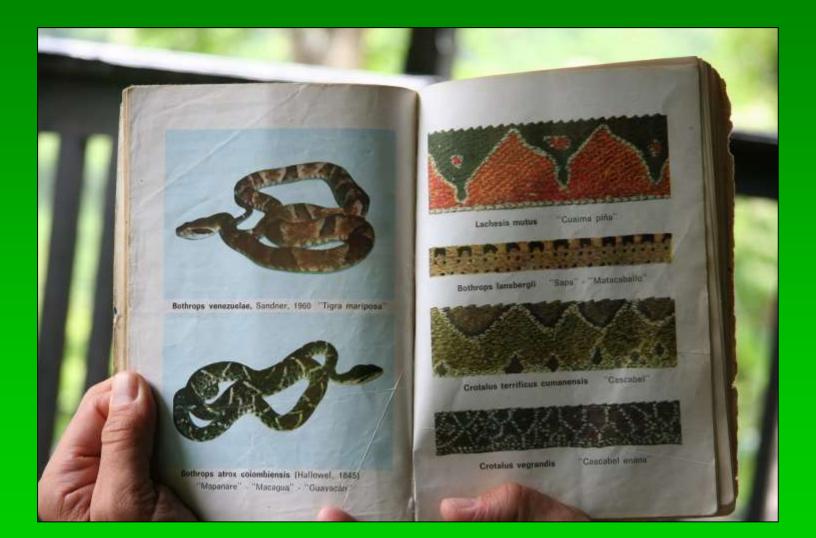








ATTENTION - DANGER!







How to prepare for the course:

Vaccinations:

- jaundice
- yellow fever
- tetanus
- typhoid
- What should I take with me detailed list available at www.eko.uj.edu.pl/laskowski
 - all crucial medicines
 - proper clothes, including rubber boots
 - mosquito net