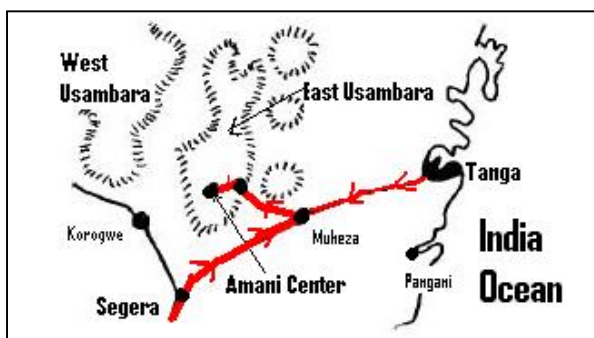


**The SOEE5495: Overseas Environment-Development Field Course** module provides a structured opportunity to gain first hand field and research experience in a rural part of Africa. Students directly experience the challenge of achieving social and economic development and environmental conservation in the developing country context of Tanzania. The course gives students development-related skills and experience that is relevant for a future career as an environment-development professional and provides a solid research foundation for those students planning to undertake fieldwork in a developing country for their MSc dissertations.

Students travel to and study the social, environmental and economic context of Amani Nature Reserve in the East Usambara mountains (north-east Tanzania). This area is recognised as a global biodiversity hotspot due to its high biodiversity value and the pressures and threats it faces. People's livelihoods and well-being are heavily dependent on and affected by this environment, as well as being increasingly affected by emerging (yet often vulnerable) global and regional economic opportunities. Through staff and stakeholder-led lectures, seminars and study tours, and project work in villages, students will discover the day-to-day realities facing local villagers, environmental managers, development practitioners and businesses in the struggle for economic development and improved well-being. The field course runs for a period of 13 days (including travel time) during the Easter break and is led by an experienced team of staff from the Sustainability Research Institute (School of Earth & Environment). Staff members are actively engaged and passionate about environment-development research, policy and management in Africa.

A maximum of 20 places are available on the module. Whilst students from MSc Sustainability have priority access to this field course, students from other schools or programmes (e.g. Global Development, Geography, Biodiversity Conservation) will be considered if numbers allow. The field course incurs an additional cost of between £1200-1500 (depending on exchange rates, flight prices and student demand).



For more information: please refer to <http://webprod1.leeds.ac.uk/banner/dynmodules.asp?Y=201112&F=P&M=SOEE-5495M> and/or contact Dr. Susannah Sallu [s.sallu@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:s.sallu@leeds.ac.uk).



*"This has been my most rewarding module of the entire programme. I really felt like I have benefited from it and will continue to do so as I go onto my dissertation and then into a job"* Sustainability student 2010-11.

*"Thank you for taking us on this trip. I had such a great experience, and I learned so much about the practicalities of doing research overseas. I feel a lot more confident about my dissertation and the potential of doing research in Africa in the future"* Sustainability student 2010-11.

*"Reading the literature, the importance of the environment to people's lives didn't really strike me at all...coming here has really made a difference to my understanding on the relevance of the environment to development"* Global Development student 2010-11.