



UNIVERSITÀ
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Rettorato e Direzione Generale
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**PhD IN
ENVIRONMENTAL LIFE SCIENCES
(under the agreement with the University of Udine)**

NOTE: This attachment provides only partial information. Exhaustive information, including how to register for the selection, is published in the Admission Announcement posted in the web page <http://www2.units.it/dott/en/> >> Admission Announcement.

Deadline for online application	21 August 2014 11:30 a.m. (ITALIAN TIME)
Deadline for paying the exam registration (application) fee	21 August 2014
Deadline for submitting qualifications and publications plus the form <i>Integration to the Application</i>	21 August 2014 11:30 a.m. (ITALIAN TIME)
Deadline for completion of the degree required for admission	31 October 2014
Oral examination/interview	08 September 2014 09:00 a.m. (ITALIAN TIME)
Documents required <i>(for further details see below "Weighting of the qualifications")</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Form "Integration to the application"2. The following documents:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. detailed <i>curriculum vitae et studiorum</i>, with a special focus on pre-PhD activities, including a list of exams taken and marks obtainedb. full text or abstract of the degree thesis



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IN BRIEF		
<i>Lines of research</i>	1	Ecology and ecophysiology of marine, fresh water, terrestrial and agricultural ecosystems
	2	Global change biology and management of natural and agricultural systems
	3	Biodiversity informatics, genetics and conservation
	4	Ecotoxicology and bioremediation
<i>Administrative location</i>		University of Trieste
<i>Organizing Department</i>		Department of Life Sciences
<i>Partner University</i>		University of Udine
<i>Partner University Department</i>		Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
<i>Duration</i>		3 years
<i>Maximum number of months to be spent abroad by each PhD student</i>		0-18
<i>Official language</i>		Italian
<i>Language (alternative to Italian) partially used in PhD activities</i>		A relevant part of seminars will be in English. Several offered teaching courses will be in English. PhD students can present their partially and final results in English. They are encouraged to write their PhD thesis in English.
<i>Subject Area</i>	<i>main</i>	--
	<i>others</i>	05,07,03
<i>Macro Research Fields</i>	<i>main</i>	--
	<i>others</i>	05/C; 05/A; 05/I; 05/G; 05/B, 07/B, 07/C, 07/E, 03/A
<i>Scientific Disciplinary Sector</i>	<i>main</i>	--
	<i>others</i>	BIO/07, BIO/01, BIO/02, BIO/04, BIO/15, BIO/18, BIO/05, AGR/02, AGR/05, AGR/08, AGR/13, CHIM/03
<i>Domain European Research Council</i>		LS
<i>ERC Panels</i>	<i>main</i>	--
	<i>others</i>	LS8, LS9, PE4
<i>Erasmus Subject Area Codes</i>	<i>main</i>	--
	<i>others</i>	01.1, 07.2, 07.4, 13.1, 13.3, 13.4
Information on the codes can be found online at: http://www2.units.it/dott/en/?file=DottBandi.inc >> Admission Announcement and relative attachments (...) >> "Labelling" (file.xls)		



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PLACES, SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE

<i>Total number of places available (excluding R/2 R/3 – see below)</i>		11	
<i>with scholarship</i>		3	
<i>without scholarship</i>		8	N.B.: Candidates who accept an earmarked scholarship are committed to the pre-assigned topic.
<i>Scholarships/Research grants available with indication of the code, total number and funding body</i>	MD/1	1	University of Trieste + Department of Life Sciences (Project title “ <i>Development of biomonitoring techniques of airborne persistent pollutants based on mosses and lichens</i> ”)
	MD/2	1	University of Trieste + Department of Life Sciences funded by EU CIP FP-ICT-PSP-2011-5 OPEN DISCOVERY SPACE CUPJ91J20000300006 (Project title: LAST UPDATED ON 17.07.2014: The project title has been modified into: “ <i>Floristic ecological models with the new instruments of Biodiversity Informatics</i> ”)
	MD/3	1	University of Trieste + Department of Life Sciences funded by Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e Geofisica Sperimentale (OGS) (Project title “ <i>Development and applications of ecological indexes, proxies and models in marine ecosystems.</i> ”)
	MD/4	1	University of Trieste + Department of Life Sciences funded by Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e Geofisica Sperimentale (OGS) (Project title “ <i>Biogeochemical dynamics in marine ecosystems</i> ”)
	C/5 - 7 UST/8	3 1	University of Udine University of Trieste funded by University of Trieste funded by Commissariato del Governo nella Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia (“Fondo Trieste”) (project with a significant impact on the area)
<i>Reserved places with scholarships/research grants available for graduates at universities abroad [R/1] with indication of the code, total number and funding body</i>	R/1	0	--
<i>Reserved places with no PhD scholarship provided</i>	R/2	0	Scholarships funded by foreign Countries
	R/3	0	Scholarships funded by international mobility programmes
<i>PhD students from foreign universities may be admitted with a joint supervision of their thesis</i>			Yes
<i>Erasmus Mundus PhD students from foreign universities may be admitted on a joint supervision of their thesis</i>			Yes
<i>Erasmus Mundus PhD students from foreign universities may be admitted on international mobility programmes</i>			Yes



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THE SELECTION PROCEDURE	
<p><i>Academic qualification required: see Announcement: see Announcement (art. 2 - Requirements)</i></p>	<p>Italian Master's Degree "Laurea Specialistica/Magistrale" or Degree awarded prior to approval of Ministerial Decree D.M. n. 509 of 3 November 1999, updated with D.M. n. 270 of 22 October 2004, n. 270, (or a qualification corresponding to a Master's -second level- degree)</p> <p>Please note: only the specific degrees listed below are accepted</p> <p>An equivalent foreign academic qualification awarded abroad</p> <p>An academic qualification awarded abroad which is considered to be equivalent to the Italian degree that allows the holder to undertake PhD studies for duration, level and area of study</p>
<p><i>Degrees awarded in Italy must correspond to those included in the list on the right:</i></p>	<p>Scienze forestali ed ambientali, Scienze geologiche, Scienze agrarie, Scienze biologiche, Biotecnologie agrarie-vegetali, Scienze ambientali, Scienze naturali; 6/S - in biologia, 7/S - in biotecnologie agrarie, 68/S - in scienze della natura, 77/S - in scienze e tecnologie agrarie, 85/S - in scienze geofisiche, 79/S - in scienze e tecnologie agrozootecniche, 82/S - in scienze e tecnologie per l'ambiente e il territorio, 83/S - in scienze economiche per l'ambiente e la cultura, 86/S - in scienze geologiche, 38/S - in ingegneria per l'ambiente e il territorio;</p> <p style="background-color: cyan;">LAST UPDATED ON 07.07.2014: 69/S, 74/S, 80/S</p> <p>LM-6 BIOLOGIA, LM-7 BIOTECNOLOGIE AGRARIE, LM-60 SCIENZE DELLA NATURA, LM-79 SCIENZE GEOFISICHE, LM-80 SCIENZE GEOGRAFICHE, LM-76 SCIENZE ECONOMICHE PER L'AMBIENTE E LA CULTURA, LM-75 SCIENZE E TECNOLOGIE PER L'AMBIENTE E IL TERRITORIO, LM-73 SCIENZE E TECNOLOGIE FORESTALI ED AMBIENTALI, LM-69 SCIENZE E TECNOLOGIE AGRARIE, LM-70 SCIENZE E TECNOLOGIE ALIMENTARI.</p> <p style="background-color: cyan;">LAST UPDATED ON 07.07.2014: LM/61, LM/74</p>
<p><i>Deadline for completion of the Degree required for admission</i></p>	<p>31 October 2014</p>
<p><i>Assessment criteria</i></p>	<p>qualifications + oral examination/interview</p>
<p><i>Maximum final score (the final score is based on the sum total of marks obtained in the interview plus the points given for qualifications and publications)</i></p>	<p>100/100</p>
<p><i>Minimum final score required for eligibility</i></p>	<p>70/100</p>
<p><i>Maximum score awarded for qualifications+publications</i></p>	<p>50/50</p>
<p><i>Minimum score required for qualifications+publications</i></p>	<p>35/50</p>
<p><i>Weighting of the qualifications</i> Unless the form "Integration to application" is presented, qualifications and publications cannot be assessed by the Examining Board. The form is available at: http://www2.units.it/dott/en/?file=D</p>	<p>a detailed <i>curriculum vitae et studiorum</i>, with a special focus on pre-PhD activities, including a list of exams taken and marks obtained</p> <p>b full text or abstract of the degree thesis</p>
	<p>30/50</p> <p>20/50</p>



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If the degree score is not out of 110 it will be converted. Undergraduates will be assigned a score out of 110 based on the average of their exams (provided they submit an official transcript)	
Oral examination/interview score out of – maximum score	50/50
Oral examination/interview score out of – minimum score	35/50
Deadline for submitting qualifications and publications	21 August 2014
Qualifications and publications shall be submitted: (art. 5.1.4 of the PhD Announcement)	- as an attachment to the online admission application (upload), deadline 11:30 a.m. Italian time
	only for publications that are voluminous or not available in electronic format, as long as they are listed in the form "Integration to application" (digital format preferable): - by post to Prof. Mauro Tretiach, building "M" - Via Giorgieri 10, University of Trieste, 34127 Trieste, Italy - in person to Prof. Mauro Tretiach, from 9 am to 1 pm and from 2 pm to 7 pm (ITALIAN TIME), at reception building "M" - Via Giorgieri 10, University of Trieste, 34127 Trieste, Italy
Oral examination/interview	08 September 2014 at 09:00 a.m. (ITALIAN TIME) , University of Trieste – Department of Life Sciences – Building M – classroom A – Via Giorgieri, 10 – TRIESTE
Language(s) of the interview	- Italian - English if there are non Italian candidates
Language(s) tested in the oral examination/interview	English
CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)	B2
Videoconference interview	Upon request from the candidate, the interview may be carried out through videoconference, with the same schedule (check 6.2 Admission Announcement)

WHO'S WHO	
Chair	Prof. Serena Fonda – Department of Life Science - University of Trieste – Via L. Giorgeri, 10 – phone N. 040/558.8829/2937 fax 040/558.2011 e-mail s.fonda@units.it
Web site	http://www2.units.it/biomonitor/
Learning outcomes	<p>The PhD program, aims to train highly qualified personnel capable of analytically managing the implementation of national and European Union guidelines regarding the environmental analysis, deepen the methodological aspects related to these issues, and to independently design and carry out environmental researches in a multidisciplinary view. It is structured to increasingly focus the scientific training of the students from the general and theoretical to the experimental aspects.</p> <p>The name of the doctorate is closely linked to the research topics of the members of the teacher's council. They are linked to the following ERC areas:</p> <p>Terrestrial ecology, land cover change (PE10_4); Biogeochemistry, biogeochemical cycles, environmental chemistry (PE10_9); Ecology (LS8_1); Biodiversity, comparative biology (LS8_4); Conservation biology, ecology, genetics (LS8_5);</p>



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	<p>Environmental and marine biology (LS8_8); Environmental toxicology (LS8_9), Prokaryotic biology (LS8_10). Agriculture related to animal husbandry, dairying, livestock raising (LS9_3); Agriculture related to crop production, soil biology and cultivation, applied plant biology (LS9_5), Genetics, Population biology, population dynamics, population genetics, plant-animal interactions (LS2/LS8_2), Genomics, transcriptomics, comparative genomics, functional genomics (LS2).</p>
<p><i>Job placement opportunities</i></p>	<p>Possible job placements are mainly in the environmental research field at national or international universities or research institutions, both in marine and terrestrial area of interest. The considerable interdisciplinary approach characteristic of this PhD course will allow the training of new and complete professional figures that will afford to multidisciplinary scientific issues. Methodologies learnt during the PhD course will apply to complex themes like: effects of global change on different natural ecosystems (from deep ocean to high mountains) or man managed ones (agro-ecosystems, forestry, and so on); the biodiversity role in maintaining ecosystem efficiency and good and service production; the onset of new pollution sources, the appearance of new pollutants and their effects on organisms, the management of new productive close – loop systems, the digitalization of environmental data to spreading them to the public for stimulating a general increase in the ecological awareness.</p>
<p><i>Main cooperating international Universities and Research Institutions</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, USA2 College of Environmental and Natural Resources Sciences, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China3 Tel Hai College, Upper Galilee, Israel4 Institut of Botany, University of Innsbruck, Austria5 Los Alamos National Laboratory, New Mexico USA