Course Description

Introduction to Species Status Assessment
CSP3910

Target Audience

Summary and Objectives
This is an overview of the species status assessment (SSA) framework, which is an analytical approach developed by the Service to deliver foundational science information for all Endangered Species Act decisions. The overview will cover the basic concepts and minimum requirements of an SSA and will show participants how to diagnose the level of complexity and expertise required to complete an SSA. Although the overview won’t cover technical methods in detail, it will introduce participants to some of the tools and resources available to conduct SSAs with an emphasis on those of low to moderate complexity.

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand where an SSA fits within an Endangered Species Act decision process;
- Understand the basic concepts and minimum requirements of an SSA;
- Diagnose the level of complexity and expertise needed to complete an SSA;
- Know where to find tools and resources to conduct an SSA; and
- Know the additional training and support available to assist with conducting or managing an SSA.

Curriculum Category
Conservation Policy

Course Type
Instructor Led

Tuition
$995

Instructional Hours
32

Credits/ CEUs
3.0

College Credits
2 semester hours

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Course Frequency
Multiple per year

Registration Link
DOI Talent