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Populations and communities: Spatial and temporal variability 872 (ZEN 872)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 discussion classes per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Zoology and Entomology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Demography with emphasis on forces affecting population growth rate and regulation; competition and facilitation within and between populations; risk and risk assessment; temporal trends and extinction; management, harvesting and control with emphasis on illustrating principles using studies conducted in Africa. Structure, composition and function of communities with emphasis on factors affecting resilience, resistance and persistence; temporal variability with emphasis on the influences of foodwebs structure and environmental variability; spatial pattern analysis; species-abundance relations; species affinities; community classification.

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