



NATURE'S GIFT PERMACULTURE PERMACULTURE DESIGN COURSE

WITH KRISTOF NORDIN



PERMACULTURE is the design and maintenance of sustainable urban and rural human environments which have the productivity, diversity, stability, and strength of natural ecosystems. It is a holistic design system for creating harmonic integrations between nature and people for mutual benefit. For more information on permaculture, please visit www.naturesgiftpermaculture.org

The 72 Hour Permaculture Design Course is a certification course based on an internationally recognised curriculum. We have designed the course to be held in two six day modules with six weeks in between. This structure will allow participants to return to his/her home or land with “new eyes” to complete the observation process before beginning the design phase. Each participant will leave the course with a mapped design of a piece of land. Course participation and attendance in all classes is required in order to receive a certificate. In very few instances, arrangements can be made in the event of an absence from class.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

- Theory and Principles of Design
- Methods of Design
- Understanding Ecosystems
- Pattern and Systems Thinking
- Reading the Land & Understanding Natural Processes
- Large and Small Scale Land Restoration
- Water Management (including water harvesting, grey water use, and earthworks)
- Soil Rehabilitation and Erosion Control
- Livestock, Green Manures and Farmers' Trees
- Intensive Vegetable & Fruit Production
- Food Forests & Plant Guilds
- Windbreaks and Bushfire Control
- Energy Conservation Technologies
- Appropriate Technologies and Renewable Energies
- Wildlife Management
- Integrated Pest Management
- Natural & Improved Building Strategies
- Integrated Systems Design for Human Settlements

ABOUT THE LEAD FACILITATOR

Lead Facilitator Kristof Nordin has 12 years of experience of practicing and teaching permaculture which began with his service as a Peace Corps volunteer. Kristof is well versed in the use of traditional Malawian plants and is especially knowledgeable in the linkage between agricultural production and nutrition. Over his many years of living and working in Malawi, Kristof has honed his facilitation skills to be specific to the Malawi context. He lives near Chitedze and spends most of his free time with his daughter Khalidwe and wife Stacia.

ASSISTANT FACILITATORS

Nature's Gift Permaculture will draw upon its well trained and experienced staff to assist Kristof in the facilitation of this course. NGP trainers come from all over the world, including Malawi, and have over 20 years of combined experience practicing and teaching permaculture.

COURSE LANGUAGE: The course will be conducted in English with Chichewa & Chitumbuka translation available for clarification of points. Participants should have a strong command of English.

COURSE DATES & TIMES

Module 1: March 14th -19th (with arrival on March 13th for those will need on-farm accommodation)

Module 2: May 2nd - 7th (with arrival on May 1st for those staying on the farm)

CERTIFICATION: Upon successful completion and with full attendance, participants will receive a certificate of attendance which highlights the areas of competencies and which is recognised by the international permaculture community.

COURSE COSTS: All prices are quoted in US\$ and payable in MK. Please note that Kumbali Cultural Village and Kumbali Country Lodge may use a different rate of exchange than Nature's Gift Permaculture. A 50% deposit is required to hold a place on the course. Registration closes on Wednesday March 9th and we expect that spots will fill quickly.

Course Fees: \$575 includes lunch and two snacks per course as well as a training manual and all materials necessary for in class designing.

FOR ON FARM ACCOMODATION WITH KUMBALI COUNTRY LODGE AND KUMBALI CULTURAL VILLAGE, WE HAVE OBTAINED THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTED RATES:

Kumbali Cultural Village: based on 14 nights occupancy

- Camping (US \$5 p.p. / per night) US \$70 p.p. (campers must provide all necessary equipment)
- Hut (US \$20 p.p. / per night) US \$280 p.p.

Add US \$12 for each dinner and \$5 for each breakfast at Kumbali Cultural Village

Kumbali Country Lodge: based on 14 nights occupancy and includes your choice from the breakfast menu

- Single Occupancy (US \$162 per night) US\$ 2268 p.p.
- Double Occupancy (US \$90 p.p. / per night) US\$ 1260 p.p.

Add US \$25 for each three course dinner at Kumbali Country Lodge

PLEASE NOTE: We aim to provide permaculture education to anyone who wants it and do not wish cost to be a prohibiting factor. Should you wish to sponsor a participant or should you need sponsorship please contact us directly.



ABOUT NATURE'S GIFT PERMACULTURE: We are a training and demonstration facility on a 20 hectare plot situated near the capital city of Lilongwe on Nature's Gift Farm. Here we provide training and education through demonstration with the goal of achieving community based food and nutrition security. Permaculture systems are ecologically harmonious, efficient and productive.

The centre answers the increasing demand for qualified permaculture consultants and trainers as well as appropriate training space. The owners of Nature's Gift Farm are passionate about Malawi's potential to develop sustainably and have been working towards increasing biodiversity by conserving and promoting a wide variety of indigenous fauna and flora on the farm for the last 12 years.

NGP is operating on an ethical business model in which we follow the three Permaculture ethics in all aspects of our business. These ethics - Earth Care, People Care and Fair/Surplus Share - serve as our guide from designing the land and interaction with clients and community members, to the payment of our staff and monitoring our bottom line.

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