## Study Programme: PHYTOMEDICINE

# Course Unit Title: MONITORING AND CONTROL OF BIRDS AND MAMMALS IN FOREST ECOSYSTEMS

## **Course Unit Code: 19.FT1019**

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Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate academic studies

Course Status (compulsory/elective): elective

Semester (winter/summer): winter

Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 6

Prerequisites: none

#### **Course Aims:**

Educating students to monitor and determine bird and rodent species of importance for the forest ecosystem protection.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

After passing the exam, students can practically identify and determine the most common species of birds and rodents and accurately identify damage to seeds and seedlings of forest vegetation.

## Syllabus:

Theory

Taxonomy, biology and morphology of rodents, conditions for rodent population expansion, the most common species of mice, voles and birds in forest ecosystems. Rodent damage to underground and aboveground parts of plants, damage to forest plant seeds. Determining size and abundance of rodent populations in forest ecosystems, Bird and mammal control methods. Birds and mammals as vectors of zoonotic diseases, legislation in chemical control of rodents.

Practice

Absolute methods for determining the rodent populations, relative methods for determining the rodent populations, methods for determining the number of birds and rodents based on traces of their activity.

#### **Required Reading:**

Bonnefoy X., Kampen H., Sweeney K. (2008): Public Health Significance of Urban Pests. World Health Organization.

Đukić, N., Horvatović, A., Kataranovski, D., Maletin, S., Matavulj, M., Pujin, V., Sekulić, R., Jurišić, A. (2018): Poljoprivredna zoologija. Poljoprivredni fakultet, Univerzitet u Novom Sadu.

Jurišić, A., Ivanović, I., Pljaković-Pajnik, L., Vasić, V., Velojić, M., Drekić, M., Petrović, A., Meseldžija, M., Dabić, S., Potkonjak, A. (2021): Priručnik za kontrolu i suzbijanje glodara u šumarstvu: praktikum. Institut za nizijsko šumarstvo i životnu sredinu, Vojvodinašume, Petrovaradin

Weekly Contact Hours:	Lectures: 15	Practical work: 30		

## **Teaching Methods:**

Lectures: presentations and consultations;

Practical classes: independent laboratory exercises with microscopic and macroscopic samples, calculations

## Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

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Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points		
Active class	5	written exam	30		
participation	5	written exam	50		
Practical work	5	oral exam	30		
Preliminary exam(s)	30				
Seminar(s)					
The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam,					
project presentation, seminars, etc.					