

Certification Course On  
**PERMACULTURE DESIGN**

*Feb 26 to Mar 10, 2012  
At Adamaru, Udupi, Karnataka*

Organized by



**I – ASK**

**Institute for Indigenous Agricultural Systems  
and Knowledge**  
Bangalore



**Concept of Permaculture**

*Permaculture (Permanent Agriculture)* is about designing sustainable ecological human habitats and food production systems. It also deals with energy-efficient buildings, waste water treatment, recycling, and land stewardship and other economic and social aspects of life. It can be applied to urban settings too. In essence, it is about the creation of relationships among the different elements by the way we place them in the landscape/system. Permaculture is one of the most holistic, integrated systems analysis and design methodologies.

**Content of the course**

This is a very hands-on, work focused introduction to permaculture. We will work in the early morning and latter afternoon with classes. Evenings will be open, with the option to see a wide selection of videos about all aspects of sustainability, or slides of the many subjects will be covered.. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about sustainability while staying on a traditional family farm.



Hands on will Include, Building a Check Dam, Pond, Installation of a Grey water system, continuing work on the Jungle Garden, Banana Orchard, Harvesting Micro-Organisms, Building a solar dryer, Nursery, Seed balls, Poly house, Design landscape and more.

Subjects covered are: [in addition to what is learnt from the hands-on], Permaculture Basics (ethics, principles, flows, patterns, zones), Water, Soil & Soil Building, Plants & Cropping, Resource Management, Appropriate Technologies, Invisible Structures (social, economic and political systems), Maps & Mapping, Design and Design Process, with open time to discuss subjects of interest to class. This course will present Permaculture with all its applications. We will focus on land and agricultural systems with as much examples as possible.

### Organizers

I-ASK (*Institute for Indigenous Agricultural Systems and Knowledge*) is a non-profit research organization that promotes scientific research; education and community outreach programs related to knowledge systems in agriculture and allied areas.

I-ASK is very actively involved in promoting sustainable agricultural systems, scouting, documentation and field evaluation of indigenous technologies related to agriculture, sericulture and veterinary in Karnataka state since seven years. Specifically the interest of the organization has been in studying the adaptive significance of the practices and knowledge systems in agriculture and allied activities.

We are organizing workshops on Permaculture Design in association with certified Permaculture trainers Mr. Richard Zook from USA since 2006.

### Resource persons

Mr. Richard Zook. Permaculture designer, teacher, consultant, and land restoration expert, he works with private individuals, farmers, and local organizations to create cultural and environmentally appropriate life systems in northern New Mexico, India, and places in between. Mr. Zook's work focuses on assisting local and indigenous cultures to preserve traditional knowledge and technologies while becoming active members of our rapidly globalizing world. The media of instruction is English. He is assisted by Sam Dowd & Catt Laws.



### Course fee:

For international candidates Rs. 14500, for Indians, Rs.13000. The fees include all training material, food and lodge. The course fee does not include travel to the training venue.

There will be a cancellation fee of 10 to 50% for cancelling 2 months to 2 weeks before the course.

### Venue:

Punarvasu (AT & PO: Admar, Tq & Dist: Udupi, Karnataka) is an emerging permaculture site and traditional family farm. People will stay in the traditional family home with the family and eat Amma's delicious tradition vegetarian Udupi food. Lodging arrangements are dormitory style.

*Space is limited to 8.*

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