

## Seminars

### The Natural Mediterranean Garden

Week-end residential seminar offering new insights to the Mediterranean Garden

### Dryland Permaculture Design

Residential seminar for designers and land owners

### Holistic Management

Residential seminar in sustainable decision-making and management

### Sustainable Stewardship

Residential seminar in a whole approach to creating a sustainable life, landscape or livelihood

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# What is Holistic Management®?

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**Every day** we are exposed to new information that shows how complex our world is and how dramatic human impact is on that world.

**We are discovering** that nature functions in terms of dynamic arrangements. There are no discrete elements to life, there are only flexible, changing patterns. These arrangements, or *wholes*, include humans.

**Any change** in the relationships within a *whole* affects the entire arrangement and its ability to function effectively, until such time as a new pattern has been established.

**Human impact** on these relationships has resulted in an ever-decreasing environmental diversity and stability which is now threatening human survival.

**Understanding** our impact on different environments and developing sustainable environmental, social and economic ways forward is the work of Holistic Management®.

**Holistic Management** offers pivotal insights into the sustainable management of the environment through:

- showing how the natural relationship between predators and prey and healthy grassland can be used to reverse desertification
- providing a new environmental classification through the determination of brittleness which informs appropriate selection of management tools
- highlighting the negative impact of rest in brittle environments
- determining how grazing animals can be used to restore the environment

Dryland environments are brittle environments and so the insights of Holistic Management have profound significance.

**However**, fundamentally Holistic Management is an holistic decision-making framework. It recognises that every decision humans make has an impact on the *whole* of which they are part. It recognises that the source of all wealth is a healthy environment. So the framework ensures that every decision leads towards triple bottom line sustainability. In other words, that every decision is simultaneously environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.



**Holistic Management** provides the means to:

- ensure that all the decision-makers are working towards the same value-based goals
- create the necessary policies, strategies and objectives to enable the decision-makers to effectively produce sustainable outcomes
- implement the necessary plans and monitor for ongoing sustainability
- effect an holistic analysis of problems to create a sustainable solution
- to be responsive to the dynamic arrangements of the *whole* for which we are responsible.

**For the first time in Europe**, training in the Holistic Management framework is provided by a Holistic Management International Certified Educator, for anyone involved in land design and management in dryland environments.

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