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Fourth edition of the

FAO international course on fisheries port inspections in support of the Agreement on Port State Measures

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PROGRAMME

Public international law and Law of the Sea (Modules: PIL-101; LOS-102)

- General understanding of the fundamental principles of the public international law. Concepts, definitions and articles under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) relevant to the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA).

🕒 ***Duration: 4 hours of lectures + 1 hour of practical exercises***

Fisheries legislation (Module: FL-101)

- Overview of the international legally binding instruments relating to fisheries and other international binding instruments.

🕒 ***Duration: 6 hours of lectures + 1 hour of practical exercises***

Fisheries management (Module: FM-101)

- Objectives and principles of fisheries management, United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals relevant to fisheries, management plans, precautionary approach, and technical conservation measures.

🕒 ***Duration: 2 hours of lectures + 1 hour of practical exercises***

Illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (Module: FM-102; and supplement)

- Introduction to the concept and dimension of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, identification of IUU fishing activities and their impact on sustainable fisheries management, IUU fishing estimation and indicators.

🕒 ***Duration: 3 hours of lectures + 1 hour of practical exercises***

The Agreement on Port State Measures (Module: PSMA-101)

- The scope of the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA), definitions and objectives; international obligations and responsibilities of port, flag and coastal States. The integration of national and regional systems and the role of regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs).

🕒 ***Duration: 6 hours of lectures + 6 hours of practical exercises***

Implementation of non-binding instruments (Module: NBI-101)

- Analysis of the provisions of non-binding instruments such as the Voluntary Guidelines for Transshipment and Catch Document Schemes and the way these provisions strengthen the implementation of binding instruments.

☑ ***Duration: 4 hours of lectures***

Monitoring, control and surveillance (Modules: MSC-101; MSC-102; MSC-103)

- Introduction to monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS), information sources, use and management, MCS programmes and schemes, planning and implementation of MCS operations (sea, shore, air), MCS technology.

☑ ***Duration: 22 hours of lectures + 15 hours of practical exercises***

Enforcement (Module: ENF-101)

- Types of non-compliance, detection, evidence collection and management, post-inspection actions, processes and sanctions.

☑ ***Duration: 10 hours of lectures + 2 hours of practical exercises***

Cooperation and international instruments (Modules: COOP-101; PSMA-102)

- Introduction to different aspects of national and international cooperation and coordination to combat IUU fishing, including introduction to international instruments that are complementary to the PSMA, such as the International Maritime Organization's Cape Town Agreement and the International Labour Organization's Work in Fishing Convention, 2007 (No. 188).

☑ ***Duration: 6 hours of lectures + 1 hour of practical exercises***

FAO information systems (Module: FIS-101)

- Understanding of the main information systems, notably the FAO Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record) and the PSMA Global Information Exchange System (GIES), including their use and management.

☑ ***Duration: 2 hours of lectures + 6 hours of practical exercises.***

Under its Global Capacity Development Programme to support the implementation of the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has developed a Global Training Programme (GTP) to contribute to national, regional, and global efforts to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The GTP encompasses a series of specialized courses built on a number of modules, the details of which are included in the GTP Prospectus.

This **FAO international course on fisheries port inspections in support of the Agreement on Port State Measures** has been designed to strengthen the capacity of fisheries inspectors to perform their tasks.

It enables professionals in the field to achieve the cohesive implementation at national and regional levels of the provisions of the PSMA, which entered into force on 5 June 2016.

Lectures and practical sessions are delivered by experts from FAO and national authorities, along with guest lecturers from other international organizations and countries.

This course aims to address key aspects of the training of inspectors, in order to provide them with a solid and consolidated theoretical and practical knowledge to implement the PSMA effectively.

This course forms part of the **FAO Global Training Programme in support of the implementation of international fisheries instruments to combat IUU fishing**.

More information is available by downloading the Prospectus here:



In short, this course:



FULL-TIME



of
theoretical
learning



of
practical
exercises



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lectures

FAO LECTURERS



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This **FAO international course on fisheries port inspections in support of the Agreement on Port State Measures** has been designed to strengthen the capacity of fisheries inspectors to perform their tasks. It is meant to assist professionals in the field with a wider and a more complete understanding of the provisions of the FAO Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA) and complementary international instruments to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The course also provides extensive practical training. Lectures and practical sessions are delivered by experts from FAO, national authorities and guest lecturers. This course forms part of the FAO Fisheries Global Training Programme (GTP) under the Global Capacity Development Programme in support of the implementation of the PSMA and complementary international instruments.

More information can be obtained from FAO at PSMA-support@fao.org

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