

E-training tool descriptor

Supra-category: IOTC ROS Scientific Field Observer Training (IOTC ROS SFO)

Category: Pole & Line onboard data collection and recording (IOTC ROS TR20)

Description

This module aims to familiarize Observers with information to be gathered from pole-and-line fishing operations (bait and tuna). This includes vessel details and characteristics; daily vessel activities; details of catch and bycatch from fishing sets, transfer of fish; and information on Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD) and floating objects. The data gathering processes and priorities for the pole-and-line fisheries. The work protocols to be followed and the templates in which this information and data is to be recorded. Currently (2022), the templates are identified as 1-PL, 2-PL, 3- PL, 4- PL, 5- PL, 6- PL, 7- PL, 8-PL and 9-PL.

Training and assessment include the use of simulated fishing trip information and data. The candidate is required to gather, interpret and enter the information on the appropriate forms with a minimum verified accuracy of 75%.

The trainee's performance will be evaluated against the following agreed IOTC ROS competency standards:

- ✓ Candidate is aware of IOTC ROS data gathering processes and priorities.
- ✓ Candidate is capable of collecting, formatting and accurately recording mandatory and recommended information as prescribed under the IOTC Regional Observer Scheme.

The achieving of these standards is demonstrated by candidates' capacity to:

- ✓ Locate and format the data and information needed to complete each template associated with longline operations.
- ✓ Complete each template specified for a longline observer with a level of accuracy of no less than 75%.