

## E-training tool descriptor

Supra-category: IOTC ROS Observer Co-ordinator Training (IOTC ROS OLC)

Category: Mandate for Observer Deployment (IOTC ROS OLC TR1)

*Course: IOTC resolutions relevant to Observer Programmes (IOTC ROS OLC TR1.03)*

### Course Description

The IOTC is an intergovernmental organisation that has the objective to promote cooperation among its Members with a view to ensuring, through appropriate management, the conservation and optimum utilisation of tuna and tuna-like stocks covered by the IOTC Agreement<sup>1</sup> and encouraging sustainable development of fisheries based on such stocks (IOTC ROS OM v1.21, 2015). Currently the IOTC Commission includes 31 Contracting Parties and two Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, collectively termed CPCs<sup>2</sup>.

Representatives of the Contracting Parties make up the Commission at its annual meetings and this is the main decision-making body. Subsidiary bodies set up by the Commission analyse different types of data and information. These associated bodies have specific functions and are responsible to the Commission and refer their conclusions and recommendations back to the Commission for final decision-making.

At each Session of the Commission, Members may adopt Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) concerning the management of tuna and tuna-like species under the IOTC mandate as well as the fisheries which target them. These decisions are passed in the form of either Resolutions (binding) or Recommendations (non-binding).

The Commission is the only body authorised to take decisions that are published as IOTC Resolutions, which are binding on Members. It is the responsibility of Members to ensure that action is taken under their national legislation to implement CMMs.

It is important to ensure that the national legislation is correctly aligned with IOTC Resolutions of importance to the Observer Programme to ensure their effective implementation and compliance can be verified when reporting annually to the IOTC.

The purpose of this course is to familiarize participants of the Observer Coordinator Workshops (OCW) with the relevant IOTC Resolutions in order to be able to refer to these for guidance when cross-referencing them with relevant the Fisheries Act and Regulations and identifying legislation gaps.

Participants are to independently complete this e-training module in preparation for the interactive practical workshop on Observer Program Development & Logistic Coordination, so they can clearly identify legislation gaps and address them in *CPCs Observer programme development & observer logistical co-ordination guide*.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.iotc.org/about-iotc/basic-texts>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.iotc.org/about-iotc/structure-commission>