E-training tool descriptor

Supra-category:	IOTC ROS Observer Co-ordinator Training (IOTC ROS OLC)
Category:	Category: Preparation of the Observer for deployment, Briefing and Reporting (IOTC ROS OLC TR6)
Course:	*IOTC ROS fishing gear-specific observer guidelines (IOTC ROS OLC TR6.02)*

Course Description

Observers collect valuable fisheries information which cannot be collected any other way. They provide much of the information needed to understand and manage the fishery and help enforce legislation. The data is costly to gather in terms of both funding and work hours. It is therefore important that observer follows work and sampling protocols, respects sampling instructions and priorities, and completes data collection forms accurately to ensure that the data collected is of high quality and can be used for the intended purposes.

The purpose of this course is to familiarize participants with the IOTC ROS gear-specific observer guidelines and Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) of importance to their National observer programme.

Participants are to autonomously complete this e-training module in preparation to the interactive practical workshop on Observer Program Development & Logistic Coordination, so they can clearly define CPC Observer Program gear specific work and sampling SOPs and include this information to *CPCs' Observer programme development & observer logistical co-ordination guide*.