

E-training tool descriptor

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

Category: Debriefers Training (IOTC ROS OLC TR9)

Course: Follow up processes on incidents and critical incidents, non-compliance and infringements (IOTC ROS OLC TR 9.04)

Course Description

Observers' primary roles are to observe, record and report on fishing activities at sea. Fisheries Observers play an increasingly important role in the fisheries management process, providing fundamental scientific information and playing an indispensable role in monitoring the compliance of CMMs and national fisheries laws, being the eyes and ears for their country and the region. To do their job effectively, observers must be able to work in an environment that is free from harassment, intimidation, assaults and other threats.

By endorsing the IOTC Regional Observer Scheme (ROS) Standards (IOTC-2019-S23-10_Rev1[E]), that include a 'Safety at sea' standard, the Commission recognized the importance of ensuring the establishment of procedures to guarantee that observers are deployed on safe/seaworthy vessels, and that at-sea observer emergencies and reports on issues of safety (including instances of harassment, intimidation, or assault) are immediately and effectively handled.

The course objective is to familiarize debriefers with the concepts of:

- incidents at sea and critical incidents. The course will familiarise participants with the IOTC ROS 'Safety at sea' standard, in particular the obligation for the CPC to implement an "Emergency Action Plan" (EAP) to accommodate any reported observer emergency (including incidents of harassment, intimidation, or assault) and follow up processes to ensure that these are effectively handled and reported; and
- non-compliance and infringement and follow up processes to inform responsible national and regional institutions of non-compliance and infringements reported by observers.