

E-training tool descriptor

Supra-category:	IOTC ROS Observer Co-ordinator Training (IOTC ROS OLC)
Category:	Safety at sea (IOTC ROS OLC TR11)
Course:	<i>Precautionary actions (IOTC ROS OLC TR11.01)</i>

Course Description

By working onboard fishing vessels Observers are exposed to the same risks as professionals from the sea fishing sector, a sector recognised worldwide as the most hazardous industry to work in, accounting for significantly higher rates of fatal and/or serious accidents when compared to other sectors.

Unfortunately, due to their role in monitoring and compliance, observers sometimes face additional safety issues during the fishing trip. These may take several forms but can include intimidation, harassment, interference, bribery, and violence. On occasion this safety issues have been serious enough to endanger observers lives and have even led to observer casualties. The need to protect observers whilst at sea has been recently recognized by multiple RFMOs, including the IOTC. To ensure the safety and security of observers' precautionary actions should be followed.

The purpose of this course is to familiarize participants with the precautionary actions that exist within CPC management tools.

Participants are to autonomously complete this e-training module in preparation for the interactive practical workshop on Observer Program Development & Logistic Coordination, so they can:

- identify existing precautionary actions;
- clearly define the standard operation procedures to follow to ensure their effectiveness in guaranteeing the safety and security of observers; and
- include this information in the *CPCs' Observer programme development & observer logistical co-ordination guide*.