E-training tool descriptor

Course Description

Determining observer programme coverage, stratification and number of observers needed to meet mandatory coverage, based on CPC and/or IOTC requirements is vital to ensure that the Programme meets its objectives.

The purpose of this course is to familiarize participants to the Observer Coordinator Workshops (OCW) with the processes and calculation used for this purpose.

These include methods to assess fleets and vessels to be covered and to estimate the number of observers required. This will be simple for CPCs with a low number of vessels. For CPCs with exceptional large numbers of vessels CPC fishing fleet will need to be broke down into categories of vessel by length and gear before attempting to characterize their operational details (n° sea-days/year, average n° of fishing events/year, fishing season, etc.). These figures may need to be estimated and extrapolated using best available information from the CPC records.

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 National Observer Programme observer coverage and stratification per fishing fleet, determine the number of observers needed and include this information to *CPCs' Observer programme development & observer logistical co-ordination guide*.