



Compendium of capacity building activities - CPCs to provide information on capacity building activities that they provide and that developing CPCs can utilize

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PURPOSE

Component 1 of the Work Plan of the Working Party on the Implementation of Conservation and Management Measures (WPICMM) requires that CPCs provide information on capacity building activities that they provide and that developing CPCs can utilize. The Secretariat is subsequently required to compile and publish the information as a compendium of capacity building activities.

BACKGROUND

The component 1, sub-component 1.1 of the Work Plan of the WPICMM comprises the following activities:

1	Assisting CPCs with identifying capacity building needs
1.1	Compendium of capacity building activities
1.1.1	The Secretariat to ask CPCs to provide information on capacity building activities that they provide and that developing CPCs can utilize
1.1.2	CPCs to provide information on capacity building activities needed
1.1.3	The Secretariat to compile the information and publish it as a compendium of capacity building activities (Utilise externally available tools to assess capacity; Encourage CPCs to conduct a gap analysis; Provide a way for CPCs to request capacity assistance - through questionnaire, separate request form, tick box in e-MARIS; Report on historical assistance activities including the focus areas of the assistance).

The Work Plan of the WPICMM, IOTC-2025-WPICMM08-03_Rev2-New WPICMM Work Plan (FINAL REVIEW BY WPICMM08) is available [HERE](#).

In a letter dated 09 October 2025, reference IOTC2025-307 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WPICMM's WORKPLAN - INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR WPICMM09, the Chair of the WPICMM reminded CPCs to contribute to the implementation of Component 1 of the WPICMM Work Plan.

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DISCUSSION

The following CPCs responded to the letter of the Chair and their responses are provided in Annex 1, and also summarised below.

1. Information on capacity building activities that they provide and that developing CPCs can utilize

CPC	Date	Number of activities	Contributions - Capacity building activities	Action by Secretariat
United Kingdom	29/10/2025	NIL	I can confirm that UK does not have any contribution for the Activities under 1.1.	No action
Kenya	05/11/2025	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - National training workshop on ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF) - Technical Exchange Program with KMFRI on Tuna Stock Assessment - Online Course on Compliance with IOTC Resolution 25/08 (Shark Conservation) 	Compile and publish in the Capacity Building compendium after review by WPICMM
Japan	05/12/2025	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training Course on Stock Assessment and Management (SAM) - IOTC-OFCF Japan Project - Policies and Countermeasures against Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing (a training program conducted in Japan) - Enhancing Capacity for Sustainable Fisheries Development (a training program conducted in Japan) 	Compile and publish in the Capacity Building compendium after review by WPICMM
Thailand	11/12/2025	NIL	Thailand currently has no ongoing or planned capacity-building initiatives, nor has it allocated any budget for activities intended for other IOTC CPCs. Should such initiatives become available in the future, Thailand will submit the relevant information using the template form provided by the Secretariat.	No action

2. Information on capacity building activities needed

Thailand wishes to express its interest in receiving training and/or technical assistance in the following areas:

- Reporting under the Regional Observer Scheme (ROS): Training related to the operation, data collection, sampling, and observation activities conducted at ports or at sea.
- Access and use of the e-FADs system: Training on the operation of the electronic system for authorized Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) within the IOTC Area of Competence, including the DF ADs Register, once it becomes operational.

RECOMMENDATION/s

That the WPICMM09:

- 1) **NOTE** the meeting document IOTC-2026-WPICMM09-06, which present the contribution from CPCs,
- 2) **NOTE** that two CPCs, Japan and Kenya, are offering, respectively, three and four capacity building activities.
- 3) **NOTE** that Thailand has a) no ongoing or planned capacity-building initiatives to offer, but may offer some in the future depending on availability, b) provide its capacity building needs,
- 4) **CONSIDER** any actions to be taken on the Capacity Building Compendium and make Recommendations to the Compliance Committee CoC23.



Annex 1 – Capacity building activities reported and offered by CPCs.

Kenya

Capacity building assistance available	Aim of assistance	Offered/available to	How to apply/benefit	Web link/ email address
National training workshop on ecosystem approach to fisheries (EAF)	Build technical capacity in ecosystem-based fisheries management	Fisheries officer, Coastal CPCs and researchers	Nomination done by KMFRI	https://www.kmfri.go.ke
Technical Exchange Program with KMFRI on Tuna Stock Assessment	Strengthen regional collaboration and data analysis skills	Scientists from IOTC CPCs, Fisheries officers and researchers	Nominations done by KMFRI	https://www.kmfri.go.ke
Online Course on Compliance with IOTC Resolution 25/08 (Shark Conservation)	Improve understanding of reporting and implementation requirements	Compliance officers, CPC focal points	Register via Blue Economy Directorate portal	www.blueeconomy.go.ke/compliance-training

Japan

Capacity building assistance available	Aim of assistance	Offered/available to	How to apply/benefit	Web link/ email address
Training Course on Stock Assessment and Management (SAM)	To upgrade the capability of governmental officials responsible for the formulation and implementation of resource management schemes as well as to improve the accuracy of fisheries catch statistics and other data.	Governmental officials from developing coastal CPCs.	Contact the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) and/or IOTC Secretariat.	headoffice@ofcf.or.jp
IOTC-OFCF Japan Project	(1) to improve the accuracy of tuna and tuna-like fishery statistics and information provided by IOTC coastal States (2) to develop capacity in the collection, management and reporting of tuna fishery statistics by IOTC coastal States. Read more: IOTC-2025-WPDCS21-09 Rev2 / IOTC-2025-WPDCS21-15 Rev2	Developing coastal CPCs.	Contact the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) and/or IOTC Secretariat. Guide for identification of IOTC species: https://iotcofcf.wixsite.com/speciesid	headoffice@ofcf.or.jp
Policies and Countermeasures against Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing (a training program conducted in Japan)	Participants improve their capacity to deter IUU fishing by understanding systems and actions taken in Japan and to consider concrete countermeasures based on issues specific to their own country.	An individual from fisheries related government organization (mainly Ministry of Fisheries), fisheries related research institutes of each developing country. There is a limit for the number of participants.	Application is available in July to August through Japanese Embassy/Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for next year program.	(Please ask Japanese Embassy/Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in each country.)
Enhancing Capacity for Sustainable Fisheries Development (a training program conducted in Japan)	Participants learn how to enhance capacity of fishers' organizations by introducing fundamental requirements of the organization as well as basic knowledge of fisheries resource management.	An individual from Fishery Administrative Organization, Fishery Extension Organization, or Fisher's Organization of each developing country. There is a limit for the number of participants.	Application is available in July to August through Japanese Embassy/Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for next year program.	(Please ask Japanese Embassy/Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in each country.)

Thailand (No capacity building activity to offer)

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Dear Mr. Paul de Bruyn,

**Subject: Response to IOTC REF: IOTC 2025-307 on the Implementation of the
WPICMM Workplan – Intersessional Activities for WPICMM09**

With reference to IOTC REF: IOTC 2025-307, which requests CPCs to provide (1) information on ongoing or planned capacity-building initiatives to other CPCs, and (2) experiences, issues, and suggestions related to IOTC IT reporting systems, Thailand would like to provide the following information in response:

1. Capacity-building initiatives of Thailand

Thailand currently has no ongoing or planned capacity-building initiatives, nor has it allocated any budget for activities intended for other IOTC CPCs. Should such initiatives become available in the future, Thailand will submit the relevant information using the template form provided by the Secretariat.

2. Capacity-building needs of Thailand

Thailand wishes to express its interest in receiving training and/or technical assistance in the following areas:

2.1 Reporting under the Regional Observer Scheme (ROS): Training related to the operation, data collection, sampling, and observation activities conducted at ports or at sea.

2.2 Access and use of the e-FADs system: Training on the operation of the electronic system for authorized Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) within the IOTC Area of Competence, including the DFADs Register, once it becomes operational.

3. Additional comments and suggestions regarding IT reporting systems

3.1 Observer data reporting system: Thailand would like to inquire whether IOTC has a dedicated reporting system specifically for observer data, separate from other reporting systems, to facilitate efficient monitoring and reporting of observer activities, given the large number of observer-related forms and datasets.

3.2 Training curriculum for Regional and National Observers: Thailand would like to seek clarification on the differences between the training curricula for Regional Observers and National Observers, and whether there are pathways or opportunities for enhancing the capacity of National Observers to meet the standards or qualifications equivalent to those of Regional Observers.

3.3 Limitations in the e-RAV system: It has been observed that in the e-RAV system, which registers vessels authorized to operate within the IOTC Area of Competence, the “Total Volume” field is currently limited to a maximum of 1,000 cubic meters, whereas some Thai carrier vessels have capacities exceeding this limit. Thailand would therefore like to suggest that IOTC consider revising the system to allow input values greater than 1,000 cubic meters, in order to ensure accurate and realistic reporting of vessel capacities.

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The Department of Fisheries, Thailand, appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the WPICMM Work Programme and looks forward to continued cooperation with the IOTC Secretariat and CPCs.

Please be assured of our fullest cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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