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IOTC compendium of capacity building activities

Australia

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<p>Australia's Combating IUU Fishing and Promoting Sustainable Fisheries in Southeast Asia Program- Combating IUU Fishing and Promoting Sustainable Fisheries in Southeast Asia Program - DAFF. While mostly available only to ASEAN countries, it provides an example of capacity building activity that might be helpful for IOTC CPCs.</p>	<p>Combating IUU Fishing and Promoting Sustainable Fisheries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Program has four key components: • Certified MCS Training Course (ASEAN/RPOA-IUU participating countries) • Fisheries Officer Exchange Program (ASEAN/RPOA-IUU participating countries) • Targeted Capacity Building Support (ASEAN plus Timor Leste) • Southeast Asia Regional Innovation Fund for Fishing (SEA-RIFF) (ASEAN/RPOA-IUU participating countries). 	<p>Governmental officials from developing coastal CPCs - ASEAN countries.</p>	<p>Combating IUU Fishing and Promoting Sustainable Fisheries in Southeast Asia Program - DAFF</p>	<p>Expressions of interest for all components should be submitted by the agreed country focal point through the Program website or via: SEA_IUUFishingProgram@aff.gov.au</p> <p>Certified MCS Training Course Find out more about the course and how to apply.</p> <p>Fisheries Officer Exchange Program Find out more about the exchange program and how to apply.</p> <p>Targeted Capacity Building Support Find out how to access capacity building support</p> <p>Southeast Asia Regional Innovation Fund for Fishing (SEA-RIFF) Find out more about funding and how to apply</p>

European Union

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Fisheries Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS)	Strengthen national and regional MCS capacity to fight IUU fishing and enhance fisheries management	CPC competent authorities related to MCS (including sea and port inspectors, Fisheries Monitoring Centre staff, judges and prosecutors..) Available to CPCs from the Western Indian Ocean area (Comoros Kenya Madagascar Mauritius Mozambique Seychelles Somalia Tanzania)	Engagement through national and regional channels under the SWIOP project Sustainable Western Indian Ocean Programme (SWIOP)	CPCs can contact the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and the European Commission Directorate-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs (DG-MARE).

Japan

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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@oxfc.or.jp
IOTC-OFCF Project Japan	(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.	headoffice@oxfc.or.jp Guide for identification of IOTC species: https://iotcofcf.wixsite.com/speciesid
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.)

Kenya

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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