



TRAIN-SEA-COAST COURSE

Responsible Fisheries in the Pacific Islands Region: implementation of Post-UNCED International Instruments

**Division of Marine Studies, FSTE, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji
12th – 23rd July, 2010.**

The International Ocean Institute-Pacific Islands and the Division of Marine Studies of the University of the South Pacific invite nominations for people to participate in the next Train Sea Coast (TSC) course. The course on **Responsible Fisheries in the Pacific Islands Region: implementation of Post-UNCED International Instruments** will be convened at the Division of Marine Studies facilities from **Monday 12 - Friday 23 July, 2010.**

The overall goal of the TSC is capacity building at the local level. Thus, the course emphasizes (a) building up of permanent national capabilities; (b) sustainability of efforts; (c) cost-effectiveness; (d) responsiveness to the specific needs of the countries involved; and (f) long-term impact.

The TSC methodology ensures that the highest pedagogical and technical standards are attained and arrangements are established for cooperation among the training centers so that training courses, experience and personnel may be shared for the benefit of all the members of the network. All TSC courses can be shared by TSC members who may adapt and deliver the courses as many times as needed.

RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: IMPLEMENTATION OF POST-UNCED INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

This TSC course was designed in response to discussion among Pacific Island countries represented at the First Regional Task Force of the International Waters Programme that met in Apia, Samoa in March 2001.

The Course was designed through the collaboration of the:

- United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea UN/DOALOS,
- Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA),
- Secretariat for the Pacific Community (SPC),
- University of the South Pacific (USP),
- Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), and
- Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this Course are to:

- Use the 1995 FAO Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries (Code of Conduct) and its associated Technical Guidelines and International Plans of Action (IPOA) to review fisheries management options and issues, including other instruments and arrangements, in the Pacific Islands Region; and
- Build capacity among Pacific Island fisheries managers, representatives from the private sector and non-government organisations in assessing and implementing fisheries management options.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RESPONSIBLE FISHERIES

The FAO Conference adopted the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries in 1995. Although not legally binding the Code of Conduct has become the most authoritative reference for fisheries managers. The Code urges all governments and stakeholders to work towards the implementation of responsible practices in the fisheries sector as a means of promoting food and economic security and sustainable livelihoods.

The Code of Conduct resulted from major international efforts in the early 1990's to establish effective management arrangements for the sustainable use of fish stocks in all oceans. Partly in response to concerns about the impact of destructive fishing practices such as driftnet fishing in the Pacific Islands, the FAO and United Nations placed responsible fisheries prominently on its international fisheries agenda.

This Course uses the Code of Conduct as a vehicle to review arrangements and options for the management of fisheries in the Pacific Islands region. As such, discussions are not confined to the Code. Other international arrangements, such as the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement, Harmonised Minimum Terms and Conditions and the Niue Treaty on Cooperation in Fisheries Surveillance and Law Enforcement in the Pacific Islands Region, among others, are discussed to illustrate particular issues presented in this Course.

The broad focus for this Course is the responsible management of oceanic fisheries resources. This does not mean that other elements of the Code, such as those relating to aquaculture, inland fisheries or species introductions are not relevant to fisheries managers of the Pacific. Discussions of coastal issues have been accommodated where appropriate.

The focus in this Course, on oceanic issues reflects the continuing dynamic state of fisheries management arrangements in the Pacific Islands region and the significance of oceanic fisheries resources as the region's primary renewable resource. It also underlines the importance of maintaining an active role for fisheries managers in on-going negotiations to establish effective conservation and management arrangements for regional fish stocks.

While principally targeting oceanic fisheries, this Course will also draw the attention of fisheries managers to the potential of the Code, the associated Technical Guidelines and International Plans of Action to support fisheries management initiatives across the broad spectrum of needs encountered in Pacific Islands fisheries – coastal and oceanic.

The course is a task-oriented and materials dependent based on the hypothetical situation described for a small island State called Pesca.

The Course consists of six modules and is expected to be taught by the people whose names are in the brackets:

- **Management Advice** [Dr. Joeli Veitayaki (USP); Dr. Vina Ram (USP); Satalaka Petaia (USP)].
- **Fisheries Management Policies, Strategies and Plans** [Pio Manoa (FFA); Dr. Joeli Veitayaki (USP); Dr. Vina Ram (USP); S. Petaia (USP)].
- **Management of Legal Issues** [Pio Manoa (FFA)].
- **Stakeholder Roles** [Seremaia Tuqiri (WWF)].
- **Regulating and Monitoring Fishing Activity** [Pio Manoa (FFA)].
- **Administrative Functions** [Dr. Joeli Veitayaki (USP); Dr. Vina Ram (USP); S. Petaia (USP); Pio Manoa (FFA)].

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

Selection of participants will be based on the individual merit of the nominee and will be non-transferable. The selection will be based on preset guidelines. The course organizers at USP will make the final selection based on the proposals or nominations received from member countries. All nominations must be received no later than **Friday June 4, 2010**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Nominations are invited from all FFA member governments. Nominations are welcomed from all the relevant government departments as well as the private sector and non-government organizations. For practical purposes the total number of participants will be limited to about 30. The most qualified candidates will be chosen although our hope is to have representations from all of the FFA member countries.

Nominations from appropriately qualified and experienced females are encouraged.

All nominations should be submitted in the forms provided below and must include the background of each nominee and why they should benefit from the course. The nomination should describe the nominee's:

- academic qualifications,
- professional experience, and language competency
- current responsibilities.

The nominations should be sent to:

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Division of Marine Studies
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Suva, FIJI
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The nominations must be submitted by fax or email. The closing date for receipt of completed nomination forms is **Friday 4 June, 2010**.

Successful nominees will be notified by **Monday 14 June 2010**

FUNDING

A limited number of scholarships are available for participants from the Pacific Island countries and this will be provided on a first come first serve basis. The scholarship will meet the costs associated with the course namely participants' airfare, accommodation and allowances.

Given the limited funds available with the University of the South Pacific to support participation, Pacific Island countries may wish to submit an application for funding under Part VII of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement directly to the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UNDOALOS) **no later than Monday 7 June 2010**. Details for this Fund can be obtained from UNDOALOS at: http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fishstocktrustfund/fishstocktrustfund.htm.

Participants who can pay for their own places are also welcome. The course fee is F\$1400. Self-financing participants will be expected to pay for their travel, meals and accommodation.

Participants and their employers are responsible for their health and travel insurance and are advised to obtain the necessary cover prior to their departure for Fiji. IOI-Pacific Islands, the Division of Marine Studies, or the University of the South Pacific will not be liable for any injuries, losses or any other health or travel related claims.

In light of funding constraints, Governments are kindly requested to seek other sources of funding to support their candidate's participation in the course.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Selected participants will be entitled to:

- round-trip economy airfares, by the most direct route, from their country to Fiji; and
- a daily subsistence allowance to cover meals and accommodation for the duration of the stay in Fiji.

Accommodation will be pre-arranged for all participants by the organisers. Please note that, for residents of Suva, no allowances are payable.

For non-Fiji based participants a prepaid travel advice (PTA) will be forwarded to a travel agency or airline at the participant's place of residence once their selection has been confirmed.

Participants have to carry enough funds to cover miscellaneous expenses.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of participants to arrange their own visas well in advance of their scheduled departure.

FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Participant Nomination Form

Instructions

To be completed by a senior official of the nominating Government department/national or regional organisation and e-mailed or faxed to the Director-IOI-Pacific Islands, Division of Marine Studies, The University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji. Tel: (679) 323 2960; Fax: (679) 323 1526. Email: veitayaki_j@usp.ac.fj.

We _____

nominate _____

as a candidate to attend the Course on **“Responsible Fisheries in the Pacific Islands Region: implementation of Post-UNCED International Instruments”**

Qualification: _____

The nominee has adequate knowledge, of the English language YES/NO : _____

Current Duties, Responsibilities & Experience:

Name Official Signature

Title Date

Official Mailing Address Official Seal