NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Law



SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMME

Fisheries Enforcement & Compliance Programme

in the Atlantic Ocean and the ICCAT Convention area

Practical, law-based training in monitoring, control and surveillance, the fight against IUU fishing, and the prosecution of fisheries offences.

6
Courses, from legal frameworks to prosecution

576
Notional learning hours

100%
Online and self-paced, learn when it suits you

CLA Centre for Law in Action

FishFORCE

FFA PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM FISHERIES AGENCY

COMMON OCEANS PROGRAM Tuna project

ICCAT CICTA CICAA

Purpose of the Programme

The Nelson Mandela University's Centre for Law in Action (CLA) and the FishFORCE Fisheries Law Enforcement Academy present a Short Learning Programme that equips fisheries enforcement and compliance professionals to apply legal frameworks and enforcement tools in real-world Atlantic Ocean contexts, with a focus on the ICCAT Convention area.

Benefits of Completing the Programme

On completion you will be able to:

1. Explain national, regional and international policy and legal frameworks governing fisheries management.
2. Apply the concepts of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS), including within the ICCAT Convention area.
3. Recognise Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and its driving forces.
4. Apply the legal and policy frameworks designed to combat IUU fishing.
5. Develop MCS policies, plans and strategies informed by the law and Atlantic Ocean fisheries conditions.
6. Prepare and present evidence effectively as a witness in court proceedings.

How Learning Takes Place

Self-paced online study combined with active, practical engagement:

- **Self-paced online learning** for theoretical content
- **Facilitated lectures and guided discussions** that introduce key concepts
- **Case study analysis, group work and problem-solving exercises** that deepen understanding
- **Hands-on practical activities** including simulated vessel inspections, surveillance planning, compliance risk analysis, evidence collection exercises and moot court role plays

Gamification built into the programme, making applied enforcement skills interactive and engaging

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Course	What you will learn
COURSE 1 **Legal Frameworks in Fisheries**	Interpret key international and regional fisheries instruments for the Atlantic Ocean, translate them into national legislation, policies and plans of action, and exercise authorised officer powers lawfully, with due process and respect for human rights.
COURSE 2 **Introduction to Fisheries Management**	Core management principles for offshore and nearshore fisheries, the biological and ecological concepts behind management decisions, and the economic value of Atlantic fisheries weighed against sustainability.
COURSE 3 **Case Study: Bluefin Tuna Management (ICCAT Area)**	Bluefin Tuna biology, stock structure and ICCAT measures; farming, fattening, harvesting and trade; using the Electronic Bluefin Tuna Catch Document (eBCD) and Regional Observer Programme data in MCS and enforcement.
COURSE 4 **Combatting IUU Fishing**	The drivers and impacts of IUU fishing, the international and ICCAT instruments that address it, port, flag and coastal State measures, and regional cooperation and enforcement responses.
COURSE 5 **Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS)**	Distinguish monitoring, control and surveillance; apply inspections, patrols and reporting systems; plan operations with risk-based approaches; coordinate with national and regional agencies; and evaluate MCS strategies.
COURSE 6 **Fisheries Prosecution**	Powers of arrest and seizure; collecting, documenting and securing evidence and maintaining chain of custody; the elements of fisheries offences and admissible evidence; and giving evidence-in-chief and facing cross-examination.

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How you will be assessed

Both formative and summative assessments will be conducted to measure your progress and your ability to apply what you have learned.

Target audience

- Fisheries control and compliance officers
- Monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) practitioners
- Officials who develop fisheries enforcement policy, plans and strategies
- Officials who gather evidence and support fisheries prosecutions

In collaboration with

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)-led Common Oceans Tuna Project, the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and the FishFORCE Academy at Nelson Mandela University in South Africa.

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Selection process

1
Register your interest
Scan the QR code or email the contacts with your name, organisation, position and a short note on how the programme relates to your work.

2
Eligibility review
Applications are checked against the target audience: officials working in fisheries control, compliance, MCS, policy or prosecution.

3
Selection
Places are allocated on the relevance of your role to the ICCAT Convention area and your ability to apply the learning in your organisation.

4
Confirmation
Selected candidates are notified by email and receive enrolment details and access to the online learning platform.

Interested? Register your interest

Contact the FishFORCE Academy and the ICCAT Secretariat for more information:

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