



# Fifth Regional Training Course on Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries



19 January to 02 February 2013, Chennai, India

## 1.0 The Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries

The world marine capture fishery is walking a tightrope. On one hand the resources are under severe strain due to increasing fishing pressure and on the other hand, negative developmental externalities are leading to habitat destruction and pollution of marine waters. The conventional fisheries management practices, mostly centered on increasing production, are now widely acknowledged as the main reasons for the present crisis. The way out is adaptation of a holistic approach based on eco-system principles where fisheries management is applied in unison with the social settings, larger economy of the country/region and law of the nature. Graduating from the conventional management practices to a holistic management regime needs addressing both the conceptual challenges and the implementation bottlenecks. The 1995 Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO) is globally acknowledged as a sourcebook for this purpose. The CCRF delineates the philosophy of a holistic and responsible approach and outlines the broad measures, which can be applied at the national and international levels to manage fisheries sustainably.

## 2.0 The Regional Training Course: Fifth Edition

Introduced in 2008, the Regional Training Course on the CCRF (RTC-CCRF) is one-of-its-kind training programme for junior and middle level fisheries practitioners to learn about the principles and practices of responsible fisheries management detailed in the CCRF, its Technical Guidelines (TGs) and the International Plans of Action (IPOAs). The Training Course was initiated to meet the training and capacity building needs of the fisheries personnel in the member-countries of the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO) in particular and developing countries with similar fisheries settings in general. So far, 68 officers from the BOBP-IGO member-countries and Myanmar have undergone the RTC-CCRF.

The broad objectives of the RTC-CCRF are:

- To promote understanding of the CCRF, its TGs and the IPOAs to conserve fishery resources;
- To develop practical skills of fisheries practitioners to apply the principles of CCRF in their settings; and
- To enable fisheries practitioners in integrating the CCRF in a step-by-step manner to meet the local requirements.

In addition, the RTC-CCRF provides an international exposure to fisheries practitioners and hands-on experience in analyzing complex fisheries problems. The Training Course has also been instrumental in building rapport among the fisheries practitioners of the member-

countries and encouraging them to exchange ideas and experiences regarding fisheries management.

## 3.0 The Organizers

**BOBP-IGO** ([www.bobpigo.org](http://www.bobpigo.org)) is a leading regional fisheries body instrumental in fisheries development in the Bay of Bengal Region. Presently, Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka are member of the Organisation.

**BOBLME Project** ([www.boblme.org](http://www.boblme.org)) aims to improve the lives of the coastal populations through better regional management of the Bay of Bengal environment and its fisheries. The Project is implemented and executed by the FAO. Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand are participating in the Project.

## 4.0 Participation

Participants of the RTC-CCRF shall include a total of sixteen (16) junior and middle-level officers of the Ministries/Departments of Fisheries and concerned agencies of each of the member-countries (limited to four from each member-country). In addition, it is also proposed to provide eight (8) additional seats to participants from other developing countries within and outside the region on organisational sponsorship basis.

### *Date & venue*

The RTC-CCRF will be organized from 19 January to 02 February 2013 (both days inclusive).

### *Requirements for participation of candidates from the member-countries:*

- Nominations to be forwarded by the BOBP-IGO focal points in the member-countries.
- Nomination of other participants to be forwarded by the sponsoring organisations.

### *Requirements for participation of self-sponsored candidates*

- A Letter of Nomination from the concerned Ministry/Agency/ Institution/Organization of the nominated candidate.

### *Common requirements for all candidates*

- Minimum three (3) years of experience in the fisheries sector;
- Working knowledge in English (reading, writing and conversation);
- A Letter of Motivation explaining reasons for joining the course and learning expectations;
- A Personal History (CV) containing working experience, educational background, hobbies and other skills and a recent digital photo (not scanned);



- A Case Study relating to his/her work settings defining the environment in general and concerned issues;
- Participants should be physically fit to undertake extensive field visits; and
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops.

All the documents should be submitted in electronic format to [info@bobpigo.org](mailto:info@bobpigo.org).

### Cost of participation and scholarships

The BOBP-IGO will provide scholarships to 4 candidates from each member-country. This will include air/train ticket (economy class, shortest route) from the place of duty to Chennai and back; in-country travels in India during the Training Course; lodging (on twin-shared basis); meals limited to breakfast and working lunch; and course material. Besides, a lump sum allowance of US \$ three hundred only (US \$ 300 only) will be given to each participant for their visa fee, all other personal expenses (telephone, laundry, etc) and evening meals (dinner) during the training period.

For candidates nominated by other Organizations/agencies, participation is subject to a course fee of US\$ Two thousand five hundred only per participant (US \$ 2 500). The course fee shall cover only in-country travels in India during the Training Course; lodging (on twin-shared basis); meals limited to breakfast and working lunch; and course material. All other travel and related expenses and personal expenses shall be borne by their nominating organizations.

### Insurance

The BOBP-IGO shall not be responsible for covering any cost or any unforeseen incidence during the Training Course. All participants are advised to ensure that they are fully covered by travel and medical insurance before joining the course at their own cost.

## 5.0 Course Outline and Training Methodology

The RTC-CCRF comprises three modules as shown below. The participants will spend about 20 percent time in module 1 and 40 percent time each in modules 2 and 3.

### Module I

#### Evolution of fisheries management in the Bay of Bengal Region and issues affecting it.

- Evolution of fisheries management in the BOBP-IGO member-countries
- Climate change
- Quality of fish products
- Livelihoods of fishers
- IUU fishing
- Inland fisheries and aquaculture

### Module II

#### Understanding the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and approaches towards its implementation.

- Overview of the CCRF, its TGs and the IPOAs
- Understanding precautionary approach and eco-system approach to fisheries management
- Stock assessment and effort estimation
- MCS in fisheries management
- Indicators of sustainability
- Role of women in CCRF

- Role of NGOs in CCRF
- Case studies
- Interviewing techniques and data collection methods
- Communication through print and electronic media

### Module III

#### Application, skill and personal assessment

- Field visits, stakeholder interactions
- Visits to institutions of repute
- Causal analysis and development of policy inputs
- Group discussions
- Reporting and preparation of policy notes on taking CCRF to the grassroots
- Plenary discussions
- Personal evaluation

#### Methodology

The RTC-CCRF employs a variety of capacity development methodologies. Specific methodologies applied will include:

- Interactive presentations and lectures on selected issues: Lectures are systematically followed by Q & A and discussion sessions. In the concluding stages of the Training Course, participants will engage in a Panel Discussion with invited panelists (leading experts).
- Study tours: Field visits will be organized to allow participants to observe functioning of fishers and their organizations and to engage in interactive sessions with them. Study tour will also include visits to reputed fisheries and other institutions to see the latest developments in fisheries and environmental sciences. The participants will need to prepare a report based on the study tours.
- Practical exercises: These would include case-study analysis in inter-country and intra-country groups, formulation of model work/ action plans in in-country teams, personal report writing and mid-term and terminal evaluations. Teams will be given specific time to formulate work plans on one aspect of the CCRF applicable to their country/workplace and then present their findings in the plenary. Case studies submitted by the participants shall be presented during the Training Course.

#### Language and communication

The RTC-CCRF will be conducted in English. The course material shall include copies of the CCRF (and its concise version), TGs and IPOAs and lecture notes. Copies of the CCRF, its concise version, TGs and IPOAs translated by the BOBP-IGO in the languages spoken in the member-countries shall also be made available to the participants. Besides the above, other relevant documents (in print or in electronic format) shall also be provided as course material.

## 6.0 Coordination

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