



## COURSE CURRICULUM

### **The Regional Training Course on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982) in Fisheries Perspective**

**6-9 November 2023**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The ocean covers approximately 70.8% of the surface of the earth and serves as a vital resource for various activities such as transportation, industry, and fisheries. To ensure the sustainable use of marine resources and the peaceful operation of marine activities, it is essential to establish rules and regulations in line with international law. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982) provides the framework for these regulations, encompassing a wide range of matters, including State rights and obligations in maritime zones, marine resource utilization, marine environment protection, marine scientific research, and more.

Over the past decade, Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing has emerged as a significant global concern. IUU fishing encompasses a broad spectrum of fishing activities, occurring both within national jurisdictions and on the high seas. It poses a threat to sustainable fisheries management, fishery resources, and marine biodiversity. To combat IUU fishing effectively, the European Union has initiated IUU Regulations based on UNCLOS 1982, urging all countries, including those in ASEAN, to address this issue seriously.

To enhance the capacity and knowledge of fisheries officers from ASEAN Member States (AMSs) in relation to UNCLOS 1982 and its implications for fisheries, as well as to share information on the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter, and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU) and international agreements related to IUU fishing, SEAFDEC/TD is organizing the Regional Training Course on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982) in Fisheries Perspective in Bangkok, Thailand.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

1. **Capacity Building:** Enhance the knowledge of fisheries officers of AMSs on the following topics
  - 1.1. The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982)
  - 1.2. UNCLOS 1982 in the context of fisheries
  - 1.3. International and regional initiatives to prevent, deter, and eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing
  - 1.4. National fisheries law and regulation of AMSs
2. **Information Sharing:** Facilitate the exchange of information on the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU) in AMSs
3. **Understanding International Agreements:** Enhance knowledge of participants on international agreements aimed at preventing, deterring, and eliminating Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

## EXPECTED OUTPUTS

By the end of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Comprehend UNCLOS 1982: Understand the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 1982 (UNCLOS 1982) and its implications for combating IUU
2. Updated NPOA-IUU information: Be updated on the National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU) in AMSs
3. International Agreement Knowledge: Gain knowledge about international agreements that aim to prevent, deter and eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing

## PARTICIPANTS

1. Three (3) fisheries officers from each AMS
2. Relevant staff of the SEAFDEC/TD

## DATE AND VENUE

The regional workshop will be held on 6–9 November 2023 (4 days) in Bangkok, Thailand.

## TIMETABLE (TENTATIVE)

*Remark: The timetable of the subject might be changed depending on the suitable and available of resource person.*

<b>6 November 2023, 0900-1600 hrs.</b>	
<b>Countries Report and Presentation (6 hours)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National Fisheries Law and Regulation Relevant to Combat IUU Fishing</li><li>• National Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing (NPOA-IUU)</li></ul>	AMSs Participants
<b>7 November 2023, 0900-1600 hrs.</b>	
<b>UNCLOS (6 hours)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)</li><li>• Overview of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 (UNCLOS)</li></ul>	Blaise Kuemlangan, FAO (Waiting to confirm)
<b>8 November 2023, 0900-1200 hrs.</b>	
<b>Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement (High Seas Treaty) (3 hours)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview and introduction of BBNJ</li><li>• Importance of BBNJ</li></ul>	Dr. Joe Appiott, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity United Nations Environment Programme  (Waiting to confirm)

<b>8 November 2023, 1300-1600 hrs.</b>	
<b>International Instruments of the Implementation of the Provision of the UNCLOS Relating to Fisheries Perspective through Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing (3 hours)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Declaration of Cancun 1992</li> <li>• United Nations Conference on Environment and Development: UNCED 1992 or Agenda 21</li> <li>• Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measure by Fishing Vessel on the High Seas, 1993 or 1993 Compliance Agreement</li> <li>• Agreement of the Implementation of the Provision of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 Relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and High by Migratory Fish Stocks</li> <li>• The Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)</li> <li>• International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IPOA-IUU)</li> <li>• FAO Port State Measure Agreement (PSMA)</li> <li>• Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels</li> <li>• Global Information Exchange System (GIES)</li> <li>• Voluntary Guideline on Transshipment</li> </ul>	Angela Lentisco, FAO/RAP
<b>9 November 2023, 0900-1200 hrs.</b>	
<b>Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement (continue) (3 hours)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBNJ focuses on fishery management and combat IUU fishing.</li> <li>• Benefit and Impact of BBNJ in Japan</li> </ul>	Mr. Ichiro Nomura, Special Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries for International Affairs (Fisheries) of the Japanese Government
<b>9 November 2023, 1300-1600 hrs.</b>	
<b>Application of Laws for the Sea Convention, and Other International Laws through Domestic Laws for the Purpose of Effective Enforcement in the Southeast Asian Region (3 hours)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International and domestic typologies/ case studies.</li> </ul>	Mr. Ganesan Vethiah, Development Law Specialist