



## **Responsible Fisheries Training Programme**

### **Course content:**

The course is made up of 4 modules presented over 2 days. Training starts at 9.30am and finishes at 3.30pm each day. The training philosophy adopted is very interactive which allows for information sharing between fishers, compliance staff and fisheries observers. Various training materials have been developed including a training manual for learners, PowerPoint presentations, audio visual and practical exercises.

### **Module 1: Introduction to responsible fisheries**

1. South Africa's fisheries
2. South Africa's marine life
3. Legal framework
4. International obligations
  - a. South African constitution
5. Co-management
  - a. What are the benefits?
  - b. Working towards co-management

### **Module 2: Ecological health**

1. South Africa's fisheries
2. South Africa's marine life
3. The marine ecosystem
  - a. The marine ecosystem in South Africa
  - b. Food webs
4. Effects of fishing
  - a. Habitats
  - b. Bycatch

- c. Pollution
  - d. Ghost fishing
  - e. Dumping
5. More information

### **Module 3: Fisheries management**

1. Fishery regulations
2. Management options
3. Limiting the amount of fish caught
4. Closed fishing areas and seasons
5. Gear restrictions
6. Precautionary principle
7. Management of the different fisheries
8. Monitoring
  - a. Government research surveys
  - b. Observers
9. Logbooks and landing procedures
10. More information
  - a. Permit conditions

### **Module 4: The market and enforcement**

1. The influence of the market
  - a. Market driven benefits of responsible fishing
  - b. Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)
2. Southern African Sustainable Seafood Initiative (SASSI)
3. Law enforcement

## Conclusion

1. What are the implications of your actions as fisher for
  - a. Yourself (e.g. livelihood impacts)
  - b. Fishing industry
  - c. The broader ecosystem, South Africa's heritage and recreational users
2. Inspire learners to make the choice to fish responsibly

Please feel free to contact us should you be interested in participating in training, wanting to adapt our training to suit your needs, or wanting to deliver training. We would love to train your trainers to deliver this training course or adapt it for your fishery or local circumstances.

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