

Essential EAFM

Developing capacity in the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management

Why EAFM?

The ecosystem approach offers a practical and effective means to manage complex fisheries.

It represents a move away from fisheries management that focuses on target species, towards systems and decision-making processes that balance environmental, human and social well-being within improved governance frameworks.

For many, these are new skills and the Essential EAFM course responds to the need for regional capacity development in this regard.



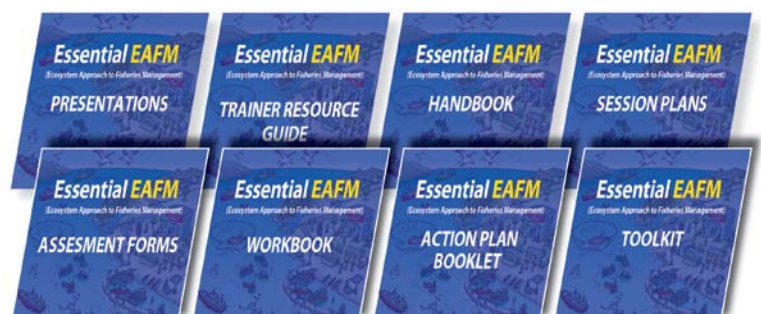
The Essential EAFM training course

The course focuses on the development of professional planning, analytical and interpersonal skills needed for better structured and more informed decision-making.

The Essential EAFM course will assist current and future fisheries managers to ensure that their approach to fisheries management is ecologically sound and properly accounts for human needs, while promoting good governance.

This course equips trainees to:

- develop and implement an effective EAFM plan
- manage fisheries more holistically
- better resolve fisheries issues and challenges
- reduce user group conflicts
- work cooperatively with all stakeholders
- help unlock financial resources





Who is the course suitable for?

The Essential EAFM training is a 5-6 day course equally suitable for mid-level managers and staff working with fisheries, environment, economic development and planning departments who are responsible for administering or managing fisheries and the associated marine environment. The course is equally suitable for junior-level staff or students at fisheries research institutes and colleges.

What fisheries can the course be applied to?

The EAFM course can be applied to any fisheries system. Teaching material focuses on Asian coastal marine capture fisheries, but by changing the focus and examples, it could equally be applied to inland or offshore fisheries as well as aquaculture. The principles and the approach to management planning are the same.

How is the course delivered?

Essential EAFM is delivered in a highly interactive manner, featuring numerous activities to fully engage participants. By the end of the course, trainees will have a firm understanding of how and why EAFM can be used to sustainably manage fisheries. They will also have hands-on experience of the steps needed to develop an EAFM plan.

What course materials are available?

A complete set of Essential EAFM course materials has been developed and is available free of charge. This includes learning modules, presentations, tools to be used at different stages in the EAFM process, a resource guide, handbook, session plans and workbooks.

Who should deliver the course?

The Essential EAFM course would ideally be delivered by institutions or departments involved in capacity development. This could include government agencies, fisheries colleges and universities, environmental bodies or non-governmental organizations. Through the EAFM Training-of-Trainers (ToT), a pool of more than 30 trainers has been developed in South and Southeast Asian countries already.

Use of the ecosystem approach to fisheries management has been endorsed by:

- United Nations General Assembly (2012)
- World Conservation Congress (2012)
- World Summit on Sustainable Development (2002)
- UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) (2012)
- Reykjavik Declaration on Responsible Fisheries in Marine Ecosystems (2001)

For more information:

Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission
www.apfic.org/training/eafmtraining.html

NOAA PIFSC CRED
www.pifsc.noaa.gov/cred/eafm_training/index.php

www.eafmlearn.org

www.boblme.org/eafm

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