



Face-to-Face (in Japan)

Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group and Region Focus)

Policies and Countermeasures against Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing



Course Number: 202515039J001

Course Period: November 24 to December 18, 2026



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NOTE: Depending on the circumstances, some or all of the program periods may be changed or cancelled after the application has been accepted.

違法・無報告・無規制(IUU)漁業の抑止にかかる政策・対策



How do we stop the IUU fishing?

In the context of fisheries management, gain the ideas of countermeasure against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing from the experiences of Japan.



Outline



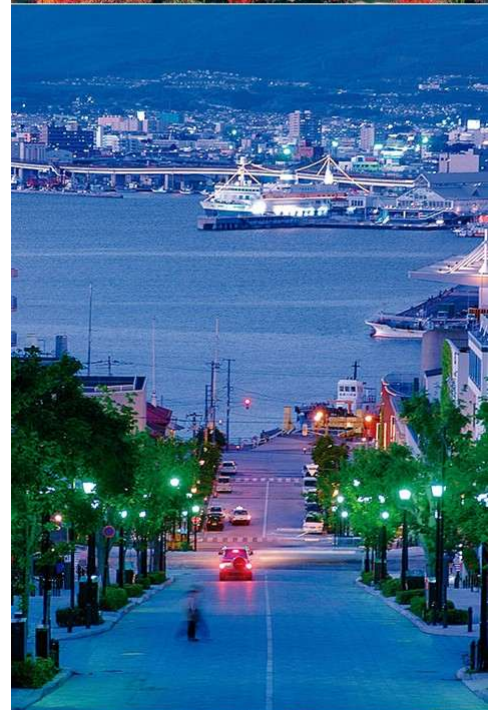
This program is designed for the government officials who are dealing with IUU fishing under the fisheries management system.

This course focus on the “Fisheries Management” to deal with IUU fishing. For details of the topics covered in the course, please refer to the tentative program in the 'Program Structure' section on page 8.

All sessions are carried out in English.

The period of the program is from November 24 to December 18, 2026.

Course Capacity:
12 participants



JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Program (KCCP)

The Japanese Cabinet released the Development Cooperation Charter in June 2023, stated that “In its development cooperation, Japan has maintained the spirit of jointly creating things that suit partner countries while respecting ownership, intentions and intrinsic characteristics of the country concerned based on a field-oriented approach through dialogue and collaboration. It has also maintained the approach of building reciprocal relationships with developing countries in which both sides learn from each other and grow and develop together.” JICA believes that this ‘Knowledge Co-Creation Program’ will serve as a foundation of mutual learning process.

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For What?

Background

Fishery is often an important socioeconomic industry for coastal developing countries. However, according to the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2016 of FAO, more than 15% of the world's fish catch is likely to be associated with Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing. This could negatively affect countries under weak regulatory system. As is specified in the Sustainable Development Goal 14, countermeasures to combat IUU fishing are internationally drawing attention and the awareness is increasing. This course will share IUU fishing countermeasures in Japan, consider country specific challenges for IUU fishing, and analyses actions that can be introduced under such conditions.

Objectives

Participants improve their capacity to deter IUU fishing by understanding systems and actions taken in Japan and to consider concrete countermeasures based on issues specific to their own country.

To Whom?

Job Areas and Organizations

This program is designed for central or local government that deal with IUU fishing under fisheries management system.

The applying organization with the best intention to utilize the opportunity of this program will be highly valued in the selection.

Targeted Countries

Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam

Participants who have successfully completed the program will be awarded a certificate by JICA.

When?

Period of Program in Japan



From November 24 to December 18,
2026

Where?

This course is carried out face to face,
organized by JICA Yokohama Center.
Site visit is planned for other areas.



How?

How to Learn

- Lectures
- Field Visits
- Workshops
- Discussions
- Presentations
- Online Self-Study (if necessary)
- Online Interactive (if necessary)
- Q&A Session



Language

English

Commitment to the SDGs



Program Structure

Tentative Program

		Arrival to Japan	
Day1	Wed	Lecture on overview of fisheries in Japan	Lecture
Day2	Thu	Presentation of country reports	Presentation
Day3	Fri	Lecture on background and basic concept of fisheries management in Japan, and countermeasures of IUU fishing	Lecture
Day4	Sat		
Day5	Sun		
Day6	Mon	Move to a fishery site	

Day7	Tue	Lecture on fisheries management activities at prefectural level/ Lecture on fisheries management activities at cooperative level	Lecture
Day8	Wed	Tour of the Prefectural Fisheries Enforcement Vessel/ Overview and Challenges of Prefectural Fisheries Enforcement	Site Visit/ Lecture
Day9	Thu	Lecture on activities needed for co-management of fisheries	Lecture
Day10	Fri	Move to Yokohama	
Day11	Sat		
Day12	Sun		
Day13	Mon	Initiatives of Japan Coast Guard	Lecture
Day14	Tue	Move to a fishery site	
Day15	Wed	Initiatives of the Fisheries Coordination Office	Lecture
Day16	Thu	Tour of Fisheries Surveillance Vessels	Site Visit
Day17	Fri	Move to Yokohama	Lecture
Day18	Sat		
Day19	Sun		
Day20	Mon	Discussion and analysis of current situation	Discussion
Day21	Tue	Lecture on technology for countermeasures of IUU fishing	Lecture
Day22	Wed	Preparation of action plan based on analysis of current situation	Workshop
Day23	Thu	Action Plan presentation by each participant	Presentation
Day24	Fri	Departure	

Eligibility and Procedures

1. Expectations to the Applying Organizations

- (1) This course is designed primarily for organizations that intend to address specific issues or problems identified in their operation. Applying organizations are expected to use the program for those specific purposes.
- (2) This course is enriched with contents and facilitation schemes specially developed in collaboration with relevant prominent organizations in Japan. These special features enable the course to meet specific requirements of applying organizations and effectively facilitate them toward solutions for the issues and problems.

2. Nominee Qualifications

Applying organizations are expected to select nominees who meet the following qualifications.

【Remarks】

Gender: Each Organization is requested to strongly encourage female candidates to apply for the course to accelerate the realization of gender equality and women's empowerment.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities who meet the required qualifications also have an opportunity to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for participants with disabilities. Some programs of the course might have difficulty for persons with disabilities to participate due to environmental and other conditions. "Reasonable accommodation" means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments not imposing a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case.

(1) Essential Qualifications

- 1) Current Duties: be a central or local government official who are dealing with



IUU fishing under the fisheries management. (Ideally those who are in charge of fisheries management in central government)

- 2) Experience in the Relevant Field: have at least 3 years of experience in the field.
- 3) Educational Background: be a graduate of university
- 4) Language Proficiency: have a competent command of spoken and written English proficiency equivalent to TOEFL iBT 90 or above (This workshop includes active participation in discussions, which requires high competence in English. Please attach an official certificate for English ability such as TOEFL, TOEIC etc, if possible)
- 5) Technical Requirements :

a Technology Proficiency

- Basic computer skills such as, sending/receiving email with attachments, using Microsoft Words, Microsoft Power Point, and using a web browser.
- If necessary, online course is delivered using the following services, Web Conferences (Zoom), Cloud Storage (GIGAPOD), YouTube, and JICA-VAN(Cornerstone). Online tutorial and support by JICA will be limited. The ability to be self-directed in learning new technology skills are required.

b Hardware (Minimum Requirement)

This course requires to bring your own PC. During the workshop, participants will use your PC.

- 6) Health: must be in good health to participate in the program in Japan. Participant's health and safety should be most respected. Pre-existing conditions ¹and pregnancy may lead to health problems that were not present prior to arriving in Japan due to stress from international travel, changes in climate, and a new living environment. In recent years, regrettable cases have

¹ Pre-existing conditions :Chronic diseases, Conditions currently under treatment and Past illnesses that have resolved.

occurred, including the exacerbation of symptoms after arrival and, in the case of pregnancy, stillbirth. Some participants have also incurred substantial out-of-pocket medical costs. If any of the conditions below may apply, please take a moment to consider whether to participate, and continue after confirming your agreement to the points below.

① Questionnaire (“QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS AND RESTRICTION”)

If any of the following apply, you must state them accurately in the questionnaire, even if they do not affect your current work or daily life.

- a. Chronic diseases (e.g., hypertension, diabetes)
- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)
- d. Pregnancy (for female applicants)

② Medical certificate

Please submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor that your condition is stable and that, from a medical standpoint, there is no problem with your participation in KCCP in Japan.

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- b. Conditions currently under treatment
- c. Past illnesses that have resolved (including serious conditions affecting the heart, liver, or brain; tuberculosis, etc.)

③ Reporting changes

If pregnancy or any health issues are identified after submitting the form, please report them to JICA promptly.

④ Insurance coverage

Medical and additional living expenses related to pregnancy and pre-existing conditions are NOT covered by insurance arranged by JICA. Such costs must be borne entirely by the participant; JICA assumes no liability.

* Please understand that insurance coverage applies only to sudden illness

or injury occurring during your stay in Japan.

* Medical expenses in Japan could be a significant financial burden when not covered by insurance.

(2) Recommended Qualifications

- 1) Age: between the ages of twenty-five (25) and fifty (50) years
 - 2) Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Women are encouraged to apply for the program. JICA makes a commitment to promote gender equality and women's empowerment, providing equal opportunity for all applicants regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.
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3. Required Documents for Application

- (1) **Application Form:** The Application Form is available at the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan)

* If you have any difficulties/disabilities which require assistance, please specify necessary assistances in the QUESTIONNAIRE ON MEDICAL STATUS RESTRICTION (1-(c)) of the application form. Information will be reviewed and used for reasonable accommodation.

- (2) **Photocopy of Passport:** You should submit it with the application form if you possess your passport which you will carry when entering Japan for this program. If not, you are requested to submit its photocopy as soon as you obtain it.

*The following information should be included in the photocopy:

Name, Date of Birth, Nationality, Sex, Passport Number and Expiry Date

4. Procedures for Application and Selection

(1) Submission of the Application Documents

Closing date for applications: **Please confirm the local deadline with the JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan).**

(All required material must arrive at JICA Center in Japan by September 26, 2026)

(2) Selection



Primary screening is conducted at the JICA overseas office (or the embassy of Japan) after receiving official documents from your government. JICA Center will consult with concerned organizations in Japan in the process of final selection. Applying organizations with the best intentions to utilize the opportunity will be highly valued.

The Government of Japan will examine applicants who belong to the military or other military-related organizations and/or who are enlisted in the military, taking into consideration of their duties, positions in the organization and other relevant information in a comprehensive manner to be consistent with the Development Cooperation Charter of Japan.

(3) Notice of Acceptance

The JICA overseas office (or the Embassy of Japan) will notify the results **not later than October 23, 2026.**

5. Additional Document(s) to Be Submitted by Accepted Candidates

Country Report -- **to be submitted by November 6, 2026**

Accepted candidates are required to prepare a Country Report (Please read Annex "Country Report" for detailed information.) before their departure. Participants will be asked to give a presentation on the second day of the program. The date will be also used to develop Final Products at the end of the program. The Country Report must be sent to yictt1@jica.go.jp by November 6, 2026.

6. Conditions for Participation

The participants of KCCP are required

- (1) to strictly observe the course schedule,
- (2) not to change the air ticket (and flight class and flight schedule arranged by JICA) and lodging by the participants themselves,
- (3) to understand that leaving Japan during the course period (to return to home country, etc.) is not allowed (except for programs longer than one year),
- (4) not to bring or invite any family members (except for programs longer than



- one year),
- (5) to carry out such instructions and abide by such conditions as may be stipulated by both the nominating Government and the Japanese Government in respect of the course,
 - (6) to observe the rules and regulations of the program implementing partners to provide the program or establishments,
 - (7) not to engage in political activities, or any form of employment for profit,
 - (8) to discontinue the program, should the participants violate the Japanese laws or JICA's regulations, or the participants commit illegal or immoral conduct, or get critical illness or serious injury and be considered unable to continue the course. The participants shall be responsible for paying any cost for treatment of the said health conditions except for the medical care stipulated in (3) of "3.Expenses", "Administrative Arrangements",
 - (9) to return the total amount or a part of the expenditure for the KCCP depending on the severity of such violation, should the participants violate the laws and ordinances,
 - (10) not to drive a car or motorbike, regardless of an international driving license possessed,
 - (11) to observe the rules and regulations at the place of the participants' accommodation, and
 - (12) to refund allowances or other benefits paid by JICA in the case of a change in schedule.
 - (13) to promptly notify JICA in the case that there are any changes in the health status since the time of application (such as changes requiring medical attention due to illness or discovery of pregnancy).

Administrative Arrangements

1. Organizer (JICA Center in Japan)

- (1) **Center:** JICA Yokohama Center (JICA Yokohama)
 - (2) **Program Officer:** Mr. HORI Daisuke (yicctt1@jica.go.jp)
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2. Implementing Partner

- (1) **Name:** Marino-Forum 21.
 - (2) **URL:** https://www.mf21.or.jp/en_index.shtml
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3. Expenses

The following expenses in Japan will be provided by JICA

- (1) Allowances for meals, living expenses, and stopover.
- (2) Expenses for study tours (basically in the form of train tickets).
- (3) Medical care for participants who become ill after arriving in Japan (the costs related to pre-existing illness, pregnancy, or dental treatment are not included).
- (4) Expenses for program implementation, including materials.
- (5) For more details, please see “III. ALLOWANCES” of “KENSU-IN GUIDE BOOK,” (English/French/Spanish/Russian).

*Link to the Website:

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/activities/schemes/tech_pro/acceptance_training/forparticipants.html

or

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

4. Pre-departure Orientation



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A pre-departure orientation will be held at respective country's JICA office (or the Japanese Embassy), to provide Participants with details on travel to Japan, conditions of the course, and other matters.

Part I: Knowledge Co-Creation Program and Life in Japan	
English ver.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLurfKugrEw
Part II: Introduction of JICA Centers in Japan	
JICA Yokohama	https://www.jica.go.jp/yokohama/english/office/index.html

If the link of these URLs has expired, please access the URL below and search the necessary information from the key word.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/JICAChannel02>



5. Reference

KENSHU-IN GUIDE BOOK

For more detailed terms and conditions

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

Video: JICA Predeparture Briefing

For more information on life in Japan and KCCP

<https://jica-van-cms.jica.go.jp/custom/kccp/kccp01.html>

Website: JICA

English/French/Spanish/Russian

https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/tech/acceptance/training/index.html

Video: Welcome to JICA Yokohama

Introduction of JICA Yokohama

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfpGN93ICg8>



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Annex

Country Report

All participants will be requested to submit two assignments. Fill in the format (PowerPoint) and submit it to JICA Yokohama. The deadline of submission is **November 6, 2026.**

Step 1: Collect information about your country, especially about two topics

(1) Situation of fisheries management

(2) Situation of IUU fishing in your country

Step 2: Fill in the PowerPoint format attached with this General Information.

Step 3: Submit it after the Application Form.

For the country report, follow a definition of “monitoring, control and surveillance” by FAO Fisheries technical paper 338, 1999 as following;

- ✓ Monitoring - the continuous requirement for the measurement of fishing effort characteristics and resource yields,
- ✓ Control - the regulatory conditions under which the exploitation of the resource may be conducted,
- ✓ Surveillance - the degree and types of observations required to maintain compliance with the regulatory controls imposed on fishing activities.

Format of assignment (Power Point)

(* this PPT format is shared with this GI, if any, please contact to JICA office in your country)

Country Report 1	Table of contents • 1.The information of fisheries and the situation of fisheries management in your country(1~2 slides) a) Management system b) Monitoring c) Control d) Surveillance • 2.The information of IUU fishing in your country(1~2 slides) • 3.Analysis of the cause of IUU fishing in your country(1~2 slides) • 4.Expectation about this training(1 slide) 2
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For Your Reference

JICA and Capacity Development

Technical cooperation is people-to-people cooperation that supports partner countries in enhancing their comprehensive capacities to address development challenges by their own efforts. Instead of applying Japanese technology per se to partner countries, JICA's technical cooperation provides solutions that best fit their needs by working with people living there. In the process, consideration is given to factors such as their regional characteristics, historical background, and languages. JICA does not limit its technical cooperation to human resources development; it offers multi-tiered assistance that also involves organizational strengthening, policy formulation, and institution building.

Implementation methods of JICA's technical cooperation can be divided into two approaches. One is overseas cooperation by dispatching experts and volunteers in various development sectors to partner countries; the other is domestic cooperation by inviting participants from developing countries to Japan. The latter method is the Knowledge Co-Creation Program, formerly called Training Program, and it is one of the core programs carried out in Japan. By inviting officials from partner countries and with cooperation from domestic partners, the Knowledge Co-Creation Program provides technical knowledge and practical solutions for development issues in participating countries.

The Knowledge Co-Creation Program (Group & Region Focus) has long occupied an important place in JICA operations. About 400 pre-organized courses cover a wide range of professional fields, ranging from education, health, infrastructure, energy, trade and finance, to agriculture, rural development, gender mainstreaming, and environmental protection. A variety of programs is being customized by the different target organizations to address the specific needs, such as policy-making organizations, service provision organizations, as well as research and academic institutions. Some programs are organized to target a certain group of countries with similar developmental challenges.

Japanese Development Experience

Japan, as the first non-Western nation to become a developed country, built itself into a country that is free, peaceful, prosperous and democratic while preserving its tradition. Japan will serve as one of the best examples for our partner countries to follow in their own development.

From engineering technology to production management methods, most of the know-how that has enabled Japan to become what it is today has emanated from a process of adoption and adaptation, of course, has been accompanied by countless failures and errors behind the success stories.

Through Japan's progressive adaptation and application of systems, methods and technologies from the West in a way that is suited to its own circumstances, Japan has developed a storehouse of knowledge not found elsewhere from unique systems of organization, administration and personnel management to such social systems as the livelihood improvement approach and governmental organization. It is not easy to apply such experiences to other countries where the circumstances differ, but the experiences can provide ideas and clues useful when devising measures to solve problems.

JICA, therefore, would like to invite as many leaders of partner countries as possible to come and visit us, to mingle with the Japanese people, and witness the advantages as well as the disadvantages of Japanese systems, so that integration of their findings might help them reach their developmental objectives.



This information pertains to one of the JICA Knowledge Co-Creation Programs (Group & Region Focus) of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan based on bilateral agreement between both Governments.



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