

Illegal Marine Wildlife Trade Field Investigations Workshop



The workshop is geared primarily for marine natural resource managers and enforcement personnel. It is a 6 -7 day field training that combines daily lectures with field practice, in-water sessions, and underwater crime scenes; on the final day participants will undergo a mock court to test their capabilities based on what they learned during the week. Participants need to to be SCUBA-certified and comfortable working underwater. The intense schedule involves lectures and field activities held during some evenings. For most workshops, we hold the training at a coastal hotel where participants are housed and fed, and where coastal habitats and hotel facilities can be used for lectures and field activities.

WORKSHOP DAY	ACTIVITY	TYPE
Day 1	Arrive Hotel. Assign Gear, Over view of Toolkit	INTRO
	Introduction, Make Gear, Intro to Coral Reef CSI	INTRO
	Regional Issues, Safety Issues	LECTURE
	Gear, Safety	DRY RUN
	Introduction to the Illegal Marine Wildlife Trade, CITES	LECTURE
	Dinner	MEAL
	Marine Injury Investigations	LECTURE
	Marine Wildlife Crime Forensics	LECTURE
Day 2	Breakfast	MEAL
	In-Water Crime Scene Demo	DIVE 1
	Initiating Investigation	LECTURE
	Lunch	MEAL
	Coastal Activity: SCAT, Fish Kill, Disturbed Turtle Nest	ACTIVITY
	Pre-Assessment	LECTURE
	Pre-Assessment	DRY RUN
	Dinner	MEAL
	GPS	LECTURE
	GPS Exercise	DRY RUN

WORKSHOP DAY	ACTIVITY	TYPE
Day 3	Breakfast	MEAL
	Pre-Assessment	DIVE 2
	Chain-of-Custody, Lab Sampling, Evidence Issues	LECTURE
	Lunch	MEAL
	Impact Assessment	LECTURE
	Impact Assessment	DRY RUN
	Dinner	MEAL
	Night-time Aquatic Surveillance	LECTURE
	Night-time Aquatic Surveillance	ACTIVITY
Day 4	Breakfast	MEAL
	Impact Assessment	DIVE 3
	Impact Assessment	DIVE 4
	Late Lunch	MEAL
	Field Fingerprinting	LECTURE
	Teams Rotate Field Fingerprinting	ACTIVITY
	Teams Rotate Searching Small Vessels	ACTIVITY
	Teams Rotate Coastal Investigation	ACTIVITY
	Teams Rotate Inspection for Illegal Marine Wildlife Trade	ACTIVITY

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	Dinner	MEAL
	U/W Search and Recovery/Tethered Search	LECTURE
Day 5	Breakfast	MEAL
	Quiz/ Care of Confiscated Live Marine Wildlife	LECTURE
	Teams Rotate Underwater Recovery	DIVE 5
	Teams Rotate Underwater Obstacles	DIVE 6
	Late Lunch	MEAL
	Evidence Processing, Court Prep, Dealing with the Media	LECTURE
	Data Analysis	DRY RUN
	Dinner	MEAL
	Ecological Risk Assessment/ Risk Management	LECTURE
	Team Mock Media Press Release Preparation	ACTIVITY
Day 6	Breakfast	MEAL
	Team Mock Media Press Release	ACTIVITY
	On Dive Boat Mock Trial	MOCK COURT
	On Dive Boat In-Water Enforcement Techniques	LECTURE

WORKSHOP DAY	ACTIVITY	TYPE
On Dive Boat	Lunch	MEAL
	In-Water Enforcement Techniques Practicum	IN-WATER
	Dinner	MEAL
	Evaluations, Certificate Ceremony	WRAP-UP