

Training Course on Marine Ecology

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Blue economy	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand **marine biodiversity** and its ecological importance.
2. Analyze the impacts of **climate change on marine ecosystems**.
3. Evaluate **ocean acidification** and its effects on marine life.
4. Study **coral reef degradation** and restoration techniques.
5. Learn **sustainable fisheries management** principles.
6. Examine **marine pollution** and mitigation strategies.
7. Explore the role of **marine protected areas (MPAs)** in conservation.
8. Use **GIS and remote sensing** tools for marine ecology mapping.
9. Understand **coastal zone management** and resilience strategies.
10. Apply **ecosystem-based management (EBM)** frameworks.
11. Conduct **marine ecosystem health assessments**.
12. Interpret **oceanographic data and trends**.
13. Develop policy recommendations using **evidence-based marine research**.

Organizational Benefits

- Enhanced capacity in **marine environmental monitoring**.
- Strengthened **sustainability practices** aligned with SDG 14.
- Data-driven **marine policy development** and advocacy.
- Informed decision-making for **coastal infrastructure and development**.
- Better compliance with **international marine conservation laws**.
- Improved **stakeholder engagement** in marine resource management.

Target Participants

1. Marine Biologists
2. Environmental Scientists
3. Policy Makers
4. Marine Conservationists
5. Fisheries Officers
6. Coastal Zone Planners
7. Environmental NGOs
8. Oceanography Students & Researchers

Course Outline

Module 1: Fundamentals of Marine Ecology

- Marine ecosystems and biodiversity
- Ecological principles in ocean environments
- Zonation in marine habitats
- Species interactions and community structure
- Importance of ecological balance

Module 2: Climate Change and Ocean Dynamics

- Global warming and sea level rise
- Ocean temperature trends
- El Niño and La Niña events
- Carbon sequestration by oceans
- Impacts on marine biodiversity

Module 3: Coral Reef and Coastal Ecosystems

- Coral biology and reef formation
- Threats to coral ecosystems
- Mangrove and seagrass ecology
- Restoration and conservation methods
- Biodiversity hotspots in coastal zones

Module 4: Marine Pollution and Mitigation

- Sources and types of marine pollution
- Plastic and microplastic impacts
- Oil spills and chemical contamination
- Wastewater management strategies
- Community-led pollution solutions

Module 5: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

- Types and functions of MPAs
- Criteria for MPA designation
- Governance and policy frameworks
- Socioeconomic impacts of MPAs
- Monitoring and evaluation of MPAs

Module 6: Marine Resource and Fisheries Management

- Overfishing and its consequences
- Sustainable fisheries strategies
- Aquaculture and environmental ethics
- Indigenous and community-based knowledge
- International fisheries regulations

Module 7: Tools and Techniques in Marine Ecology

- Marine sampling and data collection
- GIS and remote sensing applications
- Underwater habitat mapping
- Biodiversity indexing and analysis
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) tools

Module 8: Policy, Governance and Advocacy

- International marine treaties and conventions
- National marine policies and regulations
- Ecosystem-based governance models
- Stakeholder collaboration strategies
- Marine advocacy and awareness campaigns

Training Methodology

- Interactive presentations
- Group discussions and breakout sessions
- Real-life case studies
- Hands-on GIS and data analysis exercises
- Simulations and role plays
- Field assignments (where applicable)
- Knowledge checks and quizzes
- Action planning sessions

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
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21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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