



BLUE SOLUTIONS

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Integrating Ecosystem Services into Marine and Coastal Development Planning

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The training course provides an introduction to the theoretical background of and practical steps for integrating ecosystem services into marine and coastal planning. The training focuses on the linkages between ecosystem services and development objectives, tools and methods for assessing and valuing ecosystem services, and main policy options and instruments to capture ecosystem services related risks and opportunities as well as entry points for decision-making.

METHODOLOGY

The course is based on the Harvard case method, which conveys teaching messages mainly through interactive practical work by trainees. The training takes place in the fictitious country of Bakul, a case closely based on real-life conditions and challenges. The Harvard case method allows participants to dive into a concrete case that is free from their own work context and potential constraints. The training can also be adapted to a real situation, tailored to the participants' needs.

COURSE OUTLINE

The training combines theoretical and practical elements and guides participants through a stepwise approach:

1. Defining the scope and setting the stage – What are the main issues?
2. Screening and prioritizing ecosystem services – How does development depend and impact on ecosystem services?
3. Identifying ecosystem service conditions, trends and trade-offs – What are drivers of change?
4. Appraising the institutional and cultural framework – Which institutions, policies, regulations, needs and interests are there?
5. Preparing better decision-making – What are ecosystem-related risks and opportunities?
6. Implementing change – Who is involved and in what role?

TARGET AUDIENCE

This training course addresses representatives from Blue Solutions' partner organizations as well as national and international planners and policy-makers from relevant ministries and agencies (such as Ministries of the Environment, Infrastructure Development, Finance, Fisheries, Maritime Affairs, Extractive Industries etc.), as well as NGO and civil society representatives, and academics from universities and research institutes actively involved in development or sectoral planning and regulation.

FORMAT:

- ▶ in person, up to 20 participants, three to five days (potentially including a field day)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 📶 <http://bluesolutions.info/ecosystem-services-2/>

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