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TO: FFA OFFICIAL & FISHERIES CONTACTS

FROM: MATTHEW HOOPER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

SUBJECT: MCS OFFICER FOUNDATION COURSE

It is with great pleasure that FFA invites nominations to the upcoming Cohort 8 of the *Certificate IV in Fisheries Enforcement and Compliance*. This is a regionally recognised course delivered over a 12-month period, through the Pacific TAFE program and accredited by USP.

The training objectives of the course are set out in Attachment 1.

Scholarships to the next cohort of the Certificate IV in Fisheries Enforcement and Compliance course are now available. Members are invited to submit applications for **two** suitable individuals for consideration. Please find application forms attached.

This qualification is delivered through time-bound online components beginning in **July 2020** and culminating in two weeks of face-to-face training and competency assessments in **May 2021**. Members are requested to note that any delay in submission of online exercises or assessments may lead to disqualification from the study programme. With this in mind, it is extremely vital to nominate individuals who will be able to:

- a) work unsupervised to complete online readings, exercises and case studies within the allocated timeframe;
- b) bear the demanding workload in addition to their daily work and/or travel commitments; and
- c) attend competency assessments in Fiji in May 2021.

FFA will only sponsor students who have fully completed all online components of all four courses to attend the face-to-face competency assessments at Pacific TAFE in Suva, Fiji.

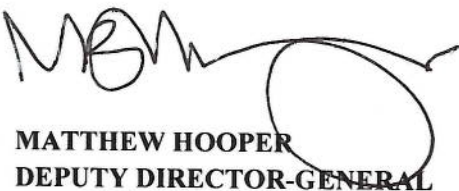
Target Participants:

This training programme is targeted at recently recruited MCS officers, general or specialised, who have demonstrated strong engagement in their work. Up to a total of 40 participants will be selected, with priority to be given to applicants from member countries who meet the target criteria **and** who have submitted completed application forms **with** relevant documentation.

Members are therefore encouraged to nominate personnel who are considered to be the most suitable candidates to be trained resulting in an anticipated ability to apply knowledge and skills learned in the daily delivery of their duties and responsibilities.

USP application for admission forms are attached to this circular. Nominations close at the close of business on **Friday 24th May, 2020**. Completed application forms with required documents must be submitted to the FFA Training Adviser on email allison.delvendiep@ffa.int by the due date.

Members are requested to nominate their preferred applicants to attend this training and to note preferred ranking of applicants if they nominate more than two candidates.



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Training Objective

The objective of the training programme is to deliver a qualification that provides the technical and practical skills and knowledge expected of competent MCS Officers. The programme will cover four courses comprised of the following competency elements:

1. CEFC41 – Introduction to Governance and Legal Frameworks

- i. Practise good governance procedures
- ii. Apply knowledge of MCS legal frameworks to MCS activities

2. CEFC42 – Introduction to Fisheries Management

- i. Apply knowledge of the Western & Central Pacific Ocean fisheries to MCS activities

3. CEFC43 – Operational Planning and Enforcement Processes

- i. Participate in inspection activities during an MCS activity
- ii. Conduct an effective interview and an effective intervention, produce an effective written statement and complete a properly documented investigation before participating in prosecution processes
- iii. Participate in effective operational planning and coordinating national or regional MCS operations then participate in after action evaluation

4. CEFC44 – MCS Role and Monitoring Tools

- i. Follow workplace procedures for hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control and appropriate emergency procedures
- ii. Participate in arrangements for maintaining health and safety of all people in the workplace
- iii. Follow appropriate social principles
- iv. Apply knowledge of MCS concepts to MCS activities
- v. Monitor and reference fisheries access measures for compliance using relevant MCS records
- vi. Use data systems to contribute to MCS processes and activities
- vii. Monitor vessel activities using VMS
- viii. Contribute to the use of Port State Measures to identify IUU activities
- ix. Use information gathered by fisheries observers
- x. Use services provided by the RFSC