

Leadership in Fisheries Management Course:

From August 16 - September 3, 2010 the Global FISH Alliance and the University Rhode Island-Coastal Resources Center hosted the Leadership for Fisheries Management Course at the University of Rhode Island.

Participants of the course were fisheries practitioners, government officials, and academics from around the world. In total, 29 participants attended from countries such as: Honduras, Belize, Mexico, Jamaica, Ghana, Gambia, Mozambique, Indonesia, Malaysia, Solomon Island, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines.

The course covered such topics as:

- Fisheries Transitions: Challenges and Opportunities
- Ecosystem-based Approach to Fisheries Management
- Leadership: the Empowerment Model
- Processing and Marketing in an EBMF Approach
- Biological and Ecological Objectives
- Development of Reference Points
- Ecological Concepts
- Social Objectives
- Economic Objectives: Development of Economic Policy
- Management, Facilitation and Communication Skills
- Designing Fisheries Management Plans in an EBMF world
- Implementing Fisheries Management Plans
- Reducing Fishing Gear Impact (By-catch and Habitat)
- Governance: Challenges, Capacity Building
- Capturing Local Knowledge
- Collaborative Research

Throughout the 3-week course, participants developed an eco-system based fisheries management plan to implement in their own countries. Participants acquired knowledge about fisheries management best practices, technical assessment techniques, leadership, and community mobilization skills; all of which were incorporated into the individual projects. The course concluded with presentations of these fisheries management projects.

During the course G-FISH Alliance partners participated by offering lessons in catch-shares, MPAs and the SCALE systems approach to social change. Other presentations were given by, Darden Restaurant Group, NOAA, and NMFS.

As this course has come to a conclusion, G-FISH and the University of Rhode Island are exploring options for continued involvement with participants as they implement their

ecosystems based fisheries management projects. We thank the University of Rhode Island for their work, and appreciate the involvement of Alliance members.