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Onboard Observer Program

 **Thailand**



Onboard Observer Program: Thailand

Thailand has 4 batch of observers. The 98 observers have been trained but only 17 observers are ready to work onboard. The training course for observer contained 11 modules of essential fisheries observer principle based on the FAO Guidelines for Developing an at-Sea Fisheries Observer Program.



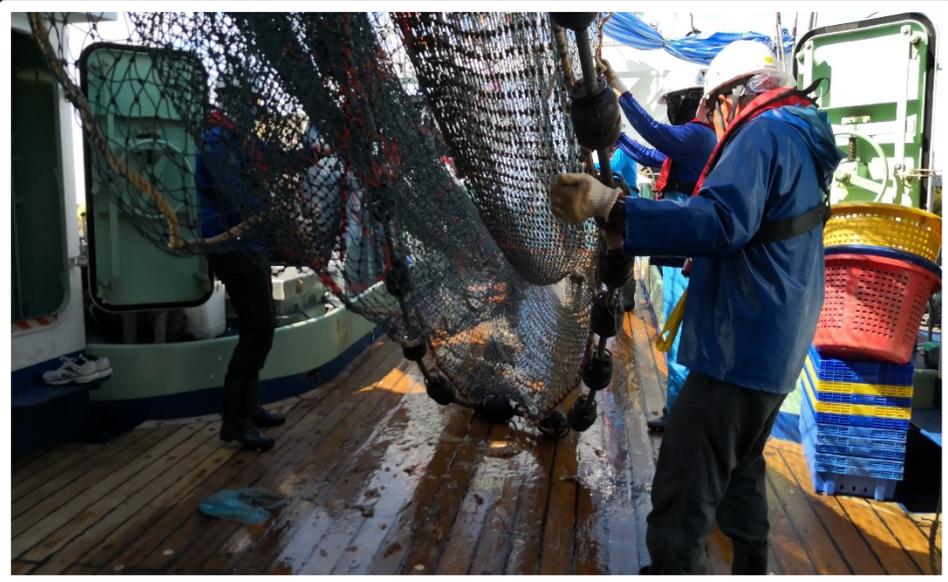
Observer training course

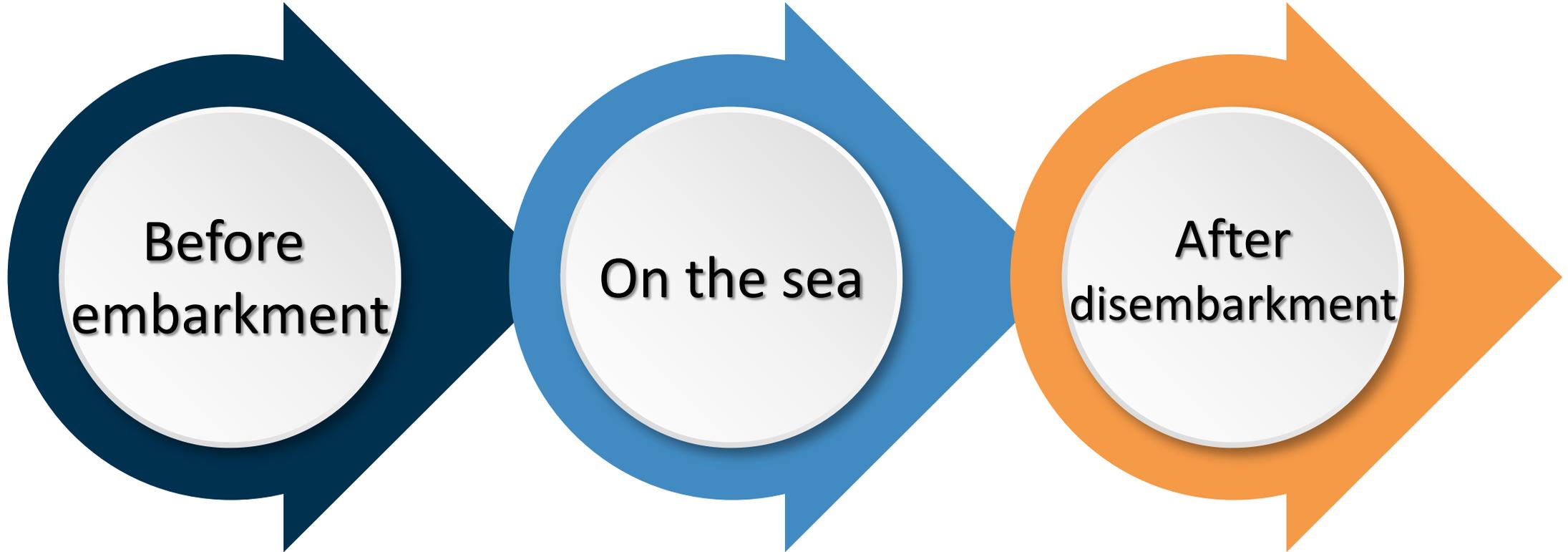
- the Basic Training of Seaman
- Fisheries Management
- Legal and Policy Framework
- Health and Safety
- Code of Conduct for Observers
- Fishing Vessels and Gears
- Data Collection
- Recording Forms and Documents
- Navigation, Radio Communication and Shipboard Training



Onboard training

- learning on trawl configuration which is the major fishing gear of Thai Fleet as well as the species identification multi-species situation.





**Before
embarkment**

On the sea

**After
disembarkment**

Before embarkment

- Observer briefing
- Briefing of related regulations, onboard activities and scientific sampling procedure



On the sea

- Observe fishing activities and bycatch
- Scientific data collection (fishing effort and catch)
- Catch sampling and measure length of some species
- Monitoring of bycatch species (marine mammals, turtles and seabirds), VMEs and tagged fish (if found)
- EM is used for monitoring fishing activities, not for scientific purposes



After disembarkment

- Observer debriefing
- Debrief on collected scientific data and problems encountered during boarding

