Alternative approaches to fisheries management: the relevance of co-management

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The course is organised by the International Agricultural Centre in co-operation with the Fish Culture & Fisheries Group and the Chair of Agrarian Law & Rural Development of the Wageningen University. It is intended for professionals of governmental and non-governmental institutions working in fisheries management and development (policy & planning, programme or project implementation, coastal community development, research, extension and higher education). The course objectives are:

- To appraise the present fisheries management activities in the regions of the participants;
- To learn about, and examine the relevance of international agreements relevant for fisheries management such as the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries;
- To become familiar with cases and concepts of fisheries co-management, and explore its possibilities, limitations, as well as preconditions and consequences;
- To learn and practise social and biological techniques relevant to the introduction of fisheries co-management arrangements;
- To develop appropriate personal action plans for the work situation of the participants.

The course has a practical focus and joins state of the art knowledge from fisheries science with insights from the social sciences such as law, anthropology and public administration. The management of fisheries in coastal waters and inland water bodies will be highlighted; industrial fisheries and aquaculture will only play a minor role.

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