

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW TO PAY THE TRAINING FEE?

Payment can be done upon registration or online deposit via SEAFDEC/AQD's nominated bank in Iloilo City, Philippines. Credit card payments are not accepted.

WHAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE TRAINING FEE?

The training fee is inclusive of the registration fee, training kit & materials, transportations, and field trips. Airfare, food, accommodation, and other related expenses are NOT included.

WHAT ARE THE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS?

You may email us the flight details/itinerary for airport transfer schedule. You will be picked up from Iloilo International Airport by SEAFDEC staff or a designated SEAFDEC driver. Airport send-off services will also be provided.

WHAT ARE THE PASSPORT/VISA REQUIREMENT?

You must secure a valid passport good for the duration of the course and if required, a 47 (A)2 or 9(A) travel visa for entry to the Philippines if the stay exceeds 30 days. Participants are responsible for visa and related fees.

DO YOU ISSUE A CERTIFICATE?

A Certificate of Training will be awarded after the course. A separate Certificate of Appearance or Participation can also be availed upon request.

ATTEND OUR HANDS-ON TRAINING! INQUIRE NOW!

To apply, kindly contact:

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SOUTHEAST ASIAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CENTER
AQUACULTURE DEPARTMENT

Training Course on Sandfish (*Holothuria scabra*) Seed Production, Nursery and Management

The 16-day training course consists of



Lectures



Hands-on
practical sessions



Group
Discussions



Field Trips

- ✓ Biology, ecology, and fisheries of sandfish
- ✓ Spawning induction
- ✓ Larval rearing
- ✓ Natural food culture
- ✓ Nursery culture
- ✓ Grow-out and sea ranching



ABOUT THE TRAINING

Why join the sandfish training course right now?

- Sea cucumbers including sandfish are highly valued marine commodities when processed and dried into *trepang* or *beche-de-mer*.
- Sandfish has one of the highest potential for aquaculture since hatchery production technology is already established.
- SEAFDEC/AQD is one of the leading institutions developing the production technologies for sandfish.

What can be learned from the course?

Participants will gain technical knowledge and skills on the broodstock management, spawning, larval rearing and nursery culture of sandfish, *Holothuria scabra*.

Specific objectives for participants

1. To be able to properly apply broodstock preparation and spawning induction techniques.
2. To be able to produce natural food organisms for sandfish larvae.
3. To be able to monitor healthy development of sandfish larvae.
4. To be able to experience hands-on practical culture of sandfish in various phases of nursery and grow-out in the field.
5. To be able to demonstrate larval, nursery, and grow-out culture techniques.

What to expect in the training period?

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation cost is not included in the training fee but lodging at the apartment facilities in SEAFDEC/AQD's Tigbauan Main Station is recommended. The air-conditioned apartment units have two single beds each and are equipped with a private bathroom. Wi-Fi and self-service laundry machines are also available. For more information and arrangements, contact the Housing Management Office at hbgnu@seafdec.org.ph and Training Section at training@seafdec.org.ph.

FOOD

A cafeteria run by a private concessionaire is available within the Tigbauan Main Station. Local diners, grilles and restaurants are available in the towns of Tigbauan (3 km east of the station) and Guimbal (5 km west of the station). Trainees with food restrictions or want arranged meals may make prior arrangements with the cafeteria manager.

TRANSPORTATION

Airport pick-up and send-off services will be provided to participants. Transportation for travel outside of the training schedule shall be on the account of the participants. Public transportation is accessible within the area in going to nearby towns or to Iloilo City (25 km away).

WEEKENDS

Some activities may be done during the weekends (hatchery activities) but when the work is done, participants are free to go to attend to their personal needs. Tours and field trips may also be scheduled during weekends.

INTERNET

The apartment building is reasonably covered with Wi-Fi internet connection. There are also hot spots within the complex where participants can access the internet.

SECURITY

Security staff are on duty 24 hours a day throughout the complex.

