

BLUEFIN TUNA FISHING CAMPAIGN

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BLUEFIN TUNA REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM

COFREPECHE is recruiting new candidates for the ICCAT Regional Bluefin Tuna Observation Programme (ROP-BFT).

The ROP-BFT is an international observation programme to monitor bluefin tuna fishing and farming activities in the Mediterranean, in compliance with the provisions of the ICCAT recommendation for the multiannual plan for the conservation and management of bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

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With more than thirty years of experience, COFREPECHE is an independent company of consultants specialized in Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment. To date, COFREPECHE has implemented more than 750 projects in more than 70 countries on behalf of public and private entities.

Since April 2010, the Regional Observer Programme for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna (<https://www.iccat.int/en/ROPbft.htm>) has been operated on behalf of ICCAT by a consortium between Marine Resources Assessment Group (MRAG) and COFREPECHE. The MRAG/COFREPECHE Consortium carries out observer recruitment and training, equipment purchases and observer deployments under the supervision of the Secretariat.

As part of a reinforcement of its observer's team, COFREPECHE is now actively recruiting for the coming season.

The following represent the main requirements to work as an ICCAT observer:

- 1. To have a successful completion of college/university education at a recognised academic institution, or equivalent;**
- 2. Have a minimum of experience at sea, even in marine environment monitoring programmes or research campaigns;**
- 3. Have a good knowledge of the English language (minimum level B1);**
- 4. A medical certificate of clean bill of health attesting to fitness for work at sea.**
- 5. Have obtained a certification in line with the safety standards of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) (STCW; PST; Bosiet);**
- 6. Have never been terminated or revoked as an observer.**

Also welcome:

- 1. Previous experience in fisheries observation programmes;**
- 2. Knowledge of the Italian and Spanish language - Due to the specific program constraints, applications from Italian speakers who are not Italian nationals are encouraged;**
- 3. Possession of a valid passport;**

Candidates must be available for:

- 1. a 5-days training session (from May 2nd to 6th)**
- 2. the deployment (May 26th to July 1st) ***
- 3. a 1 or 2 days debriefing (after the deployment)**

Notice that the duration of the missions will depend heavily on the success of the fishing activities. A deployment will not exceed the 10 July and may be shorter. Observers must ensure their availability a few days after the end of their working period, for the implementation of a debriefing session which duration, date and place may vary.

Applications (detailed CV and cover letter) must be sent by mail:

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with the following subject: "BFT-ROP 2023 observer recruitment".

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