



Introductory Course to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling

Course Syllabus

Learning Objectives

This course is designed to provide a simple but comprehensive guide to the International Whaling Commission (IWC):

- Learn about the IWC's origins
- Learn about the organisation of the IWC
- Learn about the types of whaling
- Learn about the IWC's scientific research
- Learn about the IWC's conservation programmes

Content & Duration

This online course is composed of five lessons which are organised in interactive modules. The core content of the lessons is complemented with numerous references to primary sources and additional resources on the IWC websites.

It will take you approximately one to two hours to complete the course, excluding additional materials. This is a self-paced course that allows you to manage your time as you wish. You can navigate the lessons at your convenience and retake them whenever you like.

Completion Certificate

Take the quiz at the end of the course to assess your learning progress. You are required to answer at least 80% of the assessment questions correctly to obtain a certificate.

Before obtaining the certificate, you also need to submit the course survey with any feedback you may have. This survey helps us to improve the course, develop new courses, and assess if you are achieving your learning objectives.

Course Outline & Content

Lesson 1: Origins of the IWC

An introduction to the context and objectives of the IWC's founding Convention:

- Understand the origins of the IWC
- Learn about the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
- Learn about the IWC's Moratorium on Commercial Whaling

Lesson 2: Organisation of the IWC

An introduction to the IWC and its subsidiary bodies:

- Learn about the purpose and structure of the IWC
- Learn about the various bodies which support the IWC

Lesson 3: Types of whaling

An overview of the types of whaling recognised by the IWC:

- Learn about the various types of whaling recognised by the IWC
- Understand the scope of the IWC's mandate to regulate these types of whaling

Lesson 4: Scientific research

An introduction to the IWC's Scientific Committee – the world-leading body for cetacean research:

- Learn about the purpose and structure of the Scientific Committee
- Learn about the Scientific Committee's various workstreams

Lesson 5: Conservation, Welfare and Global Capacity Building.

An overview of the IWC's various conservation and welfare programmes, and related capacity-building initiatives:

- Learn about the threats facing cetaceans around the world
- Understand what the IWC is doing to mitigate these threats

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