LEARNING OBJECTIVE
The Blue Planning training course aims to strengthen practical planning and implementation informed by decades of practical experiences and learning in the field. This course therefore provides an introduction to the theory and practical starting points of coastal and marine spatial planning.

METHODOLOGY
The course is based on a case method, which conveys teaching messages mainly through interactive practical work by trainees. The training deals with the fictitious country of Bakul, a case closely based on real-life conditions and challenges. The fictitious case allows participants to dive into a matter, free from their own work context and its biases. The methodology can also be applied to a real case, yet this involves further preparation in advance of the training course in order to gather and process necessary information. In addition, »Blue Solutions« – successful cases – complement the training by illustrating theoretical inputs and case work learning. They serve as real case examples for »what works« (key success factors) in different situations.

COURSE OUTLINE
The Blue Planning training course builds upon a range of existing planning frameworks and practical experiences, while highlighting the following common considerations and elements for ecosystem-based planning and management efforts in coastal and marine areas:

- Identification of need and process design
- Development of shared vision, objectives and goals
- Organization of stakeholder participation
- Inventory and analysis of current and future conditions
- Drafting and approving the spatial management plan
- Implementation and enforcement
- Monitoring, revision and adjustment

TARGET AUDIENCE
Overall, the training package is primarily intended for professionals responsible for the planning and management of coastal and marine areas and their natural resources, not only from the environment sector, but also from other sectors (e.g. fisheries, tourism, transportation, energy, and sea mining), or from cross-sectorial management bodies.

FORMAT:
in person, up to 20 participants, 5 days (core course)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
http://bluesolutions.info/capacity-development/blue planning in practice

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