

## Call for Nomination 2025 training workshop of the ISA - China Joint Training and Research Centre (JTRC)

*“Advancing Marine Spatial Planning in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction for Sustainable Deep-sea Stewardship: Best Practices and Key Insights from Regional Environmental Management Plans.”*

### Context

The ISA-China Joint Training and Research Centre (ISA-China JTRC), established in 2019 supports the Authority’s responsibilities in capacity-building and marine scientific research. Since its inception, over 70 participants from developing States have benefited from two training workshops organized under the framework of the Action Plan for Marine Scientific Research in support of the UN Decade for Ocean Science.<sup>1,2</sup>

The ISA-China JTRC now announces its third training workshop, scheduled to take place April 23-27, 2025, focusing on Regional Environmental Management Planning (REMPs).<sup>3</sup> REMPs are a unique mechanism for marine spatial planning, based on a comprehensive and inclusive scientific process managed by the Authority.

### Target audience

Participants should be nationals from developing Member States of ISA. The target audience includes scientific advisors, particularly of coastal states, with a basic technical understanding of spatial planning or deep-sea environments. Candidates may originate from academia and research institutions or relevant governmental entities.

### Programme

The program of the third ISA-China JTRC training workshop includes an introduction to the REMP process in the context of ISA’s mandate, along with concepts, tools, and scientific methodologies used in spatial planning. It will also cover key scientific approaches and demonstrate how spatial planning supports the REMP process. The background document including a preliminary programme is available [here](#).

### Costs

The costs associated with the training workshop, including teaching materials and documents, meals, accommodations, domestic travel within China, and international travel expenses, will be fully covered by the ISA-China JTRC. The ISA Secretariat will assist participants with visa procedures.

### Eligibility

- To benefit fully from the five-day training workshop, trainees should have an educational background in marine biology, ecology, oceanography, or marine geology, with preference for those holding advanced degrees. Applicants with a bachelor’s degree and at least two years of relevant experience will also be considered.
- Additionally, candidates should have knowledge or experience in area-based management or marine spatial planning and be able to understand and analyze

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<sup>1</sup> [ISA-China Joint Training and Research Centre - International Seabed Authority](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Marine Scientific Research - International Seabed Authority \(isa.org.jm\)](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Protection of the Marine Environment - International Seabed Authority \(isa.org.jm\)](#)

environmental data for management or policy discussions.

- Nominees should be proficient in English.
- The trainees should have a sponsoring organization whose mandate or scope includes a focus on marine spatial planning, either from a research or policy perspective.

A limited number of placements are available (maximum 20), and the selection will be conducted by the Steering Committee of the ISA-China JTRC. In line with ISA's commitment to women's empowerment, female applicants are strongly encouraged to apply, as well as candidates from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

### **How to apply?**

The call for nominations is open until **21 January 2025**. Applicants must fill in the online application form [here](#) and submit the following documents online:

- Nomination form ([template here](#))
- A copy of their degree or certificate
- Their résumé/CV
- Proof of English proficiency

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact us at [\*\*jtrc@isa.org.jm\*\*](mailto:jtrc@isa.org.jm).