



# Postgraduate Diploma in Fisheries Law and Policy (PGDFLP)

## Final Exam Pattern & Guidelines

### 1) Assessment Overview

Component	Marks	Weight in Final Grade	Note	Dates
Synopsis	-	-		15 April 2026
Pre-Final Exam	100	30%	24-hour Open-book exam	02 May to 31 May 2026
Online MCQ Test	100	20%	Online closed - book objective-type examination (20 questions per course)	Option 1: 13 Jun 2026 Option 2: 14 Jun 2026
Final Exam	100	50%	The exam will be conducted in the designated exam centres*	Option 1: 01-03 Jul 2026 Option 2: 06-08 Jul 2026
Dissertation	Satisfactory / non-satisfactory	Mandatory (no % weight)	Must be submitted and approved to complete the credit requirements.	25 Jul 2026

*\*The exam centres will be announced in due course*

### 2) Exam Pattern for Final and Interim Exam

#### 2.1. Section-Wise Pattern

Type	No. of Questions	Total Marks	Brief about the type (what it tests)
Objective / MCQ / Assertive-Reasoning	20	20	Questions centre on definitions, key provisions, and the proper application of principles such as the precautionary approach, polluter-pays principle, reparation, EAFM, PSMA/CDS, licensing/MCS, as well as logical reasoning, particularly in Assertion–Reasoning.
Long Answers	5 (five out of seven)	50 (5x10marks)	Assesses understanding, critical analysis, structured writing, and integration of fisheries law, policy, and governance. The questions will cover issue framing, legal basis (sections/articles), comparative analysis, implementation challenges, and policy suggestions.
Case Study / Application-Based question	1 (One out of two)	30 (1x30 marks)	Tests real-world problem-solving: identifying legal issues, selecting applicable instruments/acts, and proposing workable enforcement and governance solutions.



## 2.2. Guidelines for Interim Exam

- This is a 24-hour open-book exam.
- The question paper will be shared through your registered email at 5 pm. Also available for download from the BOBP-IGO website through personal login credentials.
- The students are requested to complete the exam and return the answer sheets by 5pm the next day,
- Citations are mandatory for international treaties, agreements, conventions, protocol, regional instruments, national/country-specific laws and policies, and judicial decisions.
- Write answers in your own words; similarity checks and AI detections may be applied.
- Specific instructions as given in the question paper should be followed.
- Typed or handwritten documents in PDF format shall be sent to the university via email or uploaded on the BOBP-IGO website.

### Tentative Dates and submission deadline

Course	Date & Time	Submission Deadline
Introduction to Law and Legal Systems	02/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Saturday)	03/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Sunday)
International Fisheries Laws, Agreements and Organizations	09/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Saturday)	10/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Sunday)
Fisheries Laws, Policies, and Institutions/Organizations in the Bay of Bengal Region	16/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Saturday)	17/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Sunday)
Human Rights, Labour Laws and Negotiations*	23/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Saturday)	24/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Sunday)
International Environmental and Biodiversity Laws*	30/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Saturday)	31/05/2026 & 1700 hrs IST (Sunday)

\* Elective/Specialisation Course

## 2.3 Guidelines for MCQ Examination

- 20 multiple choice questions from each course i.e, total 100 question.
- Duration of examination is 2 hours.

## 2.4. Guidelines for Conduct of Final Written Examination

- Students shall appear for the final examination in physical mode, as per the norms of TNNLU.
- The written examination shall be held in July. The duration of the written examination for each course shall be three (03) hours. Each day there will be examinations on two courses. The forenoon session will be held from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m., and the afternoon session will be held from 02.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.



- Students may choose the examination venue from among the stations of the collaborating Universities/Institutions and their operational networks in India and abroad, as may be notified.
- Students shall report to the examination venue at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the examination.
- Students shall carry a valid University Identity Card or any Government-issued photo identity proof to the examination centre.
- The soft copy of the Hall Ticket will be shared to your official email ID by the TNNLU's Examination Section. All are requested to download the same and use it for examination purposes.
- Electronic gadgets, mobile phones, smart watches, and any unauthorized materials are strictly prohibited inside the examination hall.
- Students shall adhere to all examination instructions issued by the University and the examination centre authorities.
- Any form of malpractice or misconduct during the examination shall be dealt with in accordance with the rules and regulations of the University.
- Requests for change of examination venue or schedule after the final notification shall not ordinarily be entertained.
- Students are advised to regularly check the University website and their registered email for examination updates and instructions.
- For the convenience of the students, the final examinations for all the courses will be conducted in two sessions – primary and supplementary.
- Registration for the examination is compulsory. The students may choose the schedule convenient for them. However, they will have the option to appear for both the sessions of final examinations for any/all of the courses.
- Where a student appears in both sessions of examinations, the higher score obtained in either option shall be considered for the final marks.

### **Tentative dates for Final Exam**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Tentative Date of Final Exam (First Option)</b>	<b>Tentative Date of Final Exam (Supplementary Option)</b>
Introduction to Law and Legal Systems	01 Jul 2026 (Wednesday) (Forenoon)	06 Jul 2026 (Monday) (Forenoon)
International Fisheries Laws, Agreements and Organizations	01 Jul 2026 (Wednesday) (Afternoon)	06 Jul 2026 (Monday) (Afternoon)
Fisheries Laws, Policies, and Institutions/Organizations in BOBR	02 Jul 2026 (Thursday) (Forenoon)	07 Jul 2026 (Tuesday) (Forenoon)
Human Rights, Labour Laws and Negotiations	02 Jul 2026 (Thursday) (Afternoon)	07 Jul 2026 (Tuesday) (Afternoon)



International Environmental and Biodiversity Laws	03 Jul 2026 (Friday) (Forenoon)	08 Jul 2026 (Wednesday) (Forenoon)
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### TENTATIVE EXAMINATION CENTRES FOR OFFLINE EXAMINATIONS\*

CENTRE CODE - 001	India	TNNLU, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
CENTRE CODE - 002		BOBP-IGO, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
CENTRE CODE - 003		Cochin, Keralam*
CENTRE CODE - 004		New Delhi*
CENTRE CODE - 005		CIFNET, Mumbai*
CENTRE CODE - 006		Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh*
CENTRE CODE - 007		Cuttack, Odisha*
CENTRE CODE - 008	Bangladesh	Dhaka, Bangladesh*
CENTRE CODE - 009	Sri Lanka	Colombo, Sri Lanka*

- *The Specific institutional details where the written examinations is conducted will be shared to the students on or before 30.04.2026.*