



# PGDFLP

## Post Graduate Diploma In Fisheries Law And Policy (Part-time)

*Offered in Hybrid Mode*

*First of its Kind Programme in India*



Offered by

**Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU)**

Tiruchirapalli - 620 027

In collaboration with

**Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation**

Chennai - 600 018



## Tamil Nadu National Law University

Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) is one of the National Law Universities in India. It was established by the Government of Tamil Nadu by an Act of State Legislature (Act No. 9 of 2012) to provide quality legal education at the global level. TNNLU is located near the District and Sessions Court and other Sub-ordinate Courts, thus facilitating easy and effective interaction between the TNNLU and the Bar. TNNLU aims to advance and disseminate knowledge of the law and legal processes and their role in national development; develop in the students and research scholars a sense of responsibility to serve society in the field of law by developing skills with regard to advocacy, legal services, legislation, law reforms. University Grand Commission (UGC) has included TNNLU under section 12(B) of the UGC Act 1956. TNNLU is an empanelled institution with the Competition Commission of India. TNNLU is also a member of the Association of Indian Universities, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, and the Indian Academy of Social Sciences.



## Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation

The Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO), set up in 2003, is a regional fisheries body with Bangladesh, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka as its members. The Organisation evolved from the erstwhile Bay of Bengal Programme of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) founded in 1979. The mandate of BOBP-IGO is to enhance co-operation among member-countries as well as other countries and organisations in the Bay of Bengal region and provide technical and management advisory services for sustainable marine fisheries development and management. BOBP-IGO strives to increase awareness and enhance skills through training and education; facilitate knowledge sharing and establish regional information networking.

# Message

We are delighted to present the first ever Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Fisheries Law and Policy (PGDFLP), a pioneering initiative jointly offered by the Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) and the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO). This programme marks a significant advancement in addressing the intricate issues of fisheries management and governance through a detailed legal and policy framework.

The contemporary demands of fisheries management require a profound understanding of both national and international legal frameworks, as well as the ability to navigate the multifaceted challenges in this field. This programme is designed to fill the existing knowledge gaps in fisheries law by providing participants with the skills and insights necessary to lead in this critical sector.

This innovative part-time post graduate diploma programme is carefully crafted to bridge the existing knowledge gaps of the mid-career professionals, academicians, researchers, policy makers and advocates, allowing them to enhance their knowledge without interrupting their current roles and equipping them with the expertise and insights necessary to lead and innovate in this essential field. The eligibility criteria are inclusive, welcoming candidates from diverse educational background from around the world.

We are committed to delivering a comprehensive understanding of the international legal framework governing fisheries, enhancing the ability of the students to interpret pivotal treaties and agreements, and cultivating critical thinking skills to tackle the complex challenges in fisheries management.

Our progressive certification pathway not only awards a Post Graduate Diploma but also lays the groundwork for doctoral studies in Fisheries Law and Policy, in collaboration with leading universities and research institutions.

Benefits of this programme extend beyond academic growth. By fostering a pool of experts well-versed in fisheries law and policy, we aim to transform and bolster national policies, international negotiations, and regulatory compliance, thereby promoting sustainable marine resource utilization and economic growth.

We invite you to be part of this transformative journey and explore the opportunities in this emerging domain.



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*Vice-Chancellor, TNNLU*



**Dr. P. Krishnan**  
*Director, BOBP-IGO*

**(V. Nagaraj)**

**(P. Krishnan)**

## About the Programme



The modern requirements of fisheries management and policy demand a comprehensive understanding of both national, regional and international frameworks, multidisciplinary knowledge, and the ability to navigate complex global challenges.

Formal training in fisheries education often lacks sufficient focus on legal aspects. Officers in development departments, faculty members in universities and colleges, and researchers in the fisheries sector, who collectively play a crucial role in shaping fisheries governance, generally have limited opportunities to study fisheries and maritime law and policies during their academic training. This gap in education means that many professionals enter the field without a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks that govern fisheries management.

Moreover, many fisheries professionals, practitioners, members of civil society and advocacy groups significantly influence national and regional fisheries governance mechanisms. These individuals, despite their practical experience and influence, often lack formal training in the legal and policy aspects of fisheries management.

Despite the significant growth in practical knowledge regarding fisheries law and policies over the years, there remains a gap in its collation and documentation. This absence of systematic academic documentation and synthesis means that valuable insights and lessons learned in the field are not consistently captured and shared. As a result, the development of a comprehensive body of knowledge that could inform future policies and practices is hindered. Therefore, there is an urgent need for formal education programmes that combine fisheries science with legal and policy training. Such programmes would ensure that professionals are well-equipped to tackle the complex challenges of fisheries governance.

## Unique Features of the Programme

**NEP-2020-Fit:** The proposed Programme resonates with the ethos of India's New Education Policy, emphasizing future-oriented, innovative, multidisciplinary, problem-solving, and globally connected education.

**Light but Tight Regulations:** This part-time programme is designed with adequate flexibility to enable the participation of practicing officers / researchers, academicians, policy makers, advocates & civil society from different walks of life with ease; while the evaluation parameters shall be robust enough to keep the academic rigour and quality.

**Diverse Clientele:** Mid-career officials, academicians and researchers involved directly

or indirectly in fisheries management and policy making; Citizens associated with policy advocacy in the field of fisheries; and those planning to take up a career in the above sectors.

**Progressive Certification:** Candidates registered for the Programme will be awarded a Certificate on completion of major courses and Post Graduate Diploma in Fisheries Law and Policy on completion of all credit requirements.

**Hybrid Delivery:** The programme will be offered in a hybrid mode to cater to the interests of the potential in-service candidates.





## Programme Objectives

The programme is designed to meet the pressing needs of our time, providing individuals with a comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted aspects of fisheries law and policy. It empowers students to become key pillars in their respective organizations, equipped with the expertise to drive sustainable practices and informed decision-making. Additionally, the programme opens up future career opportunities in research and advocacy, enabling graduates to play pivotal roles in shaping the future of fisheries governance on both national and international stages.

*Beyond fostering academic growth, the course is to enrich the expertise of individuals who are steadfastly devoted to the holistic betterment of fishing communities. It is essential to underline that the course's impact extends beyond the realm of mere job prospects.*

**The programme would serve as a platform to generate a stream of knowledge through critical research by practitioners.**

Further, the students would be able to

**understand** the international legal framework governing fisheries and aquaculture and the principles and conventions that guide international cooperation in this field.

**dissect and interpret** international agreements and treaties pivotal to fisheries.

**explore** the dynamics of international cooperation in fisheries management, including the role of regional fisheries bodies, and intergovernmental organizations.

**acquire** critical thinking and problem-solving prowess to tackle complex fisheries challenges such as overfishing, habitat destruction, and the impacts of climate change.

## Eligibility

A degree in life sciences, natural sciences, social sciences, engineering, management, law, or humanities from a recognized university in India or abroad.

There shall be no restriction as to age, nationality, gender, or employment status.

## Admission Process

TNNLU will manage the admissions, examinations and award of the degree.

BOBP-IGO will serve as Knowledge Partner and a Research Centre for the TNNLU.

BOBP-IGO will coordinate the student course work and research, as per the University Guidelines, in alignment with the MoU signed between TNNLU and BOBP-IGO.

**Medium of Instruction of the Programme : English**  
**Duration of the Programme : ONE year**

## Programme Structure

The PGDFLP comprises a total of 5 courses. Each course carries 4 credits. Four of the five courses are classified as taught courses, and one is designated as a dissertation. Taught courses are further categorised into core and elective courses. Students are encouraged to select the elective courses of their own choice.

Type	Code	Course Title	Credits	Semester
<b>Major</b>	111	Introduction to Law & Legal Systems <sup>1</sup>	4	I
	112	International Fisheries Laws, Agreements and Organizations	4	I
	113	Fisheries Laws and Policies in the Bay of Bengal Region	4	I
<b>Elective<sup>2</sup></b>	121	Human Rights, Labour Laws and Negotiations <sup>1</sup> (OR)	4	II
	122	International Environment and Biodiversity Law <sup>1</sup>	4	II
	131	Dissertation <sup>3</sup>		I&II

1 May be completed from SWAYAM platform (Online) or through credit transfer from any recognized University/Institution in India.

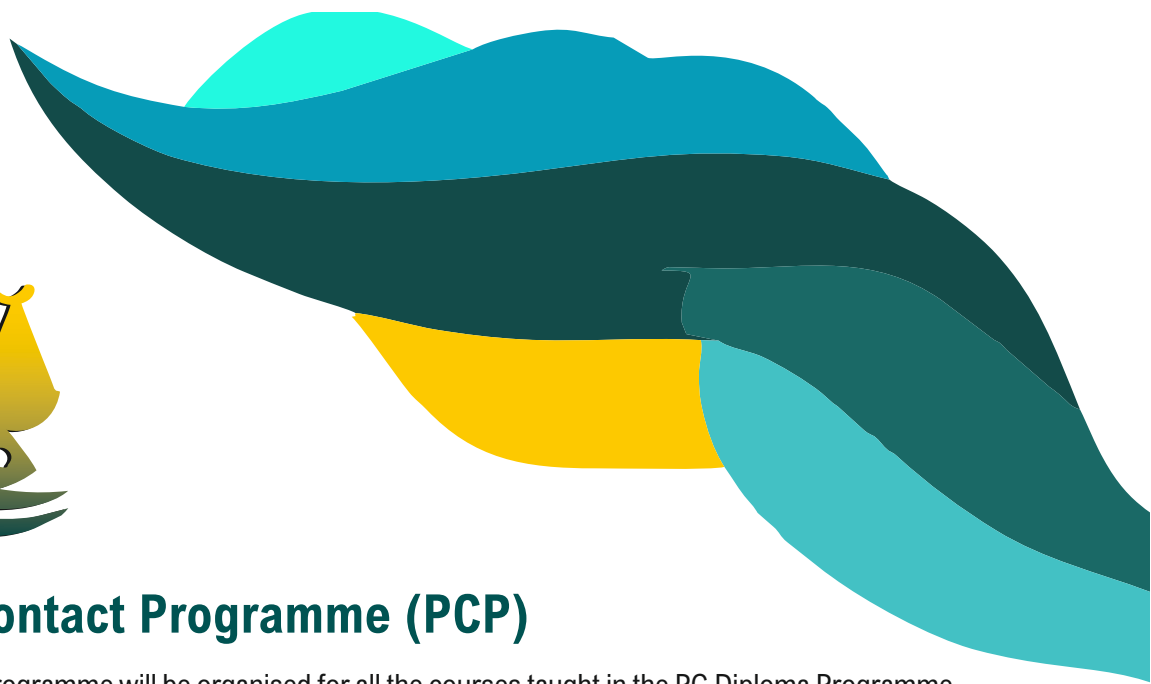
2 Any one course is to be chosen to complete the PGDFLP from TNNLU.

3 Dissertation is recommended for the students who are working in the areas of fisheries education, research, management or governance. In lieu of Dissertation, one additional elective course may be chosen.

## Fee Structure of the Programme (2025-26)

Fee Head	Candidates from India (INR)	Candidates from BOBP Countries (USD)	Candidates from Other Countries (USD)
Application Fee	500	10	15
Admission Fee	1,000	20	30
Tuition Fee	20,000	320	600
Examination Fee	3,500	60	105
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>750</b>
Provisional Certificate	500	10	20
Convocation Fee	2,000	30	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>850</b>

The fee shall be paid through online mode only at the link provided at the official on the TNNLU i.e., [www.tnnlu.ac.in](http://www.tnnlu.ac.in)



## Personal Contact Programme (PCP)

A Personal Contact Programme will be organised for all the courses taught in the PG Diploma Programme, with classes conducted in a hybrid format (both online & offline). Excluding the dissertation, each taught course shall consist of 40 Personal Contact classes (PC) and 20 Self-Learning hours (SL) in a staggered manner spread over two semesters. Whereas for the dissertation, there shall be 20 Personal Contact Consultations (PC) and 40 Self-Learning hours (SL).

Online Classes		
Semesters	I Session	II Session
Month	August to November	January to April
Weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of a Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Week of a Month
<b>Day &amp; Timings</b>	All online classes will be conducted at the weekend (i.e. Saturday & Sunday)	
	<b>Forenoon Session:</b>	10:00 am to 01:00 pm IST
	<b>Afternoon Session:</b>	02:30 pm to 05:30 pm IST
On-Campus Classes & Consultations		
<b>Dissertation</b>	<b>December</b>	Guide Allotment, Consultation & Library Hours (Physical/Remote)
	<b>April</b>	Consultation & Library Hours (Physical/Remote)
<b>Taught Courses</b>	<b>April</b>	One week of mandatory PCP classes (3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> Week) (Physical/Remote)
<b>Examination</b>	<b>May</b>	

**Note:** The PG Academics will provide a detailed schedule of the Personal Contact Programme (PCP) upon enrolment.

## Attendance Requirement

Classes for the PG Diploma Fisheries Law and Policy Programme will be conducted in physical and online modes. The attendance will be calculated based on participation in both online and offline classes.

The students will be permitted to appear for the Final Examination only if he/she has attended 60% of the classes in each course.

## Final Evaluation

The students will have to appear for the final examination in physical mode, as per the norms of TNNLU.

The dissertation shall be for 100 marks with presentation and viva-voce. The detailed guideline and format for the dissertation will be notified by the University.

The written examination (only physical mode) will be conducted during May. The duration of the written examination for each course is 3 hours.

The University will notify the schedule to the students and the same will be uploaded on the TNNLU and BOBP-IGO websites.

The students will get to choose the venue of examination from any of the stations of the collaborating Universities/Institutions and their operational networks in India and Abroad, which will be notified and periodically updated.

## Progressive Certification & Exit Option

The students will be awarded a **Certificate in Fisheries Law and Policy (FLP)** on completion of the credit requirements as under, automatically. This will serve as multiple exit options for the students.

Stages	Credits completed	Outcome
I	Completion of at least 12 Credits and THREE Core courses (112, 113 and 121)	Certificate in Fisheries Law and Policy
II	Completion of at least 20 credits or FIVE courses including any credit transfer)	PG Diploma in Fisheries Law and Policy

### Important Dates

Application Open : 01.03.2025 (Saturday)

Last Date : 20.06.2025 (Friday)

Intimation Payment of Fee : 20.07.2025

Programme Commences : 01.08.2025 (Friday)

## Contact



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