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Defining tomorrow

**FishCRIME Symposium:
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Harnessing Humans in the FishFIGHT



Activities or processes undertaken or planned by NMMU

- Establish SA Maritime Institute
- Establish Fisheries LE Academy (**'FishFORCE'**)
that can:
 - **handle increasingly complex investigations and prosecutions fisheries crime and**
 - **integrate existing expertise and innovative research to create a permanent education, resource and support centre for fisheries law enforcement officers.**

Key components

- Aim to establish fisheries crime law enforcement as a new and emerging fisheries compliance model
- Endeavour to achieve knowledge and intelligence led investigations
- Increase successful prosecutions
- Build capacity, but also enable fisheries law enforcement officers to obtain formal qualifications in their chosen field of expertise
- Post training investigative support

What have been done?

- Support LETrainNet
- Have registered and is registering qualifications in criminal justice (can amend content)
- Registered SLP's (quick fix/interim relief)
- Liaison with INTERPOL working group
- Member of PescaDOLUS (one aim is to support, promote and build capacity in law enforcement agencies to address transnational organised fisheries crime)

Key concerns





HINGES ON ...

Sharing of

**TECHNICAL
EXPERTISE**



For example:



Fisheries LEO's need firm understanding of core issues:

- national and international legal frameworks
- policing tools
- investigative techniques
- evidence gathering
- crime analysis

No need to re-invent the wheel

Model dependent on **coordination and cooperation – borderless crime**



Harnessing and development of

Expertise
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def: Special skill or knowledge in a particular subject. eg. He has expertise in his field of molecular science.

What makes FishFORCE different?

- A training programme that leads to a career path
- Create a sought after profession
- Long-term properly accredited training with theoretical and practical content (comprehensive university)
- Different entrance & exit levels e.g. SLP's HC, Dip, PG Dip
- Basic training also envisaged

PRIORITY ACTIONS NEEDED

- New tools continuously developed (UNODC, Interpol, ILO), but FCO's lag behind in ability to use tools – project aims to harness tools
- Increasing number of difficult and complex cases require “equality of arms” = better trained officials
- Will to share knowledge and expertise
- Funding

Thank You!

