

NOWPAP/PICES Joint Training Course on Remote Sensing Data Analysis

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The training course was held on 21-25 Oct at Ocean University of China, Qingdao, China. I joined this course as an intern student of CEARAC office, so I did some support for secretariat and took lectures in the rest of time.

I was a beginner at remote sensing data analysis before the course since I'm majoring in fisheries biology for my master program and don't use remote sensing data analysis usually. So I felt nervous first, and sometime hands-on computer exercise was hard for me. But all lecturers and other participants were so kind and I could feel free to ask questions. It was unexpected but fortunately, I could get practical and useful method for my research. To know biological geographical situation, I would like to try using remote sensing data analysis. I think I can reach to my research from many points of view, to get useful knowledge to improve fishery resource management in Japan.

Also, it was good for me to see many researchers and students. Participants are from various countries such as China, Korea, and even further countries from NOWPAP region like Canada, Cameroon and Oman. Although participants were from further countries, all we were trying to know much about the sea. The course might be too short to get much knowledge, but we can keep exchanging our information and methodology for a long time. It's great step for international environmental cooperation. That's also one of the good points of this course.

Finally I would like to thank all the coordinators and lecturers for giving me this great opportunity.