

Three-day workshop helps local workers to acquire the artisanal fisherman's permit



As to promote sustainable fishing practices in the Peruvian Tropical Sea, the National Fishing Development Fund (FONDEPES) organized along with El Alto Council and Inkaterra Asociación a training course for artisanal fishermen. “*Marinero de pesca artesana*”, a 70-hour workshop with a final exam, was a compulsory procedure to obtain a navigation certificate (“artisanal fisherman’s license”). Since January 2015, a three-day course was organized for artisanal fishermen with at least two years of experience. Most of participants were young locals working under informal conditions. In only 15 hours they were trained by specialists in Marine Biology and Fishing Arts, Sailing, Basic Nautical Terminology, On-Board Security, Regulations, Small-boat maneuvers. All students passed the final examination and, with the workshop’s certificate and a medical test, will receive the artisanal fisherman’s license.