



Australian Government

SFICPL202 Conduct field observations

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with SFI Seafood Industry Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to conduct and report on observations in the field according to agency policies and procedures.

This unit applies to individuals who undertake field observations for the purposes of surveillance, research or monitoring of cultural or natural resources. They use observation and recording equipment, including maps, charts, video cameras, still cameras and global positioning systems (GPS). For surveillance purposes, these individuals collect relevant information of the type, quality and quantity necessary to present acceptable evidence in a court of law.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory health and safety, food safety, biosecurity and environmental regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Compliance (CPL)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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	1.2 Clarify and confirm the nature and type of information to be collected 1.3 Identify hazards and risks associated with the observation and identify appropriate controls with the supervisor or team leader 1.4 Identify and confirm agency protocols and requirements and legislative considerations for the recording of observations 1.5 Select appropriate equipment for the field observation task, and check for serviceability
2. Conduct field observations	2.1 Select and check fit of required personal protective equipment for observation task 2.2 Use equipment in a manner that ensures recorded observations are accurate and effective for the intended purpose 2.3 Collect sufficient and relevant information from observations of activities to identify any non-compliance 2.4 Record observations according to agency procedures and legislative requirements as required 2.5 Use equipment in a manner that ensures the safety of self and others 2.6 Ensure the security of equipment at all times
3. Report on field observations	3.1 Prepare and collate report identifying any evidence of non-compliance 3.2 Present report according to agency procedures 3.3 Label and file recorded observations securely according to agency procedures 3.4 Answer queries arising from the report in a timely manner

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
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Numeracy	- Reads and interprets numerical data related to recording equipment - Calculates data related to observations
Reading	- Interprets information of the type, quality and quantity necessary to present acceptable evidence in a court of law - Interprets information relevant to the operation - Interprets checklists, schedules, maps and charts
Writing	- Records operational information, data and measurements - Completes checklists and takes notes on field observation activities
Navigate the world of work	Asks questions to clarify understanding or seek further information
Interact with others	- Communicates, exchanges and reports operational task and safety information to relevant personnel - Cooperates with others to conduct observation activities
Get the work done	- Solves familiar and generally predictable problems within workplace guidelines and using experience of past solutions - Uses two-way communication, surveillance and navigational equipment

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
SFICPL202 Conduct field observations	SFICOMP202B Conduct field observations	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for SFICPL202 Conduct field observations

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has conducted at least one field observation on at least one occasion, including:

- interpreting and confirming work requirements and other task-related information
- identifying hazards and risk controls in relation to field observations
- selecting, checking and using equipment, including personal protective equipment appropriate for the purpose of the observation
- identifying, recording and reporting on evidence of non-compliance.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- range and operational requirements of observation and recording equipment
- culturally sensitive areas impacting on the field observation:
 - sacred and other culturally significant sites
 - cultural activity, including the attitude, beliefs and values of local communities
- environmental and community issues relating to natural resource management, including:
 - customary fishing
 - existence of any native title
- marine and fisheries management and surveillance legislation and regulations relevant to the field observation
- recording and reporting requirements for field observations
- safety procedures and hazards associated with field observations
- nature and types of evidence of non-compliance identified from field observations.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in a field observation setting or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - recording forms
 - observation and recording equipment
 - personal protective equipment
- specifications:
 - directives and details explaining the observation task
 - access to relevant legislation and regulations related to surveillance
 - workplace policies and procedures, including safety and operating procedures
 - relevant sources of information
- relationships:
 - evidence of interactions with supervisor and team members.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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