

Information on the Regional Workshop to support compliance with IOTC requirements for the collection and reporting of fisheries data to the IOTC, Mauritius, 18-20 March 2014

1. Workshop dates and venue

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The venue of the meetings will be:

Pearle Beach Resort & Spa
Wolmar, Flic en Flac
Mauritius
Phone: +230 4016300
Email: resapearlebeach@intnet.mu
Web: www.pearle-beach.com

2. Contacts

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

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Contacts in Mauritius:

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3. Registration

Participants are advised that the final list of participants will be based on information provided by your country and the registration process during the first day of the workshop (18th March 2014).

4. Interpretation

The meetings will be held in English interpretation in French will be provided.

5. Travel arrangements

Mauritius airport is linked by direct flights to major airports in Europe as well to South Africa, Seychelles, Madagascar, La Réunion, Dubai, Kenya, India, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

6. Accommodation

Participants are responsible to make their own arrangement for the booking of accommodation with the hotel. Rooms are available at the Pearle Beach Resort & Spa where the workshop will take place:

Hotel	Rates per night	Contact	Distance to venue
Pearle Beach Resort & Spa Wolmar, Flic en Flac Mauritius	. Single standard: Rs 3000 . Double standard: Rs 5000 Web: www.pearle-beach.com	E-Mail: resapearlebeach@intnet.mu Contact: Mr. Arveend Sookha Reservations Manager Phone: (230) 401 6316 Fax: (230) 453 8405	N/A

If you do not wish to stay at the hotel of the workshop venue, please find below a list of hotels in the vicinity of the workshop venue in Flic en Flac Mauritius:

Hotel	Rates per night	Contact	Distance to venue
1. Joomun Apts	Rs 1500/day- Euro 40.00 Web:	E-Mail: fawazjoomun@yahoo.com Contact: Mr. Naim Joomun Phone: (+230)423 7646 / 912 8746 Fax: (230)	5 minutes
Gold Beach Resort	. Single standard: Rs2550 (B&B) . Double standard: Rs3500 Web: http://www.goldgrouphotels.com/newsite/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36&Itemid=23&lang=en	E-Mail: resa@goldgroup.mu Contact: Sarada Phone: (230) 453 8235 Fax: (230) 453 8420	10 minutes
Manisa Hotel	Rs 3300/day (B & B) Web: http://www.manisahotel.com/	E-Mail: info@manisahotel.com Contact: Ms Elodie Phone: (230) 453 8558 Fax: (230)	10 minutes
2. Paul & Virginie	Rs 1600/Euro 45/jour (B & B)	E-Mail: vpaulrtvirginie@yahoo.fr Contact: Mme Raynaud Juanita Phone: (230) 453 8537 Fax: (230)	10 minutes

7. Arrival and entry formalities

Participants should be in possession of a valid passport and a return or onward ticket.

Participants should ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months as from or prior to the date of travel to Mauritius.

VISA requirements

Citizens exempted of Visa

Holders of Diplomatic Passports other than those issued by the Government of Afghanistan, Algeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iran, Islamic Rep, Iraq, Libya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sudan, and Yemen.

Holders of Laissez-passer issued by the United Nations, SADC or from other internationally recognized organizations.

Citizens from the following countries:

Australia	Kenya	Seychelles
Belize	Korea, Republic of	Sierra Leone
China	Malaysia	Tanzania
France	Maldives	United Kingdom
India	Mozambique	Vanuatu
Japan	Oman	

Citizens who require a Visa

Citizens from the following countries will need a visa prior to their arrival:

Bangladesh	Pakistan
Eritrea	Philippines
Ethiopia	Sri Lanka
Indonesia	Sudan
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Taiwan, China
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Yemen
Myanmar (Burma)	

IMPORTANT NOTE: THE COI-SMARTFISH PROJECT IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE WORKSHOP TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR VISA ON ARRIVAL. PARTICIPANTS THAT HAVE NOT MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A VISA ARE INVITED TO CONTACT MS. VEENA GUNPUTH: VEENA.GUNPUTH@COI-IOC.ORG AND MR. JUDE TALMA: JUDE.TALMA@COI-IOC.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Citizens from the following countries can receive a visa on arrival, however it is recommended to confirm with the closest Mauritian Embassy or Consulate:

Comoros	Russian Federation
Guinea	Senegal
Democratic Republic of Congo	South Africa
Madagascar	Thailand
Spain	

Note: For participants from EU countries and other not in the list mentioned above, kindly refer to the Passport and Immigration Office website at <http://passport.gov.mu/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Visa-Requirements-in-Mauritius.aspx>

Additional information is obtainable at: <http://passport.gov.mu/English/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information on business and conference visa please contact the nearest Mauritian Embassy or Consulate in your country or refer to the Republic of Mauritius's website about Passport & Visa Requirements: <http://www.gov.mu/portal/site/passportSite/menuitem.0bcce5f722a8dc2a9528f049a68521ca/>

8. Transportation

> Airport/Accommodation and Accommodation/Conference Venue

Participants should make their own arrangements for airport transfers as well as transfers between their hotel and workshop venue. Your transfer in taxi or in shuttle (to and from the airport) can be arranged through your hotel upon request at extra cost (Please contact the reservation desk directly).

> Car Rental

There are a number of companies offering car rental services from the airport. Their counters are located in the Tour Operators hall.

- ABC car rental
- ADA Co Ltd
- Avis
- Budget Car Rental
- Europcar
- First Car rental
- Hertz
- SIXT

9. Dress code

The dress code for the workshop is Smart Casual.

10. Electricity

Electric Power is 230V running at 50Hz. The sockets used are usually British type:



It is recommended for participants to bring adequate electric adaptors.

11. Exchange Rate and Currencies

The currency of Mauritius is the Mauritian Rupee (MUR). Current exchange rates are (15/03/2013):

1 USD = 30 Rs

1 EUR = 42.0354 Rs

There is no restriction on foreign currency, traveller's cheques and other banking instruments. Credit cards are widely accepted everywhere on the island.

12. Climate

Mauritius enjoys a mild tropical maritime climate throughout the year. The country has two seasons: a warm humid summer extending from November to April and a relatively cool dry winter from June to September. The month of October and May are commonly known as the transition months.

In winter (June to September) temperatures are around 22°C on the coast and 19°C on the Central Plateau.

13. Time & Telecommunications

Mauritius is four hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Mauritius has international direct dialing facilities to most parts of the world as well as high speed fax and internet services.

14. International dialing code

The International dialing code for Mauritius is +230.

15. Mobile services

Several operators are offering SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones. The most important are Orange and Emtel.

16. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area. Internet in the hotels will be at participants' expenses. Most hotels now offer free Wi-Fi Internet access.

17. Language

Most people in Mauritius are bilingual and are equally fluent in English and French. Creole, French and English are the main languages in the everyday environment and several oriental languages are also spoken.

18. Health

No vaccinations are required to enter Mauritius. However a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers over 1 year old arriving from areas where yellow fever cases are reported.

19. Other information and tourism

> Emergency numbers

Police: 112

Fire: 115

Ambulance: 114

> Culture

Mauritius is a blend of diverse cultures and religions. The population consists of Hindus, Creole, Chinese, Muslims and Europeans.

> Driving

People in Mauritius drive on the left-hand side of the road and give way to the right. Foreigners with a driving license issued by a Competent Authority in their respective countries are allowed to drive during their stay in Mauritius.

> Geography

Mauritius is located approximately 2000 kilometers to the south eastern coast of Africa and lies east of Madagascar on 20°5, 57.5E. The country covers an area of 1865km with 330 kilometres of coastline. Mauritius is 45km in width and 65km in length.

The West Coast

Information about Flic en Flac to be inserted

More information on tourism in Mauritius can be found at: www.tourism-mauritius.mu