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Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT: UPDATED INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE 17TH SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION

Please find attached an updated version of the Information Document for the 17th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission. The same document is also available on the IOTC website at the following link

<http://www.iotc.org/files/proceedings/2013/s/Information%20document%20FINAL.pdf>

Madame/Monsieur,

SUJET: INFORMATION SUR LA 17ÈME SESSION DE LA COMMISSION DES THONS DE L'OCÉAN INDIEN, MISE À JOUR

Veuillez trouver ci-dessous une version mise à jour, du document contenant des informations pour la 17ème Session de la Commission des Thons de l'Océan Indien. Ce document est également disponible sur le site web de la CTOI sur le lien suivant.

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Yours sincerely / Cordialement

Rondolph Payet
Executive Secretary / Secrétaire exécutif

Attachments / Pièces jointes:

- S17 Information Document / Document d'information pour S17

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Information on the 10th Session of the Compliance Committee (CoC), 10th Session of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance (SCAF), And 17th Session of the Commission (S17)

Grand Baie, Mauritius, 2-10 May 2013

1. Meetings dates and venue

The 10th Session of the Compliance Committee: 2–4 May 2013

The 17th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission: 6–10 May 20123

The 10th Session of the Standing Committee on Allocation and Finance: 7–9 May 2013

The venue of the meetings will be:

Grand Baie International Conference Centre (GBICC)

Royal Road

Grand Baie, MAURITIUS

Phone: +230 263-6624

Email: iccentre@intnet.mu

Web: <http://www.spdcmauritius.com/technical.html>

2. Contacts

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3. Registration

Please pre-register online at www.iotc.org/registration/ at your earliest convenience. This is essential to allow the Secretariat and the host country, Mauritius, to make the necessary arrangements.

4. Interpretation

The meetings will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation in the other language will be provided.

5. Travel arrangements

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and fund the expenses incurred.

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 with the exception of meeting participation fund recipients, whose accommodation will be booked by the Secretariat, are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements and fund the expenses incurred.

Please find below a list of different hotels and guesthouses in the vicinity of the meetings venue in Mauritius.

Hotel	Rates per night	Contact	Distance to venue
Le Mauricia Hotel www.lemauricia-hotel.com	. Single standard: €104 . Double standard: €138 Few rooms available for the dates 1-5 May only. Breakfast and all taxes are included. Free Wi-Fi available at the reception lobby and bar area.	E-Mail: res.ma@bchot.com Contact: Ms. Nancy Chavry	5 min Walking distance
Ventura Hotel www.hotelventura.fr	. Single room: \$65 Breakfast, Internet and all taxes are included. Few rooms available for the dates 1-5 May only.	E-Mail: ventura@intnet.mu Phone: +(230) 263 0634 Fax: + (230) 263 7479 Contact: Mr. Jean Jacques	5 min Walking distance
La Residence Cassamally http://www.teleservices.mu/info/2637521/5.html	Small establishment. No special rate negotiated. Room availability/rate to be confirmed on booking request. Kindly consult website first.	E-Mail: residence@intnet.mu	5 min Walking distance
Merville beach www.luxislandresorts.com	. Standard Rooms: \$195 Half Board and all taxes are included. Wi-Fi in room at RS 500 for whole stay. <i>Half board only</i>	E-Mail: info@mervillebeach.com Phone: +(230) 209 2200 Fax: +(230) 263 8146	1km
Hibiscus Beach Resort Spa & Dive Club www.hibiscushotel.com	. Single Superior room: \$100 . Double Superior room: \$60 per person Breakfast and dinner, Internet and all taxes are included. Payment to be made on reservation. No refunds on cancellations.	E-Mail: gm@hibiscus.intnet.mu Phone: +(230) 263 8554 Fax: +(230) 263 8553 Contact: Toshlen Bacha	1km
Auberge Miko	. Studios with double bed: \$35 for single occupancy and \$55 for double occupancy . 2 bedroom apartments (up to 4 persons): \$97 Self-catering. Wi-Fi in the reception and in some of the rooms. <i>Credit cards are not accepted</i>	E-Mail: aubergemiko@yahoo.com Phone: +(230) 263 7048 Mobile: +(230) 706 3754 Fax: +(230) 263 6701	1.5km
Bayside Lodge	. Standard Rooms: \$42 Half Board and free WI-FI internet included. Reservation deposit fee 30% apply. 70% deposit fee is reimbursed on cancellations 3 weeks before check-in.	E-Mail: book.baysidelodge@intnet.mu Contact: Natacha	2km
Casa Florida Hotel www.casaflorida.net	. Single room, Type D: \$54 . Double room, Type D:\$66 Breakfast, Internet and all taxes are included.	E-Mail: florida@intnet.mu Contact: Sweetey	5km
Seapoint Hotel www.seapointbungalows.com	. Duplex Bungalow (up to 4 persons): \$120 . First floor apartment (up to 4 persons): \$100 . Beach front studio (up to 2 persons): \$60 . Garden studio (up to 2 persons): \$50 Rates provided are for room only. Breakfast to be booked separately at \$10 per person. Internet and all taxes are included.	E-Mail: nakaloo@intnet.mu Phone: +(230) 696 4804 Fax: +(230) 686 7380 Contact: Mrs. Nakaloo	5 km
Paradise Cove Hotel www.paradisecovehotel.com	. Single Standard Rooms: \$160 . Double Standard Rooms: \$200 . Single 1001 nights Rooms: \$180 . Double 1001 nights Rooms: \$220 . Single Junior Suites: \$200 . Double Junior Suites: \$240 Breakfast, Internet and all taxes are included.	E-Mail1: resa1@pcove.mu E-Mail2: resa2@pcove.mu Phone: +(230) 204 4003 Fax: +(230) 204 4040 Contacts: Ms. Arabelle Pierre Louis and Ms. Ornella Jaune	6km
Club Med La pointe aux canoniers	. Single Standard room: \$142 Breakfast and all taxes are included. Wi-Fi available at MUR 400 per day.	E-Mail: mauccrec01@clubmed.com Tél:+230 209 10 06 Contact: Ms. Mélanie Simon	6.5km
Trou aux Biches Resort & Spa www.beachcomber-hotels.com	. Single Junior suite: \$340 . Double Junior suite: \$460 Rooms available as from 2 nd May only. Breakfast, Internet and all taxes are included.	E-Mail: resm.tb@bchot.com Phone: +(230) 204 6180 Fax: +(230) 2656611 Contact: Mr. Sylvain Petit	8km
Intercontinental Hotel http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/balaclava/mruma/hoteldetail	. Deluxe Single room: \$165 with breakfast . Deluxe Single room: \$180 with breakfast and dinner All taxes are included.	E-Mail: marielouise.hotentot@ihg.com Contact: Ms. Marie Louise Hotentot	10km



Figure 1. Localisation of the Conference Centre and of the different hotels in the Grand Baie area.

Important Notes:

Room rates are negotiated for participants to the IOTC meetings, and therefore, for all reservation, kindly mention that you are participating to the IOTC Sessions at the Grand Baie Conference Centre.

Kindly ensure that you book your accommodation as soon as possible.

Rates indicated can be adjusted depending on the exchange rates.

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)	

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	Guinea
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Democratic Republic of Congo
Madagascar
Russian Federation
Senegal
Spain

South Africa
Thailand

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>

For those participants requiring visa prior to arrival in Mauritius, the Ministry of Fisheries of Mauritius may facilitate the issue of such visa. However, the onus on the issue of visa will lay on the Passport and Immigration Office of Mauritius. The following documents would need to be forwarded by those participants to allow for the necessary processing:

- Scanned copy of the properly filled in Visa Application Form obtainable at http://passport.gov.mu/English//DOCUMENTS/VISA_%20FORM_MTIUS.PDF
- Scanned copy of the passport details of the participant;
- Scanned copy of a colour photograph of the participant;
- Scanned copies of confirmation of participation to the meeting(s) (e.g. letter of invitation from IOTC, letter from concerned authorities, letter from IOTC confirming sponsorship, etc.)
- Scanned copy of travel itinerary/schedule

For those participants who can receive visa on arrival in Mauritius, the Ministry of Fisheries of Mauritius may facilitate the issue of such visa. However, the onus on the issue of visa will lay on the Passport and Immigration Office of Mauritius. The following documents would need to be forwarded by those participants to allow for the necessary processing:

- Scanned copy of the passport details of the participant;
- Scanned copy of a colour photograph of the participant;
- Scanned copies of confirmation of participation to the meeting(s) (e.g. letter of invitation from IOTC, letter from concerned authorities, letter from IOTC confirming sponsorship, etc.)
- Scanned copy of travel itinerary/schedule

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 conference centre. 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).

The taxi fare for a transfer Airport to a hotel in Grand Baie area shall cost around 60 USD.

> 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 meeting is Smart Casual.

10. Delegates kit

All delegates will be provided with a meeting kit containing the program, documents and other materials at the registration desk on the 2nd May 2013.

11. 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.

12. Exchange Rate and Currencies

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

1 USD = 29,7514 Rs

1 EUR = 38,5688 Rs

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. International dialing code

The International dialing code for Mauritius is +230.

16. Mobile services

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

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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 North

The northern coast of the island is the place where the most development for tourism has taken place in recent years. Thanks to this work, Grand Baie has an abundance of restaurants and discotheques. The north isn't only about night life, however. It also boasts some of Mauritius' best-loved sights, including the charming red-roofed church that overlooks the lagoon at Cap Malheureux.

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