

Information on the
8th Session of the Working Party on Methods
13-15 October 2017
&
19th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas
17-22 October 2017
Mahe, Seychelles

1. Meetings dates and venue

The 8th Session of the Working Party on Methods and the 19th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas will be held as follows:

- 8th Session of the Working Party on Methods (WPM08): 13-15 October 2017
- 19th Session of the Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT19): 17-22 October 2017

The Working Parties will be hosted by:

IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

The venue of the Working Party Methods (WPM08): 13-15 October 2017 will be:

Savoy Hotel
Conference Room
Beau Vallon



**Eden Bleu Hotel
Conference Room
Eden Island**



The IOTC Secretariat contacts for the Working Parties are as follows:

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2. Registration

Registration for the Working Party meetings is essential, via the respective meeting pages:

- WPM08: <http://iotc.org/meetings/8th-working-party-methods-wpm08>
- WPTT19: <http://iotc.org/meetings/19th-working-party-tropical-tunas-wptt19>

Please register with sufficient time to allow the IOTC Secretariat ample time to make the necessary administrative arrangements.

3. Transportation

Participants are requested to make their own transportation arrangements and fund the expenses incurred from the airport to their respective hotels. Transfers will be provided to and from the meeting daily for **WPTT meeting only**.

4. IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

The participation of one representative scientist from developing Members of the IOTC to each of the meetings may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund. As per the Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications must be received by the IOTC Secretariat (secretariat@iotc.org). The deadlines for applications are as follows:

- WPM08: 27 August 2017
- WPTT19: 02 September 2017

Applications must include:

- i) An official nomination letter.
- ii) A detailed abstract of the scientific paper to be presented.
- iii) The contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his/her passport).

Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF:

<http://iotc.org/documents/indian-ocean-tuna-commission-rules-procedure-2014>.

5. Accommodation

The meeting will be held at the Eden Bleu Hotel, Conference Room, Eden Island and participants are kindly requested to make hotel bookings as early as possible.

Please find below a list of hotels with which IOTC has contracted rates. You are advised to make your bookings as early as possible.

HOTEL NAMES	ROOM RATES, ROOM TYPES & CONTACTS	
CORAL STRAND HOTEL (Beau Vallon) www.coralstrand.com	Single Standard €155 BB Double Standard €175 Please use code: IOTC2017	Mrs Mica Savy Tel: +248 4291072 Email: mail@coralstrand.sc
LE MERIDIEN FISHERMAN'S COVE (Bel Ombre) www.lemeridien.com/fishcove (Rates exclude 15% taxes)	Single Standard Room €290 Double Room €310 Please use code: IOTC2017	Jenny Seraphine Tel: +248 4677 218 Email: jenny.seraphine@lemeridien.com 20 minutes' drive to the meeting venue
SAVOY HOTEL (Beau Vallon) www.savoy.sc	Single Standard Room €260 BB Double Room €295 BB Please use code: IOTC2017	Lisette Bastienne Tel: +248 4392000 Email: bastienne@savoy.sc 20 minutes' drive to the meeting venue
COCO D'OR HOTEL (Beau vallon) www.cocodor.sc	Single Standard room €110 Double room €160 Please use code: IOTC2017	Selma Hertel Tel: +248 4247331 Email: reservations@cocodor.sc 20 minutes' drive to the meeting venue
BERJAYA BEAU VALLON BAY www.berjahotel.com Free Wi-Fi usage	Single Standard room \$135 Single Half Board \$170 Superior room \$155 Please use code: IOTC	Ms Erica Tirant Tel: +248 4287287 Email: reservation@berjaseyelles.com beauvallon.rsvn@berjahotel.com 20 minutes' drive to the meeting venue
SUN RESORT (Beau Vallon) www.sunresort.sc	Single Standard room \$115 Single Half Board \$145 Please use code: IOTC2017	Ms Flora Furneau Tel: +248 4285555 Email: sun@seychelles.net 20 minutes' drive to the meeting venue
BEAU SEJOUR HOTEL (Curio Road, Bel Air) www.seychelles.net/beausejour Free internet usage	Single room €80 Double room BB €100 Please use code: IOTC2017	Ms Francoise Shroff Tel: +248 719964 Email: beausejourhotel_sey@yahoo.com 10 minutes' drive to the meeting venue

<p>GEORGINA'S COTTAGE BEACH GUEST HOUSE</p> <p>(Beau vallon)</p> <p>www.georginascottage.sc</p>	<p>Double Room ground floor €80 BB t</p> <p>Double Room upper floor €93 BB</p> <p>Please use code: IOTC2017</p>	<p>Ms Georgina Laporte</p> <p>Tel: +248 4247016</p> <p>Email: georgina@seychelles.net</p> <p>20 minutes' drive to the meeting venue</p>
<p>BEL AIR HOTEL</p> <p>(Bel Air)</p>	<p>Single Standard Room €110</p> <p>Half Board €135</p> <p>Please use code: IOTC2017</p>	<p>Natasha Rasool</p> <p>Tel: +248 4224416</p> <p>Email: belair@seychelles.net</p> <p>5 minutes' drive to the meeting venue</p>
<p>EDEN BLEU HOTEL</p> <p>www.edenbleu.com/eden-bleu</p>	<p>Double room for single use €188</p> <p>Please use code: IOTC2017</p>	

6. Arrival and entry formalities

Seychelles is a visa-free country meaning that there are no visa requirements for any person wishing to travel to the Seychelles. However, it is to be noted that although a visa is not required prior to entering Seychelles for any nationals, they should nevertheless have in their possession a valid passport or other travel documents recognized by Seychelles to be awarded entry into the country. The passport must be valid for the period of the intended stay until arrival back in the holder's country of origin or residence.

A stay visitor's permit is issued on arrival in Seychelles to a person who comes for the purpose of holiday, business, visiting friends or family and who meet the following criteria:

- A) Is not a prohibited immigrant.
- B) Is not holder of a valid permit which entitles that holder to reside in Seychelles.
- C) Holds a valid return or onward ticket for duration of the visit.
- D) Has confirmed accommodation.
- E) Has sufficient funds for duration of the stay.

7. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is smart casual.

8. Delegates kit

All documents and other materials for the Working Party will be available through a WIFI internet network in the meeting room. It will be necessary for participants to carry a laptop with WIFI to the meeting with PDF reader software.

All meeting documents will be available on the IOTC website in advance of the meeting, at the following pages:

- WPM08: <http://iotc.org/meetings/8th-working-party-methods-wpm08>
- WPTT19: <http://iotc.org/meetings/19th-working-party-tropical-tunas-wptt19>

9. Electricity

Throughout Seychelles the voltage is 220-240 volts AC 50 Hz. Seychelles uses the British standard square three-pin, 13 amp sharp electric plug. The power sockets used are of type G.



10. Telephone service

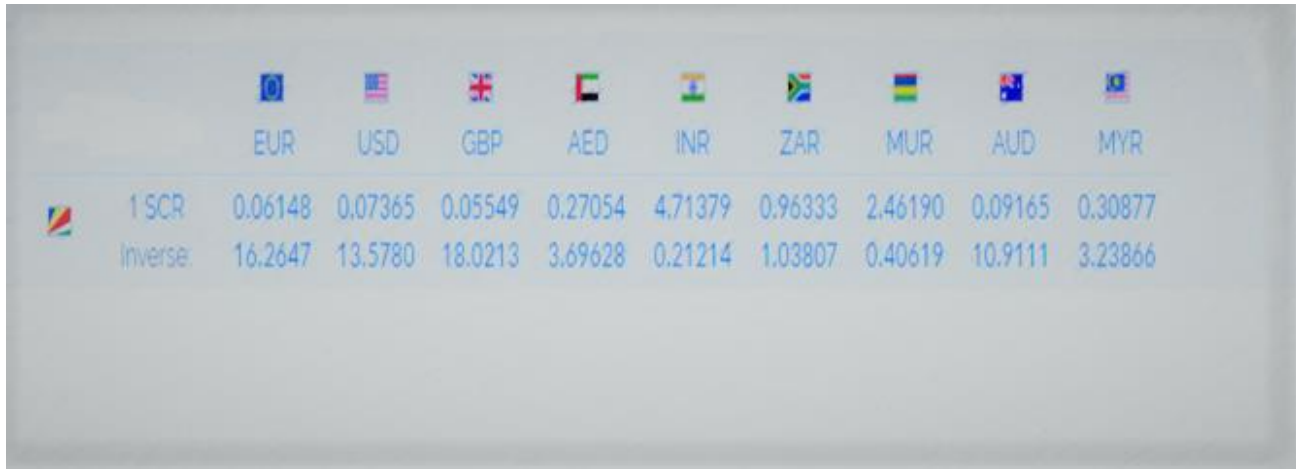
The International dialling code for Seychelles is (+248).











11. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area. Internet service outside the conference area will be at participants' own expense.

12. Currency and exchange

The currency in Seychelles is the Rupee (SCR). The current exchange rates are (as of 13 September 2017):



									
	EUR	USD	GBP	AED	INR	ZAR	MUR	AUD	MYR
 1 SCR	0.06148	0.07365	0.05549	0.27054	4.71379	0.96333	2.46190	0.09165	0.30877
Inverse	16.2647	13.5780	18.0213	3.69628	0.21214	1.03807	0.40619	10.9111	3.23866

13. Tourism

Information on tourism in Seychelles can be found on the following websites:

- <http://www.seychelles.travel/>
- <http://wikitravel.org/en/Seychelles>