



INFORMATION NOTE

For

BOBLME-IOTC 1st Workshop on connecting science and management processes (SMWS01) 25 to 27 June 2014

And

IOTC 4th Session of the Working Party on Neritic Tunas (WPNT04) 29 June to 2 July 2014

**Phuket, Thailand
2 June to 2 July 2014**

1. Meeting dates and venue:

- 1) 25 to 27 June 2014: 1st Workshop on Connecting Science and Management Processes (SMWS01);
- 2) 28th June to 2nd July 2014: 4th Working Party on Neritic Tunas.

The venue of the meeting will be :

The Workshop will be held at “Siam B and C”

Novotel Phuket Resort

282 Phrabaramee Road, Patong, Kathu , Phuket, Thailand

Tel: (66) 0 76 342 777 Fax: (66) 0 76 341 110.

Hotel website: <http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-1965-novotel-phuketresort/index.shtml>

2. Travel arrangements and Accommodation:

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and fund the expenses incurred, unless funded via the IOTC Meeting Participant fund. NOTE: Recipients of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund should **NOT** book their own accommodation. This is will booked and paid for by the IOTC Secretariat.

All participants are **STRONGLY** encouraged to stay at the meeting venue. The hotel features all the amenities of a premium beachfront property. A very good room rate for meeting participants is being offered (single/twin room THB 2200 net.). Please confirm your travel dates with the Secretariat and our local contacts will book your room.

3. Getting there:

Participants can take a public taxi from the airport. The price should be around 750 Baht. It is recommended that you take the “meter taxi” as they tend to be cheaper than the non meter taxis. To get to the meter taxi kiosk, as soon as you walk out of the airport to open air, turn right and walk straight. The clearly labelled meter taxi kiosk is less than a 100 meters away. A hotel map and instructions for the taxi driver in Thai language are attached for your assistance. The hotel can provide an airport pick-up if required. Please see the attached hotel registration form for details.



Location of the meeting Venue and Accommodation

For Taxi:

โรงแรมโนโวเทล ป่าตอง

282 ถนนพระบารมี ภูเก็ต

โทร. 076-342 777

4. Contact:

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5. Arrival and entry formalities

Participants should make their own arrangements for their entry visa in Thailand and it is recommended to do so as soon as possible.

What are the requirements for entering Thailand?

Visa-Free Short Visit

48 countries and 1 special administrative region - Hong Kong SAR - are not required to obtain a visa when entering Thailand for tourism purposes and will be permitted to stay in the Kingdom for a period of not exceeding 30 days on each visit. Foreigners entering Thailand under the Tourist Visa Exemption category must possess adequate finances for the duration of stay in Thailand (i.e., cash 10,000 Baht per person and 20,000 Baht per family).

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| 1. Australia | 26. New Zealand |
| 2. Austria | 27. Norway |
| 3. Belgium | 28. Oman |
| 4. Brazil (****) | 29. Peru (****) |
| 5. Bahrain | 30. Philippines |
| 6. Brunei Darussalam | 31. Portugal |
| 7. Canada | 32. Qatar |
| 8. Denmark | 33. Singapore |
| 9. Finland | 34. Spain |
| 10. France | 35. South Africa |
| 11. Germany | 36. Sweden |
| 12. Greece | 37. Switzerland |
| 13. Hong Kong | 38. Turkey |
| 14. Iceland | 39. United Arab Emirates |
| 15. Indonesia | 40. United Kingdom |
| 16. Ireland | 41. United States of America |
| 17. Israel | 42. Vietnam |
| 18. Italy | 43. Czech |
| 19. Japan | 44. Hungary |
| 20. Korea (****) | 45. Liechtenstein |
| 21. Kuwait | 46. Poland |
| 22. Luxembourg | 47. Slovak |
| 23. Malaysia | 48. Slovenia |
| 24. Monaco | |
| 25. Netherlands | |

(****)Thailand holds bilateral agreements on visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, official and ordinary passports for a visit of not exceeding 90 days with Brazil, the Republic of Korea and Peru. Therefore, nationals of these 3 countries are exempted from visa requirements and are permitted to enter and stay in Thailand for a period of not exceeding 90 days.

Visa on Arrival Facility (VOA)

The passport holders from 28 countries and territories may apply for visas at the immigration checkpoints for the purpose of tourism for the period of not exceeding 15 days. The applicants should submit the application form duly filled out and to which his/her recent photograph (4 x 6 cm) is attached. The application fee is 1,000 Baht.

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| 1. Bhutan | |
| 2. China | 16. Russian Federation |
| 3. Cyprus | 17. Saudi Arabia |
| 4. Czech | 18. Slovakia |
| 5. Estonia | 19. Slovenia |
| 6. Hungary | 20. Uzbekistan |
| 7. India | 21. Ukraine |
| 8. Kazakhstan | 22. Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia |
| 9. Latvia | 23. Taiwan |
| 10. Liechtenstein | 24. Bulgaria |
| 11. Lithuania | 25. Andorra |
| 12. Maldives | 26. Malta |
| 13. Mauritius | 27. Romania |
| 14. Oman | 28. San Marin |
| 15. Poland | |

DIPLOMATIC / OFFICIAL VISA

- Upon official request, Thai Embassies and Consulates-General may grant visas to diplomatic or official passport-holders who wish to assume duties at a foreign Diplomatic Mission or Consulate or International Organization in the Kingdom and to their family members.
- Supporting documents are Note Verbal and/or documents issued by the foreign government or international organization, certifying the identity of the person concerned and his/her purposes while residing in the Kingdom.

6. Electricity

Thailand uses 220 Volt for its electricity. The electrical outlet has:



7. Telephone services

International dialing code:

The International dialing code for Phuket, Thailand is +66

8. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area as well as in hotel rooms.