

Information on the IOTC Stock Assessment Workshop and IOTC Connecting Science and Management Workshop

Cape Town, South Africa

1. Meetings dates and venue

Two workshops dealing with understand stock assessment models with emphasis on tuna and connecting science to management are the following:

- IOTC Stock Assessment Workshop: 15-19th September 2012
- IOTC Science and Management Workshop: 19th-22nd September 2012

The venue of the Working Parties will be:

Victoria Junction Hotel (<http://www.proteahotels.com/hotels/Pages/protea-hotel-victoria-junction.aspx>),
Waterfront
Cape Town 8001
South Africa.

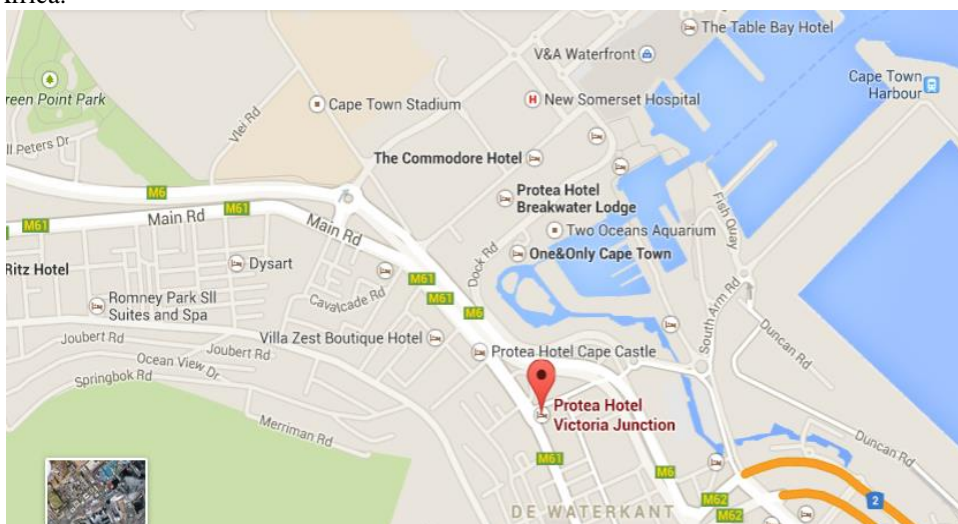


Figure 1. Map of Cape Town indicating the venue.

2. Contacts

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

Mr. Rishi Sharma: rishi.sharma@iotc.org
Ms. Claudia Marie: claudia.marie@iotc.org
Mr. Steven Ciocca: steven.ciocca@iotc.org

The contacts for these meetings in South Africa are :

Ms. Linda Schultz: LindaSC@daff.gov.za

Getting to Cape Town:

Cape Town is a two hours flight from Johannesburg, which has direct links with most major cities around the world.

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

3. Arrival and entry formalities

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

What are the requirements for entering South Africa?

- A passport or travel document valid for no less than 30 days after the expiry of your intended visit
- At least one blank page in your passport
- A valid visa, if required
- A return or onward ticket
- Yellow fever certificates are required if the journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.
- Proof of financial means to pay for your living expenses while in South Africa

Depending on your nationality, and the purpose and duration of your visit, you may not need a visa to visit South Africa. Please see here the list of countries that are exempt of visa:

<http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/Counties%20Exempy%20from%20SA%20Visaa.html>

If you are not exempt of visa to enter South Africa, please check the list of South African offices abroad for information on where to apply in your country: http://www.dirco.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm.

If you are applying for a visa you will need the following additional:

- A completed Form BI-84 (application for a visa): <http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/PDF/immigration/bi-84.pdf>
- A letter of invitation (please contact Ms. Linda Schutltz if you need such a letter)

4. Transportation

Some hotels can provide taxi services from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the venue at the expenses of the participants. However, most of the recommended hotels are in close vicinity of the venue. Care hire companies are available at the airport (Europcar, Avis, Tempest, Budget). Public transport in and around Cape Town includes taxis, buses and trains.

5. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

6. Delegates kit

All documents and other materials for the Working Party will be available through a WIFI intranet network in the meeting room. It is then necessary for the participants to carry a laptop with WIFI to the meeting with a PDF reader software, have R installed as well as MS Office with Excel and VB.Net for Applications in Excel. Moreover, the documents will be available on the IOTC (www.iotc.org) :

7. Electricity

Electricity in South Africa is 220/230 volts AC, 50 Hertz. It is recommended to delegates to bring adequate adaptors with them. Most hotel rooms have 100 volts outlets for electric shavers and appliances.



8. Telephone service

International dialling code

The International dialling code for South Africa is +27

Mobile services:

There are four mobile service operators, Vodacom, MTN, Cell C and 8ta and they can be found on arrival at the airport. They offer SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

9. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area.

Internet service at hotels and outside the conference area will be at participants' own expense.

10. Currency and exchange

The currency in South Africa is the Rand (ZAR). The current exchange rates are (20/06/2012):

1 USD = R10.68

1 British Pound = R17.63

1 Euro = R14.06

To exchange cheques for cash at foreign exchange dealers, you must present a valid passport.

Changing foreign currency or travellers cheques can be processed at banks (Absa, FNB, Nedbank, Standard Bank) throughout South Africa or at licensed money changers such as Bidvest.

All major credit cards can be used in South Africa, with American Express and Diners Club enjoying less universal acceptance than MasterCard and Visa.

11. Tourism

Information on tourism in South Africa can be found on the following website:

- South African Tourism: www.southafrica.net
- South Africa.info: www.southafrica.info
- Lonely Planet: www.lonelyplanet.com/south-africa

Information on Cape Town can be found at:

- Cape Town Tourism: www.capetown.travel/ and www.tourismcapetown.co.za