

Information on the 17th Session of the IOTC Scientific Committee Seychelles, 8–12 December 2014

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10th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics 2-4 December 2014

5th Working Party on Methods 5-6 December 2014

1. Meeting dates and venue

- The 17th Session of the Scientific Committee will be held from the 8–12 December 2014, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily
- The 10th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics will be held from the 2–4 of December 2014 from 09:00 to 17:00 daily
- The 5th Working Party on Methods will be held from the 5–6 of December 2014 from 09:00 to 17:00 daily

The venue of the meetings will be:

Eden Bleu Hotel
Conference Room
Eden Island



Location of Eden Bleu Hotel (Eden Island)

2. Contacts

Secretariat contacts for the meeting are:

Administrative: Hava Yakub: hava.yakub@iotc.org

Administrative: Gloria Lorient: gloria.lorient@iotc.org

Science-based: Dr David Wilson: david.wilson@iotc.org

3. Registration

Please pre-register online at your earliest convenience for the following events:

- Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics: <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/10th-working-party-data-collection-and-statistics>
- Working Party on Methods: <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/5th-working-party-methods>
- Scientific Committee: <http://www.iotc.org/meetings/17th-scientific-committee>

4. Travel arrangements and accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and fund the expenses incurred. Participants are **advised to make their reservations in the hotel of their choice as early as possible.**

Information on possible accommodation on Mahé Island is provided below, however there are numerous hotels, B&Bs and guest house accommodation options on Mahe and within 20 minutes of the meeting venue (see tripadvisor.com). All rates are on a bed and breakfast basis in single occupancy.

| Hotels | Rates | Contact | Notes |
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| Eden Bleu Hotel (4 star) www.edenbleu.com/ | €200 standard room (IOTC rate) | IOTC Administration hava.yakub@iotc.org | Meeting venue |
| Coral Strand Hotel (3 star) www.coralstrand.com | €140 standard room (IOTC rate) | Gina rd@coralstrand.sc | 20 minutes by car to meeting venue |
| Panorama Guest House www.panorama-guesthouse.com | €75 standard room (IOTC rate) | Mary panorama@seychelles.net | 20 minutes by car to meeting venue |
| Hotel Le Surmer (2 star) www.lesurmerhotel.com | €150 standard room €280 double room (IOTC rate) | Ms.Lina lesurmer@seychelles.net | 10 minutes by car to meeting venue |
| Coco D'Or Hotel (3 star) www.cocodor.sc | €108 standard room €155 double room (IOTC rate) | Ms. Veronique Renault vero@cocodor.sc | 20 minutes by car to meeting venue |
| Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Hotel (3.5 star) www.berjayahotel.com | \$148 standard room \$188 superior room (IOTC rate) | Ms. Jeanne Mondon reservation@berjayaseychelles.com | 20 minutes by car to meeting venue |
| Sun Resort (3 star) www.sunresort.sc | €90 standard room (IOTC rate) | Ms. Flora Furneau sun@seychelles.net | 20 minutes by car to meeting venue |

5. Credentials

Letter of Credentials (Contracting Parties & Cooperating Non-contracting Parties (CPCs)):

Noting that Rule XI.2, Appendix IV, para. 3 of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) states that:

“The Scientific Committee shall be constituted of scientists; each Member of the Commission shall have the right to appoint a representative and an alternate, if needed, both with suitable scientific qualifications, who may be accompanied by experts and advisers.”

and pursuant to Rule III of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014), I request that each CPC provide a letter of credentials signed by the appropriate Authority indicating who will attend the meeting and in what capacity, no later than 15 days before the Session (**23 November 2014**) to secretariat@iotc.org and a hard copy at the commencement of the Session. The letter of credentials may be drafted as follows (from Appendix I of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014)):

LETTER OF CREDENTIALS

Dear IOTC Executive Secretary,

Upon instructions of [the Head of state, the head of government, the minister for foreign affairs or the minister concerned] I wish to inform you that [name of IOTC Contracting Party (Member)] will participate in the [...Number...] Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) [and/or any Committee of the Commission] and will be represented by the following delegation (or by [Title and Name] if the delegation is constituted by one person):

[Title and Name] – Head of delegation

[Title and Name] – Alternate

[Title and Name] – Expert

[Title and Name] – Adviser

[Title and Name], Head of Delegation or, in his/her absence, the alternate or any other member of the Delegation designated by him/her, is authorised to fully take part in the proceedings of the Session and take, on behalf of the Government (or Authority concerned for Regional Economic Integration Organisation e.g. EU) of [name of IOTC Member], any action or any decision required in relation with this Session.

.....Signature.....

[on behalf of, Head of state, the head of government, the minister for foreign affairs or the minister concerned]

Letter of Credentials (Invited Experts and Observers):

Delegates wishing to attend the meeting as Invited Experts or pre-approved IOTC Observers are also requested to submit a similar Letter of Credentials, no later than 15 days before the Session (**23 November 2014**) to secretariat@iotc.org and a hard copy at the commencement of the Session.

6. Funding

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)- For SC17 Only

Travel assistance :

The participation of developing CPCs of IOTC can be supported through the Assistance Fund established under Part VII of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement of the United Nations (UNFSA), and for non-signatories of the UNFSA, through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund.

1) Assistance Fund – Part VII of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement of the United Nations (UNFSA):

Information and application procedure to the Assistance Fund of the UNFSA, can be found at http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fishstocktrustfund/fishstocktrustfund.htm.

2) Meeting Participation Fund:

Financial support for participants from developing CPCs is also available through the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), established through IOTC Resolution 10/05, and now contained in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014). As the main goal of the MPF is to increase the participation of scientists of developing CPCs to scientific meetings of IOTC, applications to the MPF will only be considered if the applicant is eligible and intends to produce a National Report to be presented at the meeting.

As per the Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications should be received **no later than the dates indicated below**, at secretariat@iotc.org and should include:

- i) an official nomination letter with request of support signed by the director of fisheries or any other relevant authority;
- ii) a National Report to be presented at the SC meeting, or a working paper to the WPDCS10 and WPM05, (following the format referred to above); and
- iii) the contact details of the nominee with a copy of his/her passport).

Please note that the MPF is currently limited and contingent on additional funds being received either via savings from the FAO ICRU, other regular budget savings or extra budgetary contributions.

Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014). <http://iotc.org/documents/indian-ocean-tuna-commission-rules-procedure-2014>

Applicants are required to apply for funding as soon as possible, but not later than the following:

- WPDCS10 & WPM05: **18 October 2014**
- SC17: **24 October 2014**

7. Deadlines

Please also note the following deadlines for the SC17 meeting:

- **9 September 2014:** 90 days pre-Meeting. Meeting announcement by email from the Chair of the SC and by IOTC Circular from the Executive Secretary.
- **9-October-2014:** 60 days pre-Meeting. Deadline for comments on draft agenda by participants to be provided to the Secretariat.
- **10-October-2014:** Secretariat to circulate the revised draft agenda, if necessary.
- **24-October-2014:** 45 days pre-meeting. Deadline for applications to the Meeting Participation Fund in accordance with the Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC meeting participation fund.
- **8-November-2014:** 30 days pre-meeting. Deadline for participants to notify the Secretariat of papers being submitted to the meeting.
- **9-November-2014:** Secretariat to circulate draft Annotated Agenda.

- **23-November-2014:** 15 days pre-meeting. Deadline for meeting papers to be submitted to the Secretariat by participants, including National Reports.
- **24-November-2014:** Secretariat to circulate revised draft Annotated Agenda.
- **8-December-2014:** Start of SC17, Victoria, Seychelles.

Note: All documents, essential to develop potential recommendations by the SC, should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 15 days prior to the start of the SC meeting and be posted to the IOTC website. If such documents could not be submitted 15 days prior, the relevant author(s) should notify the Secretariat and SC Chair, who will inform CPCs of the pending late document. Documents not requiring a decision/recommendation by the SC, can only be provided to the Secretariat prior to the commencement of the SC, and would be considered 'information' documents.

8. Arrival and entry formalities

All foreign delegates are required to possess a valid passport (validity for at least 6 months) to enter the Seychelles.

No entry Visa is required for Seychelles. A *visitor's permit* is issued at the airport on the provision of the following information by travellers:

- Proof of having a valid return air ticket
- Proof and address of accommodation in Seychelles
- Sufficient funds to support the travellers stay in Seychelles

Please check the following link for more information: (<http://www.virtualeyelles.sc/>)

9. Transportation

Participants should make their own airport transfer and other transport arrangements between their hotel and the meeting venue.

Taxis are readily available at the airport and the cost of transportation from the Airport to the city centre or meeting venue should be around SCR250 or €15. From the airport to Beau Vallon the price range is SCR500 or €30. Most taxis are not metered and it is advised to confirm the price before entering the taxi.

10. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

11. General information about Seychelles

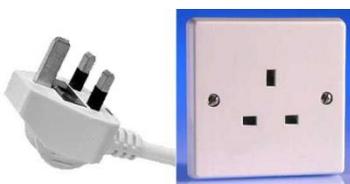
Seychelles is an archipelago comprising of 115 islands, with a collective landmass of 455km², surrounded by a vast oceanic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of 1.3 million km². The islands are located in the western Indian Ocean, between latitudes 40°–100° South and longitudes 46°–56° East. The nearest neighbours are Madagascar and the great continent of Africa. Victoria is the capital city on the main island Mahé.

In general the weather in Seychelles is warm and humid, averaging 29°C throughout the year with more rain around November to end of January. Summer clothes are worn throughout the year.

The Rupee is the currency of Seychelles. It is divisible into 100 cents. At the moment (11/09/14) the rate is 1€ = 16.79 Seychelles Rupee (SCR), or USD\$1 = 13.00 Seychelles Rupee (SCR). All major currencies are exchangeable at banks and hotels and there are several Forex bureaus in Victoria.

12. Electricity

Electricity in Seychelles is 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. Plugs are usually “British” type.



13. Telephone service

International dialling code:

The International dialling code for Seychelles is +248

Mobile services:

Two operators are offering SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

14. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in and around the conference area and internet service at hotels will be at participants own expense.

15. Tourism

Information on tourism and other information can also be found at the following website: (<http://www.virtualeychelles.sc/>).

Special Corporate IOTC Offer



Booking date: as from 17th October

Stay period: from 30th November—20th December 2014

Rate: On bed & breakfast per room per night incl. wifi

- Single standard ocean view at EUR140
- Double/twin standard ocean view at EUR200
- Guaranteed early check in at 50% of room rate including breakfast.
- **Dinner rate:** EUR27 per person per night

Airport Transfer: Standard private transfer @ 40 Euros one way - Return @ 80 Euros for maximum 2 person [The same rate applicable for One person]. *Only 20 minutes drive.*

- **Booking code:** IOTC

CONTACT: Gina on rd@coralstrand.sc OR tel: +248 4291074

www.coralstrand.com

Special IOTC Offer!

Catamaran cruise at only EUR60 per person every Saturday! Includes drinks & snacks as well as snorkeling gear.



CORAL STRAND
— Hotel in Seychelles —



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ENTERTAINMENT

Eden Casino

The perfect place to go if you are feeling lucky or simply want to relax with a drink after a long day. The casino hosts a range of facilities from roulette, black jack and poker tables to slot machines. Its opening hours are from 12pm to 4am Mon to Sun.



Eden Art Gallery

An art gallery owned by local artist Camille Mondon, Eden Art Gallery provides the ideal place to exhibit, appreciate and purchase works of art by local artists and sculptors. They also run a framing service. In addition to this they would like to host cocktail receptions in the future.



Le Havanna

The Havana is open daily from 11am to midnight, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday until 2am! Restoration until 23h00 every night! Come and taste our salads, Paninis, Burgers, Pizzas, Wraps, Pastry of the day from the House, Ice Cream and Cocktails and especially our plates of Tapas! Come appreciate the atmosphere at the Bar or Lounge Terrace with our superior alcohols and Cuban cigars!



Porto Cervo Restaurant

Italian and Pan-Asian restaurant. Pizzas are cooked in their specialist wood fired oven, but dishes also include pasta, udon noodles and local seafood. They also have an array of Italian desserts. Opening times are from 12pm to 12am. The restaurant also boasts an extensive cocktail menu and has shisha pipes with cocktail inspired infusions. The weekends are particularly lively with DJs playing music in the outside seating area.

Aquarium

Under construction. Soon to be opened.

La Belle Epoque

A beautifully decorated French restaurant with specialties such as Braised Osso Bucco Milanaise Style served with Tagliatelle and Tartar Red Snapper, Salmo.



FOOD & WINE

Foodmart

FoodMart is a modern grocery supermarket with a takeaway that supplies lunch and dinner, a bakery, a sushi bar, a butchery, as well as fresh and dairy produce. FoodMart pride themselves on providing high quality products at competitive prices.



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Kreol Wines

Kreol Wines is a boutique wine shop based at Eden Plaza, Eden Island, Seychelles. We specialise in award-winning wines, sourced from independent wineries.



Eden Ice Cream

Sells Seychellois ice creams in a range of exotic flavours such as hazelnut, passion fruit and Takamaka rum and raisin. They also sell birthday cakes, milkshakes, smoothies and crepes. Eden Ice Cream is open till late seven days a week.



Sey si bon

The 1st Seychelles Crepes & Smoothies bar!

Located in the new marina mall Eden Plaza on Eden Island, the shop propose fresh juices and smoothies,

famous french crepes, wrap sandwiches and lots more delicious food and drinks. All freshly made and healthy!



La Casa Del Puro

Cuban Cigar Shop & Members Club



FASHION & FOOTWEAR

Fabrice

Fabrice has taken the model of an airport duty free shop according to the owner. On its shelves you can find brand perfumes, watches, make up, cards and lotions.



Exotica Hair Creation

Owned by local entrepreneur Suzie Pierre the salon moved from Union Vale

to Eden Island. The salon is staffed by a team of professional stylists and colourists. The salon uses and sells L'oreal products and caters to both European and Afro hair. The salon offers a mobile service and bridal packages

Forever Young

Forever Young stock a selection of jewellery, accessories for women, beachwear for men and women, beach bags, tunics and flip-flops for men, women and children. Forever Young also stock baby clothes for children aged between 6 months and 3 years.



JAYNE

Jayne retails European designer clothes stocking brands such as Pomandere (Italian), Antik Batik (French), Humanoid (Danish) and Linda Farrow (British). In addition to clothes it also sells bags, jewellery, shoes, nail polish, candles, scarves, belts and purses.

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Petites Folies Seychelles

Petite Folies primarily sells beachwear for women. Its merchandise includes jewellery, accessories, hats, bags, shoes and colourful Seychelles souvenirs.



Les Folies de Mahe

Stockist of women's fashions from France and Italy and is aimed at the elegant tourist or Seychellois woman who loves fashion. As well as clothing Les Folies de Mahe also sells bags, casual wear, beachwear, jewellery, belts and hats.



CROCS

Stockist of CROCS shoes and accessories.



Billabong

Stockist of Billabong clothing, footwear and accessories.



Sous le Soleil Boutique

Stocks Madagascan brand Maki and Monaco based brand Banana Moon. It sells Maki casual wear for men, women and children and Banana Moon swimwear in sizes 36 to 44 for women and age 4 to 10 for girls. Other products available include hats, bags, towels, purses and local jewellery.



Beyond the Sea Fashion Eyewear

Not only do we give first class optometric service with state of the art cutting edge technology but we also have the know how of making glasses according to very high German standards. Our service is friendly and efficient and we will always go the extra mile for our clients.

Portofino Fashion & Accessories

Set up by the same Italian Seychellois behind Riccardo Carbognin in Victoria, Portofino sells clothes, bags and shoes by young aspiring Italian designers. It also retails a range of authentic designer eyewear by Chanel and Ray Ban and sterling silver jewellery.



Quatres Epices

Quatre Espices Boutique specialises in Havaianas flipflops for men, women and children. In addition it sells sun tan lotions, beachwear, bags, shoes for women and Vilebrequin shorts for men.



La Palme D'Ore Boutique

La Palm D'or are stockists of Seychelles souvenirs including the Coco de Mer. You can find mugs, fridge



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magnets and T-shirts emblazoned with Seychelles on. In addition there is a range of beachwear and footwear for men, women and children.

Jouel

The marina-themed boutique portrays the essence of JOUEL, combining the sleek lines of a super yacht together with the fine touches of a jewellery emporium. Available is a selection of luxury jewellery from the six JOUEL branded collections: tanzanite, mystique, allure, tropical, the white fire and splash collections.



FINANCIAL

JPL Exchange Seychelles Ltd

This is a foreign exchange service and you can buy phone credit for Cable and Wireless and Airtel. It also serves as a base for VDS Marine, offering yacht brokerage and charter.



MCB Bank Seychelles

A branch of the Mauritian bank staffed by Seychellois. It provides most of the services available at the main branch in Victoria such as a moneygram service, withdrawals and the opening of accounts.



Nouvabanq

Nouvabanq has been providing the people and business community of Seychelles with comprehensive, first class banking services since 1991.



HEALTH & BEAUTY

Exotic Scents

Exotic Scents are a Seychellois company that produce and manufacture their own line of glycerin and oil based soaps, creams, oils, bath salts, bath bombs and Jewellery diffusers. The owners also have a shop in Victoria called J & M

Boutique that sells crafts, jewellery and a range of body products. Their products are supposed to be especially good for skin allergies such as eczema.

X-Trim Gym

Under construction. Opening soon.

Holistic Spa

Luxurious spa which offers a wide variety of massages, facials and body treatments.



German Dental Clinic

Offering all dental procedures including emergencies.

Open Monday – Friday from 09h00 – 17h00



Euromedical Family Clinic

Multi-speciality medical center with General

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Practitioner, Physician, Paediatric, Gynaecological and Orthopaedic consultations. Full range of laboratory services.



Dr. Choi - Chiropractic

Uses alternative medicine.



OFFICES

Consulate of Belgium

Honorary consul of Belgium in Seychelles.

Open Monday - Friday from 08h30 - 16h00

Africa Parfums Ltd.

Administrative headquarter for a distribution company, dedicated to the exclusive sale of perfumes and cosmetics throughout Africa.



Trop-X

The licensed multi-asset, multi-currency securities exchange of the Seychelles, providing for and regulating the trading of equities, debit, derivatives.



SERVICES

Eden Plaza Laundry

The laundry provides washing, drying ironing and dry cleaning services. They also provide an express service where clothes can be washed, dried and ironed within two to four hours. All items are cleaned using high-end Sri Lankan detergents and softeners.



Cellular Services (Pty) Ltd (Samsung Brand Shop)

Cellular Services is a Samsung retailer selling electronic goods such as TVs, mobile phones, laptops and cameras; as well as electrical appliances such as

Washing machines, fridges and air conditioning units.



The Playroom

A place for children between 8 months and 10 years to go and play under supervision.



Outdoor living



Masons Travel

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YACHTING

Moorings Seychelles Ltd & Sunsail Seychelles Ltd

Base boat and skippers sailing yacht chargers.



Elegant Yachting

The Seychelles well known yachting and fishing specialist is offering bespoke fishing adventures, having nothing to compare with regular package holidays.



Exclusive Yacht Services Ltd

The official dealer of Ferretti Group, Chris Craft, Boston Whaler and Ultra Anchors in the Seychelles, Providers of the highest European standard products and knowledge in maritime business.

Manta Dive Shop

Diving and snorkelling excursions including diving courses and equipment rental.

