Information on Working Party on Neritic Tunas Seychelles, 21–24 June 2016

1. Meeting dates and venue

• The Working Party on Neritic Tuna will be held from the 21–24 June 2016, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily

The venue of the meetings will be: Coral Strand Hotel

Meeting Room



Location of Indian Ocean Tuna Commission

2. Contacts

Secretariat contacts for the meeting are:

Administrative: Hava Yakub: <u>hava.yakub@iotc.org</u> Administrative: Mirose Govinden: <u>mirose.govinden@iotc.org</u> Administrative: Lindy Rene: <u>lindy.rene@iotc.org</u>

3. Registration

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

• Working Party on Neritic Tuna: <u>http://iotc.org/meetings/6th-working-party-neritic-tunas-wpnt06</u>

4. Travel arrangements and accommodation

All participants have been booked at the Coral Strand Hotel and the meeting will be taking place at the same venue.

5. 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.virtualseychelles.sc/)

6. 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 $\triangleleft 5$. From the airport to Beau Vallon the price range is SCR500 or $\triangleleft 30$. Most taxis are not metered and it is advised to confirm the price before entering the taxi.

7. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

8. General information about Seychelles

Seychelles is an archipelago comprising of 115 islands, with a collective landmass of 455km^2 , 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 $1 \in = 16.79$ 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.

9. Electricity

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



10. 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.

11. Internet

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

12. Tourism

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