



## 19<sup>th</sup> Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS19)

28 November-02 December 2023

and

26<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee Meeting (SC26)

4-8 December 2023

MUMBAI, INDIA

Hosted by



**Government of India  
Ministry of Fisheries,  
Animal Husbandry & Dairying  
Department of Fisheries**

### 1. Meeting dates and venue

The WPDCS will be held from the 28 November-02 December 2023, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily. The Scientific Committee Meeting will be held from the 4-8 December 2023, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

The venue of the meetings will be

**[The St. Regis Mumbai](#)**



Reservation link for The St. Regis **[Book your group rate for Ministry of Fisheries Group](#)**

### 2. Contacts

The contact at the IOTC Secretariat is: [IOTC-Secretariat@fao.org](mailto:IOTC-Secretariat@fao.org)

**Administration:** Mirose Govinden [Mirose.Govinden@fao.org](mailto:Mirose.Govinden@fao.org)  
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### 3. IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

#### ***IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)***

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 (2022).

The IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications should be received at [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org) **no later than 14 October 2023 for WPDCS and 20 October 2023 for SC.**

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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 ([2022](#)):

Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2022) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF:

## 4. Arrival and entry formalities

Foreign nationals wanting to travel to India need to possess a passport of their country and a valid India visa. Indian visa can be obtained quickly and simply without having to send your passport to the India Embassy by applying for eVisa online. E-Visas can be used for tourism, recreation, sightseeing, casual business, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, or short duration medical treatment. For further information regarding visa, please visit this [link](#).

### Contact persons in INDIA for VISA facilitation

Mr Pratap Reddy: [reddy.pratap@nic.in](mailto:reddy.pratap@nic.in)

Dr Tarun Kumar Singh: [tarunkr.singh@gov.in](mailto:tarunkr.singh@gov.in)

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Please kindly fill in the attached [form](#) and send to the contact persons in India for Visa Facilitation

## 5. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

For further information regarding Health advice please [click here](#)

## 6. Accommodation

For accommodation options please kindly refer [here](#)

## 7. Transportation

Airport transfers to the hotel venue and return and nearby hotels will be available for delegates. **Please kindly fill in the form [here](#) and send all details directly to Mr Sagar Kuveskar, directly, Mob. +918928520122 / +919702023654; [sagar.kuveskar14@gmail.com](mailto:sagar.kuveskar14@gmail.com)**

### Mode of Transportation in Mumbai

#### Ola Cab application

[For Android](#)

[For Apple](#)

#### Uber Cab application

[For Android](#)

[For Apple](#)

## 8. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

## 9. Interpretation

The meeting will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation in the other language will be provided.

## 10. Electricity

The voltage in India is 220 volts.

In India the power plugs and sockets are of type C, D and M. Check out the following pictures.

**Type C:** also known as the standard "Euro" plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F.



**Type D:** mainly used in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and some African countries. This socket only works with plug D.



**Type M:** looks like plug D, but with larger pins. This socket only works with plug M.



## 11. Internet

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

## 12. Currency

INDIAN RUPEE EXCHANGE RATES TABLE		
Top 10 Indian Rupee	1.00 INR	Oct 27, 2023 12:47 UTC inv. 1.00 INR
US Dollar	0.012013	83.241878
Euro	0.011394	87.766555
British Pound	0.009908	100.923604
Australian Dollar	0.018922	52.849016
Canadian Dollar	0.016604	60.226119
Singapore Dollar	0.016471	60.713895
Swiss Franc	0.010824	92.383418
Malaysian Ringgit	0.057403	17.420657
Japanese Yen	1.800914	0.555274
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	0.087482	11.430865

## 13. Tourism, Climate and Additional Information

Information on tourism and other information are available at:

[Home](#) | [Ministry of Tourism](#) | [Government of India](#)