



May 2024 Sessions of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (CoC21, SCAF21, TCMP08, S28) Bangkok, Thailand, 05 – 17 May 2024.



The venue of the meetings will be:

Swissotel Bangkok Ratchada

https://www.swissotel.com/hotels/bangkok-ratchada/



1. CONTACTS

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2. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES (VISA)

For the summary of Countries and Territories entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival to Thailand, please kindly follow the link below: <u>Visa Information</u>

3. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Hotel	Address	Distance	Room rate
Swissotel	Address: 204 Rachadapisek Road, Huay Kwang,	0 m.	Start from
Bangkok	Bangkok 10320, Thailand		2,900 to 4,500
Ratchada	Phone: +66 2694 2222		Baht/night
	Email: bangkok-ratchada@swissotel.com		_
	Booking link:		
	https://www.cognitoforms.com/SwissotelBangk		
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Ibis Styles	Address: 212 Ratchadaphisek Road, Huai	92 m.	Start from
Bangkok	Khwang, 10310 Bangkok, Thailand		1,800
Ratchada	Phone: + 66 2820 8888		Baht/night
	E-mail: <u>HA9G9@accor.com</u>		_
	Website:		
	https://ibisstylesbangkokratchada.com/		
The Emerald	Address: 99/1 Rachadapisek Road, Din Daeng,	400 m.	Start from
Hotel	Bangkok 10400 Thailand		2,600
	Phone: +66 2276 4567		Baht/night
	E-mail: info@emeraldhotel.com		
	Website: https://www.emeraldhotel.com/		
Movenpick	Address: 47 Sukhumvit Soi 15, Sukhumvit Road,	5.4 km.	Start from
Hotel	Klong Toey Nuea, Wattana, 10110 Bangkok,	(close MRT	3,100
Sukhumvit 15	Thailand	Sukhumvit	Baht/night
Bangkok	Phone: +66 2119 3100	station,	
	Email: hotel.sukhumvit15@movenpick.com	around 750	
	Website:	m.)	
	https://www.movenpickbangkoksukhumvit15.c		
	om/rooms-suites/		
Grand Center	Address: 100 Wireless Road, Lumpini,	6 km.	Start from
Point	Patumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand.	(close BTS	3,500
Ploenchit	Phone: +66 2055 9000	Ploenchit	Baht/night
	Email:		

4. TRANSPORTATION

The following information relates to transport from the airport into the city.

1. From Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the meeting venue:

<u>Taxi</u>

The public taxi stand is located on Level 1 (Ground Level). Take the lane for Regular Taxi and get a ticket queue number. Then proceed to the taxi lane following the number indicated on the ticket. Taxi fare is based on metered taxi fare plus 50 Baht airport surcharge. It costs around 300 – 400 Bath (Cash Only), excluding expressway charges, from airport to the hotel.

2. From Don Muang International Airport to the meeting venue:

<u>Taxi</u>

The public taxi stand is located on the 1st Floor. Take the lane for Regular Taxi and get a ticket queue number. Then proceed to the taxi lane following the number indicated on the ticket. Taxi fare is based on metered taxi fare plus 50 Baht airport surcharge. It costs around 200 – 250 Bath (Cash Only) from airport to the hotel.

MRT Subway

The hotel is close to the MRT Huai Khwang station (Exit 2) around 350 meters.



5. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

There are no specific health concerns in Thailand, however, please see information at the link below. <u>Health Information for travellers</u>

6. DELEGATES KIT

Documents for the meeting (in pdf format) will be accessible through a local network during the meeting. However, it is advised for participants to download all the documents available from the IOTC website prior to arrival, as the meeting is paperless.

7. INTERPRETATION

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

8. DRESS CODE

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

9. CURRENCY

The monetary unit is Bath (THB). 1 USD \approx 36 THB (Please check daily exchange rates with your currency.)

10. ELECTRICITY

The voltage in Thailand is 220 Volts, 50Hz. Participants are advised to bring along travel adaptors to fit the outlets in the country.



11. TELEPHONE SERVICE

National phone calls

Most land line numbers in Thailand are 7-digits long, whilst mobile phones tend to be 8-digits long. However, you may find 6, 7, 8 and 9 digit numbers too.

Before dialling a land line number, you will have to add 0 (Subscriber trunk dialling) and the area code. The area code for Bangkok is 2. So to make a national call to Bangkok, you would dial 0+2+ the 7-digit number land line number. Before dialling a mobile number, you will have to add 08 (mostly), or 06 and 09.

You are usually charged 3 Baht per call to a local land line number. The lowest rates for domestic long distance land line calls are between 10pm and 7am. If you dial 1234 + number, you will be using a new data switching network, and rates will be cheaper than standard rates.

International calls

The country code for Thailand is +66. To dial to a fixed number in Thailand from a foreign country dial: 00 (IAC-International Access Code) + 66 + area code + phone number.

To dial a foreign number from Thailand you will have to dial one of the prefix numbers before you dial the country code. The prefix numbers are 001, 004, 005, 006, 007, 008 or 009. So, to dial to the US you should dial 009 + the country code + area code + the phone number.

To get assistance from an international operator, dial 110.

12. INTERNET

Wi-Fi and Internet facilities will be available in the meeting room during the meeting hours. Internet service outside the meeting will be at participant's own expense.

13. TOURISM

Information on tourism and other information are available at:

http://www.thailand-guide.com/

NOTE: THE HOST WILL BE HOSTING A DINNER ON 13TH MAY 2024 AT THE SWISSOTEL BANGKOK RATCHADA