

20TH WORKING PARTY ON ECOSYSTEMS AND BYCATCH (WPEB20)

Hosted by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission



1. VENUE

The venue of the meetings will be:

Eden Bleu Hotel, Eden Island, Seychelles

<https://www.edenbleu.com/>



2. CONTACTS

The main contacts at the IOTC Secretariat are:

Administration: Claudette Matombe: Claudette.Matombe@fao.org
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3. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES (VISA)

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.seychelles.govtas.com>)

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Since December 1, 2022, neither a Covid-19 vaccination nor a test certificate is required for entry. Before departure, all tourists must apply for a travel authorization through this platform: [Travel authorization](#).

This travel authorization is mandatory for all travellers entering the country (including children) and costs 10 € per person. The application for travel authorisation is possible from 10 days before arrival. The processing time can take up to 12 hours. Please plan ahead for this and apply for the permit early.

The following information will be requested or must be uploaded during the registration process:

- ✓ valid passport
- ✓ digital passport photo or "passport photo selfie" (a portrait photo of you, you can take it with your mobile phone)
- ✓ Traveller's contact information (home address, phone, email)
- ✓ Travel information (flight details & accommodations in Seychelles)
- ✓ Credit card information for payment

After registration, the traveller will receive an automated confirmation of receipt as well as payment by email. In another email, maximum 12 hours after registration, the traveller will receive the travel authorization. This travel authorization (pdf) must be printed or saved on your mobile phone.

Tip: If you have any problems when applying for your travel authorization, please use the chat function on the site <https://seychelles.govtas.com> to solve the problem.

Which Vaccinations are required for the Seychelles?

There are no required vaccinations for the Seychelles except for visitors travelling from a **yellow fever** area. For these travellers, a valid proof of yellow fever vaccination is required. A yellow fever vaccination is not necessary if you only had a stopover in Ethiopia and did not leave the airport.

5. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Participants are **advised to make their own reservations in the hotel of their choice as early as possible**.

There are numerous hotels, B&Bs and guest houses accommodation options on Mahe (see [tripadvisor.com](https://www.tripadvisor.com) and [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) etc).

6. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided for the delegates to and from the Beau Vallon area only. A bus will leave Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Hotel at 08.15am and will then proceed to Coral Strand where it will leave Coral Strand Hotel at 08.30am. Participants will be informed of any other arrangements for the following days.

7. DOCUMENTS

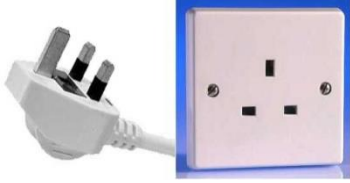
It is advised for participants to download all the documents available from the IOTC website prior to arriving, as the meetings are paperless.

8. MEETING ROOM ADVICE

Please note that the air-conditioning in the meeting room can be too cool for some participants. It is advisable to be prepared for this possibility.

9. ELECTRICITY

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



10. INTERNET

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area.

11. TOURISM

Information on tourism and other information can also be found [[here](#)].