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IOTC CIRCULAR 2025-04

Dear Madam / Sir

IMPORTANT UPDATE ON THE 29TH SESSION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN TUNA COMMISSION & ASSOCIATED MEETINGS

Following the invitation to participate in the 29th Session of the Commission and its associated meetings ([Circular 2025-03](#)), the IOTC Secretariat would like to provide important updates pertaining to visas and accommodation.

VISA

Participants are kindly requested to carefully pay attention to the procedures and requirements for visa application to travel to La Réunion, detailed in this [document](#), to ensure that all visas are issued on time for the annual meeting. Note that Visa applications are processed within 3 weeks on average following submission.

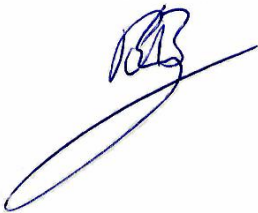
ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in the area of St Denis is extremely limited, therefore all participants are advised to book as early as possible. Block bookings are not possible so all bookings will be accepted by hotels on a first-come, first-served basis.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided for delegates to travel within the St Denis area to the Nordev conference centre and return on a daily basis. All participants requiring transport must inform the service provider of their chosen accommodation including in & out days, well in advance of the meeting. This will allow the service provider to facilitate the correct volume of service. Please send your details requesting transport to the dedicated email address IOTCshuttle@cwt-me.com (**THIS EMAIL ADDRESS WILL BE ACTIVE FROM 05 FEBRUARY 2025**). Participants choosing to stay in adjacent towns must make alternative arrangement for daily transport to and from the meeting.

Yours sincerely



Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Information Document

Distribution

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**April 2025 Sessions of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
(CoC22, SCAF22, TCMP09, S29)
St. Denis, La Réunion, France, 07 -17 April 2025**

Hosted by the French Government and IOTC



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The venue of the meetings will be:

**NORDEV - Parc des expositions et centre de congrès Auguste Legros,
1, Rue du Karting, B.P. 287 97494 Sainte-Clotilde Cedex // Île de la Réunion**



1. CONTACTS

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2. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES (VISA)

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3. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

IMPORTANT

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HOTEL NAMES	ROOM RATES, ROOM TYPES & CONTACTS
Central Hotel [2*] http://www.centralhotel.re/	Address: 37 Rue de la Compagnie, 97400 Saint-Denis, La Réunion Phone (+262) 262 94 18 08 Email: central.hotel@wanadoo.fr Rates: € 81 – €111 according to the room category available (including breakfast) Remarks: In the city centre, level of services very spartan, in line with the 2* category.
Dina Morgabine [3*] https://saintdenis.dinamorgabine.com/	Address: 1 Rue Issop Ravate 97400 Saint-Denis Phone +262 262 50 01 92 Email: reservation.sd@dinamorgabine.com Rates: € 135,00 according to the room category available (including breakfast) Remarks: Renovated rooms in contemporary style. The level of services (private parking, restaurant, swimming pool) and professionalism are superior to other 3* hotels in St. Denis
Austral Hotel [3*] http://www.hotel-austral.fr/	Address: 20, rue Charles Gounod, 97400 Saint-Denis Phone: +262 262 94 45 67 Email: contact@hotel-austral.fr Rates: € 110 – €135 according to the room category available (including breakfast) Remarks: Central hotel, business style, small garage with about 10 parking spaces. No Restaurant, no swimming pool
Le Radisson [4*] https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-saint-denis-la-reunion	Address: 2 Rue Doret, Saint-Denis 97400 Phone: +262 263 00 07 77 Email: info.saintdenis@radisson.com Rates: € 150,00 – €180 (including breakfast) Remarks: Brand new hotel with modern rooms offering several amenities, good location. Many offered services (private parking, restaurant, rooftop bar, swimming pool, fitness centre).

<p>Hôtel Exsel Créolia [4*]</p> <p>https://exsel.re/hotel/creolia/</p>	<p>Address: 14 Rue du Stade, Saint-Denis 97400 Phone: +262 262 94 26 26 Email: reservation.creolia@exsel.re Rates: € 164,00 – €210,00 (including breakfast) Remarks: Located on a hill with beautiful view, not central. Many offered services (spa, restaurant, outdoor, swimming pool, fitness centre).</p>
<p>Tulip Inn [3*]</p> <p>https://tulip-inn-sainte-clotilde-la-reunion.goldentulip.com/en-us/</p>	<p>Address: 31 Av. Leconte de Lisle, Saint-Denis 97490 Phone: +262 262 97 77 77 Email: info@tulipinnsainteclotilde.com Rates: TBD (including breakfast). They can applied discounted rates according to the duration of the stay. Remarks: Business hotel not central. Services: no restaurant, outdoor pool).</p>
<p>Villa Angelique [4*]</p> <p>https://villa-angelique.fr/</p>	<p>Address: 39 rue de Paris 97400 Saint-Denis Phone: 262 262 79 00 79 Email: CONTACT@VILLA-ANGELIQUE.FR Rates: On request according to availability. Remarks: Historical Building with only nine rooms, restaurant only for breakfast.</p>

There are also many private accommodation options available around the Saint Denis area. Popular search sites include Airbnb and Booking.com.

Accommodation options are also available in adjacent towns.

4. TRANSPORTATION

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Participants choosing to stay in adjacent towns must cater for their own transport. The cost of car hire is very reasonable in Saint Denis and reliable car hire companies include Sixt, Avis, Alamo, Europcar, Budget, Thrifty, Multiauto and Tropicar

<https://www.reunion.aeroport.fr/en/passagers/location-voitures>

Paid parking facilities are available near the conference centre for 500 vehicles. Some free parking spots are also available around the area of the conference centre as well.

5. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

There are no specific health concerns in La Reunion, please see information at the link below.

[Health Information for travellers](#)

6. DELEGATES KIT

Documents for the meeting (in pdf format) will be accessible on [IOTC Website](#). However, participants are advised 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 Euro is the official currency in La Reunion. 1 USD ≈ 0.96 EUR (Please check daily exchange rates with your currency.)

10. ELECTRICITY

The voltage in La Reunion is 220 Volts at a frequency of 50Hz. Power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type E are used and participants are advised to bring along travel adaptors to fit the outlets in the country.



11. TELEPHONE SERVICE

The international dialling code for La Reunion is +262

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 the participant's own expense.

13. TOURISM

Information on tourism and other information are available at:

<https://en.reunion.fr/>