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Dear Sir/Madam

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE MALDIVES ON ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE IOTC COMMISSION AND ASSOCIATED MEETINGS.

Please find attached a communication from the Maldives regarding practical and logistical information related to the 30th Session of the IOTC Commission and its associated meetings.

Yours sincerely

Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Annex1: Communication from the Maldives

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Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Ocean Resources
Malé, Republic of Maldives



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Dear Colleagues,

The Government of the Maldives is delighted to welcome you to the 30th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission and its associated meetings in Malé.

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you about planned events and support services that will be available for delegates:

1. Arrival Visa

You will be eligible for a meeting visa on arrival (valid for 14 days) or a tourist visa on arrival (valid for 30 days). If you are attending only the Commission meeting, we recommend applying for the meeting visa. If your stay is more than 14 days, please let us know as soon as possible with passport and flight details, so that we could inform the immigration department to extend the meeting visa. Should you plan to extend your stay for leisure, we suggest opting for the tourist visa.

If you require an official invitation letter from the Government of Maldives to support your visa process, please do not hesitate to contact us. For more information on visa requirements, please visit:

<https://www.immigration.gov.mv/visa/tourist-visa>

All travelers are required to submit the Traveler Declaration which can be found on <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller> and should be submitted 96 hours before flight time for arrival.

2. Picnic on Kudagiri Island – Sunday, 10 May 2026

A special picnic has been organized for delegates on **Sunday, 10 May**, at the Kudagiri Picnic Island, located just 15–20 minutes from Malé by speedboat.

We are arranging ferry transfers from Malé with the following tentative schedule:

- Departure from Malé: **07:00 hrs**
- Return options from Kudagiri: **11:00 hrs** and **13:00 hrs**

Snorkeling and diving equipment will be available for hire on the island.

If you would like to be part of the excursion, please register via this form <https://tinyurl.com/3u9859xu> no later than 5th May 2026.

3. Official Dinner Reception

The Minister of Fisheries, Agriculture and Ocean Resources will host an official dinner reception on the evening of **Monday, 11 May** on a nearby island. More details, including the venue and programme, will be shared during the Commission meeting.

4. Event Planner and Meeting Spaces

The Ministry has reserved two dedicated meeting spaces at the venue for delegates to use for bilateral negotiations, side events, or informal discussions.

You may register and book these spaces directly. To organise a formal side event, please contact the IOTC Secretariat.

Access to the booking system and more information on available facilities is available here:

<https://meetatiotc30.fisheries.gov.mv/>

We look forward to hosting you in the Maldives and ensuring a productive and enjoyable session.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out.

Yours Sincerely,



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