

Information on the

9th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch 12–16 September 2013

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11th Session of the Working Party on Billfish 18–22 September 2013

La Réunion, France

1. Meetings dates and venue

The 9th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch and the 11th Session of the Working Party on Billfish will be held as follow:

- 9th Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB09): 12–16 September 2013
- 11th Session of the Working Party on Billfishes (WPB11): 18–22 September 2013

The venue of the Working Parties will be:

Espace TAMARUN
8, rue des Argonautes
97434 La Saline-les-Bains
Réunion Island - France



Figure 1et 2. Maps of Réunion island indicated the venue.

2. Contacts

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

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The contacts for these meetings in Reunion island are:

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(Reunion Island Regional Committee for Sea Fisheries and Aquaculture)

3. Registration

Please pre-register online at www.iotc.org/registration/ at your earliest convenience but no later than the following:

WPEB09: **28 August**
 WPB11: **3 September**

This is essential to allow the Secretariat and the host country, Reunion Island, to make the necessary arrangements.

Participants are reminded that the final list of participants will be based on information provided at the time of registration.

4. Travel arrangements

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangement and fund the expenses incurred.

Getting to Reunion Island:

Reunion Island has direct links with Paris, Johannesburg, Mauritius and Madagascar.

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. The Commission at its meeting in May 2013 revised the process for the administration of the MPF. As the main goal of the MPF is to increase the participation of scientists of developing CPCs to scientific meetings of IOTC, and in line with paragraph 6 of the Resolution 10/05, applications to the MPF will only be considered if the applicant is eligible and intends to produce and present a working paper, relevant to the work of the working party that he or she wishes to attend.

Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found at the following link and applicants are required to apply for funding as soon as possible, but not later than the following:

- WPEB: **29 July 2013**
- WPB: **4 August 2013**

<http://iotc.org/files/proceedings/Meeting%20Information/Rules%20Of%20Procedure%20For%20The%20Administration%20Of%20The%20IOTC%20Meeting%20Participation%20Fund%5BE%5D%202013.pdf>

Developing CPCs are also encouraged to seek support through the Assistance Fund established under Part VII of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement of the United Nation (UNFSA). Information and application procedure to the Assistance Fund of the UNFSA, can be found at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fishstocktrustfund/fishstocktrustfund.htm

5. Accommodation

Please find below a list of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue in Reunion Island.

| Hotel | Rates per night | Contact | Distances |
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| Le Saint Alexis 44, route de Boucan Canot 97434 Saint-Gilles-Les-Bains www.hotelsaintalexis.com | Standard room : € 160 | <u>Central Reservations Office:</u> Tel: + 262 (0) 262 240 264 Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 20 minutes from the meetings venue |
| Le Swalibo 9, rue des Salines 97434 La Saline-les-Bains www.swalibo.fr | Standard room : € 86 Double room : € 107 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 241 097 <u>Email:</u> info@swalibo.com Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 500 meters from the meetings venue |
| Hôtel Les Créoles 43, Avenue de Bourbon 97434 Saint-Gilles-Les-Bains www.hotel-les-creoles.com | Standard room : € 89 Double room : € 97 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 265 265 Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 10 minutes from the meetings venue |
| Novotel 123 Avenue Leconte de Lisle | Standard room : € 120 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 244 444 <u>Email:</u> H0462@accor.com | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 km to Roland Garros International airport; |

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| 97434 Saint-Gilles-Les-Bains www.novotel.com/fr/hotel-0462-novotel-saint-gilles-la-reunion | | Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | • Less than 10 minutes from the meetings venue |
| Le Récif 50, avenue de Bourbon 97434 Saint-Gilles-Les-Bains www.hotellerecif.com | Standard room : € 110 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 700 100 <u>Email:</u> info@hotellerecif.com Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | • 50 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 15 minutes from the meetings venue |
| Le Lux L'Hermitage 97434 La Saline-les-Bains www.luxresorts.com | Standard room : € 165 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 700 000 <u>Email:</u> luxiledelareunion@luxislandresorts.com Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | • 35 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 15 minutes from the meetings venue |
| Le Nautile 60, rue Lacaussade 97434 La Saline-les-Bains www.hotel-nautile.com | Double room : € 145 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 338 888 <u>Email:</u> nautile@runnet.com Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | • 35 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 15 minutes from the meetings venue |
| L'Archipel 9, rue de la cheminée Grand-Fond 97434 Saint-Gilles-Les-Bains www.archipel-residence.com | Standard room : € 55 Double room : € 78 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 240 534 <u>Email:</u> reservation@archipel-residence.com Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | • 45 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 15 minutes from the meetings venue |
| L'Alamanda 81 Avenue de Bourbon 97434 Saint-Gilles-Les-Bains www.alamanda.fr | Standard room : € 86 Double room : € 107 | <u>Reservations:</u> + 262 (0) 262 331 010 Give the following code when booking : CTOI-CRPMEM | • 50 km to Roland Garros International airport; • Less than 15 minutes from the meetings venue |

The organizer has pre-reserved rooms in the closest hotels. Please ask when making your reservation. It is recommended to proceed with your reservation as soon as possible. Meeting Participation Fund recipients should not make their own bookings.

6. Arrival and entry formalities

Participants should make their own arrangements for their entry visa in Reunion Island and it is recommended to do so **as soon as possible**. Failure to initiate VISA arrangements within the next weeks will likely result in a non-issue of a VISA in time for the meeting.

Assistance could be done by the contacts from Reunion Island Regional Committee for Sea Fisheries and Aquaculture.

For entering Reunion Island, passports or ID cards are required for French citizens and people from the rest of the European Union. A visa is required for citizens of all other nations.

Note: Reunion is not in the Schengen Zone, which means visas for mainland France are not valid. Contact an embassy or the French consulate.

7. Transportation

Some hotels can provide taxi services from the airport to the hotel.

Care hire companies are available at the airport (Europcar, Avis, Budget...).

Public transport in and around Roland Garros international airport includes taxis and buses.

However, most of the recommended hotels are in close vicinity of the venue.

8. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

9. Delegates kit

All documents and other materials for the Working Party will be available through a WIFI intranet network in the meeting room. It is then necessary for the participants to carry a laptop with WIFI to the meeting with PDF reader software. Moreover, the documents will be available on the IOTC website in advance of the meeting at the following pages:

- 9th Session of the WPEB: <http://iotc.org/English/meetings/wp/wpbycurrent.php>
- 11th Session of the WPB: <http://iotc.org/English/meetings/wp/wpbcurent.php>

10. Electricity

Electricity in Reunion Island is 220/230 volts AC, 50 Hertz. It is recommended to delegates to bring adequate adaptors with them even if some will be available.



11. Telephone service

International dialling code

The International dialling code for Reunion Island is +262

Mobile services:

There are three mobile service operators (SFR, Orange, Only) and they can be found on arrival at the airport. They offer SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

12. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area.

Internet service at hotels and outside the conference area will be at participants' own expense.

13. Currency and exchange

The currency in Reunion island is the Euro (€). The current exchange rates are (8/07/2013):

1 € = 1.28134 USD

1 € = 0.8616 British Pound

The change of currency in Reunion Island is not usual.

It is advisable to get itself euros before the arrival to Reunion Island. Nevertheless, all major credit cards can be used in Reunion Island.

14. Tourism

Information on tourism in Reunion island can be found on the following website:

- Reunion Tourism: www.reunion.fr