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# Information on the

## 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfish 6–10 September 2016

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch 12-16 September 2016

### Mahe, Seychelles

#### 1. Meetings dates and venue

The 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfish and the 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch will be held as follows:

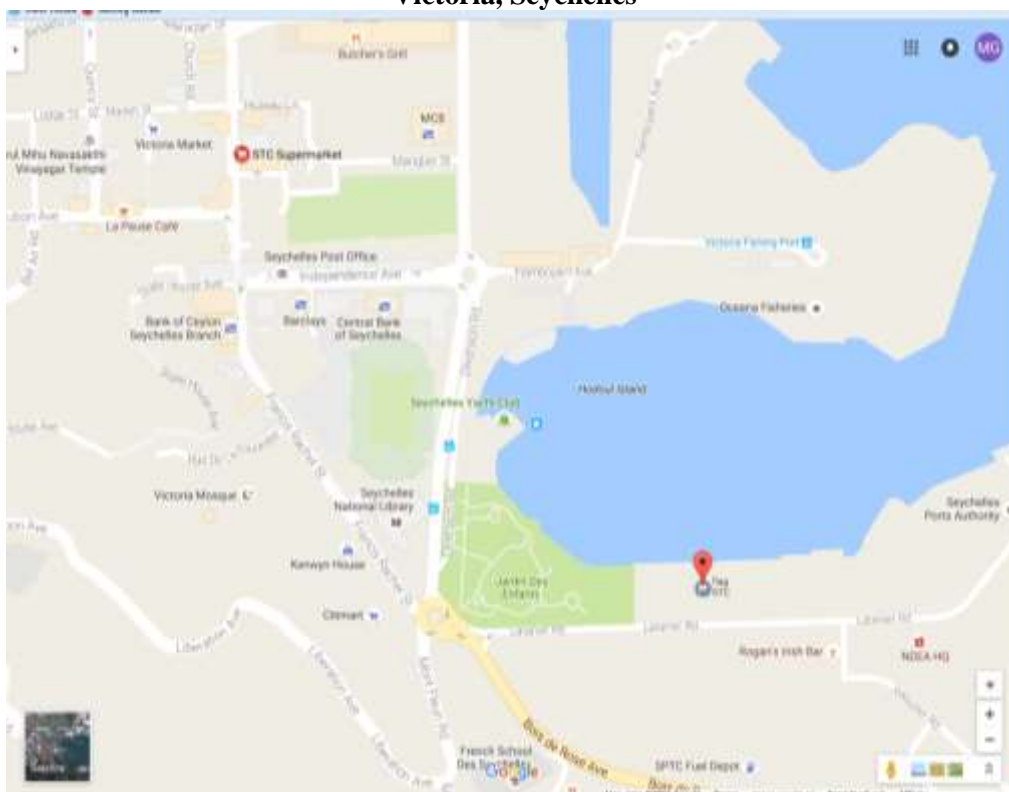
- 14<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Billfishes (WPB14): 6-10 September 2016
- 12<sup>th</sup> Session of the Working Party on Ecosystems and Bycatch (WPEB12): 12-16 September 2016

The Working Parties will be hosted by:

**IOTC – Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.**  
**P.O Box 1011**  
**Le Chantier Mall**  
**Victoria, Mahe**  
**Seychelles**

The venue of the Working Parties will be:

**STC Conference Centre**  
**Latanier Rd**  
**Victoria, Seychelles**



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## 2. Contacts

The contacts for these Working Parties at the IOTC Secretariat are:

Administration: Ms. Mirose Govinden: [mirose.govinden@iotc.org](mailto:mirose.govinden@iotc.org)  
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Mr Fabio Fiorellato: [ff@iotc.org](mailto:ff@iotc.org)

## 3. Registration

Registration for these meetings is essential via the respective meeting pages:

- WPB14: <http://iotc.org/meetings/14th-working-party-billfish-wpb14>
- WPEB12: <http://iotc.org/meetings/12th-working-party-ecosystems-and-bycatch-wpeb12>

Please register with sufficient time to allow the IOTC Secretariat ample time to make the necessary administrative arrangements.

## 4. Transportation

Participants are requested to make their own transportation arrangements and fund the expenses incurred from the airport to their respective hotels. Transfers will be provided to and from the meeting daily.

## 5. IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

The participation of one representative scientist from developing Members of the IOTC to each of the meetings may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund. As per the Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications must be received by the IOTC Secretariat ([secretariat@iotc.org](mailto:secretariat@iotc.org)) no later than:

- WPB14: 23 July 2016
- WPEB12: 29 July 2016

Applications must include:

- i) an official nomination letter;
- ii) a detailed abstract of the scientific paper to be presented; and
- iii) the contact details of the nominee (with a copy of his/her passport).

Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF: <http://iotc.org/documents/indian-ocean-tuna-commission-rules-procedure-2014>.

## 6. Accommodation

The meeting will be held at the STC Conference Centre in Victoria and participants are kindly requested to make hotel bookings as early as possible.

Please find below a list of hotels with which IOTC has contracted rates. You are advised to make your bookings as early as possible.

HOTEL NAMES	ROOM RATES	
	BB	CONTACT
CORAL STRAND HOTEL (Beau Vallon) <a href="http://www.coralstrand.com">www.coralstrand.com</a>	Standard sea-view €150 Deluxe Sea- view room €160	Mrs Mica Savy Tel: +248 4291072 Email: <a href="mailto:mail@coralstrand.sc">mail@coralstrand.sc</a>
SUNRISE GUEST HOUSE (Mont Fleuri) <a href="http://www.seychelles.net/sunrise-hotel/">www.seychelles.net/sunrise-hotel/</a> (Rates in USD adjusted on a daily basis)	Standard room €88 <b>Note that hotel is currently under renovation</b>	Mr Bernard Chung-Faye Tel: +248 4224560/4224836 <b>5 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
LE MERIDIEN FISHERMAN'S COVE (Bel Ombre) <a href="http://www.lemeridien.com/fishcove">www.lemeridien.com/fishcove</a> (Rates exclude 15% taxes)	Superior Ocean View €280 Deluxe Ocean View €320	Jenny Seraphine Tel: +248 4677 218 Email: <a href="mailto:jenny.seraphine@lemeridien.com">jenny.seraphine@lemeridien.com</a> <b>20 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
PANORAMA GUEST HOUSE (Beau Vallon) <a href="http://www.panorama-guesthouse.com">www.panorama-guesthouse.com</a>	Standard double room €98 Standard room €80	Mary Tel: +248 4247300 Email: <a href="mailto:panorama@seychelles.net">panorama@seychelles.net</a> <b>20 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
COCO D'OR HOTEL (Beau vallon) <a href="http://www.cocodor.sc">www.cocodor.sc</a>	Double room €155 Standard room €123	Selma Hertel Tel: +248 4247331 Email: <a href="mailto:reservations@cocodor.sc">reservations@cocodor.sc</a> <b>20 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
BERJAYA BEAU VALLON BAY <a href="http://www.berjayahotel.com">www.berjayahotel.com</a>	Standard single room €130 Superior room €188	Ms Jeanne Mondon Tel: +248 4287287 Email: <a href="mailto:reservation@berjayaseychelles.com">reservation@berjayaseychelles.com</a> <a href="mailto:beauvallon.rsvn@berjayahotel.com">beauvallon.rsvn@berjayahotel.com</a> <b>20 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
SUN RESORT (Beau vallon) <a href="http://www.sunresort.sc">www.sunresort.sc</a>	Standard single room €115	Ms Flora Furneau Tel: +248 4285555 Email: <a href="mailto:sun@seychelles.net">sun@seychelles.net</a> <b>20 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
BEAU SEJOUR HOTEL (Curio Road, Bel Air) <a href="http://www.seychelles.net/beausejour">www.seychelles.net/beausejour</a>	Single room €80	Ms Francoise Tel: +248 719964 Email: <a href="mailto:beausejourhotel_sey@yahoo.com">beausejourhotel_sey@yahoo.com</a> <b>10 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
GEORGINA'S COTTAGE BEACH GUEST HOUSE (Beau vallon) <a href="http://www.georginascottage.sc">www.georginascottage.sc</a>	Standard room €80	Ms Georgina Laporte Tel: +248 4247016 Email: <a href="mailto:georgina@seychelles.net">georgina@seychelles.net</a> <b>20 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>
BEL AIR HOTEL (Bel Air)	Standard Room €110 Double/Twin Room €140	Natasha Rasool Tel: +248 4224416 Email: <a href="mailto:belair@seychelles.net">belair@seychelles.net</a> <b>5 minutes' drive to meeting venue</b>

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## 7. Arrival and entry formalities

Seychelles is a visa-free country meaning that there are no visa requirements for any person wishing to travel to the Seychelles. However, it is to be noted that although a visa is not required prior to entering Seychelles for any nationals, they should nevertheless have in their possession a valid passport or other travel documents recognized by Seychelles to be awarded entry into the country. The passport must be valid for the period of the intended stay until arrival back in the holder's country of origin or residence.

A stay visitor's permit is issued on arrival in Seychelles to a person who comes for the purpose of holiday, business, visiting friends or family and who meet the following criteria:

- A) is not a prohibited immigrant
- B) is not holder of a valid permit which entitles that holder to reside in Seychelles;
- C) holds a valid return or onward ticket for duration of the visit;
- D) has confirmed accommodation; and
- E) has sufficient funds for duration of the stay.

## 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 internet 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:

- WPB14: <http://iotc.org/meetings/14th-working-party-billfish-wpb14>
- WPEB12: <http://iotc.org/meetings/12th-working-party-ecosystems-and-bycatch-wpeb12>

## 10. Electricity

Throughout Seychelles the voltage is 220-240 volts AC 50 Hz. Seychelles uses the British standard square three-pin, 13 amp sharp electric plug. The power sockets used are of type G.



## 11. Telephone service

The International dialling code for Seychelles is (+248).

## 12. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area.

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

## 13. Currency and exchange

The currency in Seychelles is the Rupee (SCR). The current exchange rates are (26 July 2016):

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## Top SCR Exchange Rates

	EUR	USD	GBP	AED	INR	ZAR	AUD	CAD	MUR
1 SCR	0.07028	0.07737	0.05920	0.28418	5.21183	1.10867	0.10294	0.10219	2.73501
Inverse:	14.2282	12.9250	16.8919	3.51892	0.19187	0.90198	9.71453	9.78575	0.36563

Mid-market rates: 2016-07-26 06:59 UTC

### 14. Tourism

Information on tourism in Seychelles can be found on the following websites:

- <http://www.seychelles.travel/>
- <http://wikitravel.org/en/Seychelles>