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THE DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY
SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS (EBSAS)
Flic en Flac, Mauritius, 30 July - 3 August 2012

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1. Opening and registration

The Southern Indian Ocean Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) will be held in Flic en Flac, Mauritius from Monday, 30 July to Friday, 3 August 2012.

The training day will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 30 July 2012, and registration will take place at the workshop venue from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day. The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 July 2012, and registration will take place at the workshop venue from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Sugar Beach Resort
Wolmar
Flic en Flac, Mauritius
Tel: +230 403 3300
Fax: +230 403 3600
Web site: <http://sugarbeachresort.com/>
E-mail: info@sugarbeachresort.mu

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English for the plenary sessions of the meeting.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meetings as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. All documents for the workshop can be found at the following link:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EBSA-SIO-01>

5. General information on access to Flic en Flac, Mauritius



The island of Mauritius is serviced by the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport which is about 46 km (about 45 mins -1 hour) from the city of Flic en Flac. More information about the airport can be found at: <http://aml.mru.aero/>. Taxis are readily available at the airport and can be found through the special service counter situated next to the AML Information desk/counter and also located at the Tour Operators Hall. The cost of the taxi is approximately MUR 1,000 (about € 30).

Another alternative is to book a hotel taxi transfer with Dominique Cangy at the Sugar Beach Resort (see below). The cost is Rs.1900 per taxi, and all participants, including funded participants, must pay the hotel for this service (this has been calculated in the daily subsistence

allowance that will be provided on Monday morning). Note that a taxi can take up to 3 persons, who may share the cost.

6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Mauritius and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Mauritian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. A list of countries requiring a visa is provided in Annex B below.

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of the Mauritius Passport and Immigration Office at:

<http://www.gov.mu/portal/site/passportSite/menuitem.0bcce5f722a8dc2a9528f049a68521ca/>

If you require a visa to enter Mauritius, kindly forward a copy of your application to the following email addresses, also providing a copy of your hotel booking letter and complete flight details:

ravi2mohit@gmail.com; rdmohit@mail.gov.mu; mhurbungs@mail.gov.mu

7. Health requirements

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Mauritius can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site at: <http://apps.who.int/tools/geoserver/www/ith/index.html>

Travellers to Mauritius require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 1 year of age arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

Accommodation will be provided at the workshop venue (Sugar Beach Resort). Details are provided above (item 2).

Sponsored Participants:

Please note that a prepaid booking has been made for participants whose participation is being sponsored by the Secretariat of the CBD. The hotel booking has been made according to flight itineraries made by or provided to the Secretariat. There is no need to make your own reservations. The booking includes breakfast and dinner. Lunch will be provided by the Secretariat.

Self-funded Participants:

Self-funded participants who wish to book at the Sugar Beach Resort must make their own reservations by contacting the hotel directly through the following contact:

Dominique Cangy, E-mail: dominique.cangy@sugarbeachresort.mu

Note that the nightly rate is 3550 Mauritian Rupees, including breakfast. Lunch will be provided by the Secretariat. Information on other hotels in the vicinity of the venue can be found in Annex A below.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

The residual DSA will be paid to the sponsored participants starting on the first day of the meeting.

10. Official language in Flic en Flac, Mauritius

The official language in Mauritius is English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In July and August, temperatures near Flic en Flac usually range between a maximum of +27°C in the daytime and a minimum of +19°C. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/178/c01219.htm>

The time zone for Mauritius is GMT/UTC + 4 hours.

12. Electricity

The electricity voltage in Mauritius is 230 Volts/ 50 Hertz. The plugs and sockets used are shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Mauritius is Mauritian Rupee (MUR). The current exchange rate as at 16 July 2012 is US \$1.00 = MUR 31.40 and € 1.00 = MUR 38.50.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

ANNEX A – HOTEL LISTING MAURITIUS

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN MAURITIAN RUPEES (MUR) AND EUROS PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE APPLICABLE TAXES

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Hotels	Room Rates (daily)
1. Sugar Beach Resort (venue) Wolmar Flic en Flac, Mauritius Tel: +230 403 3300 Fax: +230 403 3600 Web site: http://sugarbeachresort.com/ E-mail: : dominique.cangy@sugarbeachresort.mu , info@sugarbeachresort.mu	3550 MUR, including breakfast
2. Pearl Beach Hotel Wolmar, Flic en Flac Tel: +(230) 401 6300 E-mail: resapearlebeach@intnet.mu	Single room: MUR 3300/Euro 90.00
3. Sand & Beach Apts Tel: +(230) 762 3502	Apt with 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom / toilet: MUR 1500/Euro 40.00
4. Joomun Apts Contact: Mr. Naim Joomun Tel: +(230) 423 7646 / (230) 912 8746 E-mail: fawazjoomun@yahoo.com	Apt with 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom / toilet MUR 1500 /Euro 40.00
5. Beach Side Apts Contact: Mr Henri Grignon Tel: +(230) 920 8955/913 9636 E-mail: fc@maurisun.com Web site: www.rooms.io	Apartment with 3 large bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom / toilet + common pool MUR 2500/Euro 70.00
6. Villa Carolina Tel: +(230) 453 85 80. E-mail: caroline@intnet.mu	Standard room: MUR 3800/Euro 110.00
7. Gold Beach Hotel Contact: Reservation Department Tel: +(230) 454 5945 E-mail: resa@goldgroup.mu	Standard room: MUR 3690 / Euro 100.00
8. Paul and Virginie Hotel Contact: Ms. Juanita Raynaud Tel: +(230) 453 8537 Email: vpauletvirginie@yahoo.fr	Standard room: MUR 1600/Euro 45 (breakfast) MUR 2500/Euro 70 (half board)
9. Manisa Hotel Contact: Ms Elodie Tel: +(230) 453 8558 E-mail: info@manisahotel.com	Double room: MUR 3500/Euro 95.00

ANNEX B – COUNTRIES REQUIRING A VISA TO ENTER MAURITIUS

Afghanistan	Cuba	Macau SAR	Sri Lanka
Albania	Democratic Rep. of Congo	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of	Sudan
Algeria	Djibouti	Madagascar	Suriname
Andorra	Dominican Republic	Mali	Syria
Angola	Ecuador	Marshall Island	Taiwan
Argentina	Egypt	Mauritania	Tajikistan
Armenia	El Salvador	Mexico	Thailand
Azerbaijan	Equatorial Guinea	Micronesia, Federated States of	Togo
Bangladesh	Eritrea	Moldova	Turkmenistan
Belarus	Ethiopia	Mongolia	Ukraine
Benin	Fiji	Montenegro	Uruguay
Bhutan	Gabon	Morocco	Uzbekistan
Bolivia	Georgia	Myanmar	Venezuela
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Guatemala	Nepal	Vietnam
Brazil	Guinea	Nicaragua	Yemen
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Niger	
Burundi	Honduras	Nigeria	
Cambodia	Iceland	Pakistan	
Cameroon	India	Palau	
Cape Verde	Indonesia	Palestinian State	
Central African Republic	Iran	Panama	
Chad	Iraq	Paraguay	
Chile	Jordan	Peru	
China	Kazakhstan	Philippines	
Colombia	Korea, Democratic Republic of	Russian Federation	
Comoros	Kyrgyzstan	Rwanda	
Congo (Brazzaville)	Lao, People's Democratic Republic	Senegal	
Costa Rica	Lebanon	Serbia	
Cote D'Ivoire	Liberia	Siberia	
Croatia	Libya	Somalia	
