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Bergen, Norway, 7 - 9 December 2011

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Joint Expert Meeting on addressing biodiversity concerns in sustainable fishery will be held in Bergen, Norway from Wednesday, 7 December 2011 to Friday, 9 December 2011.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 7 December 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

### **Scandic Bergen City Hotel**

Hakonsgaten 2,

5015 Bergen, Norway,

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E-mail: [bergencity@scandichotels.com](mailto:bergencity@scandichotels.com)

Web site: <http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Countries/Norway/Bergen/Hotels/Scandic-Bergen-City/>

## 3. Reception at the Institute of Marine Research, Tuesday, 6 December in the evening

All participants are invited to an informal reception at the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) on Tuesday evening, 6 December 2011 at 6 p.m. The location of IMR is Nordnesgaten 50. It is next to the Aquarium. This is about 15 minutes walking distance from Scandic Bergen City Hotel – or about 5 minutes by taxi.

## 4. Dinner on Wednesday, 7 December in the evening

All participants are invited to a dinner hosted by the Institute of Marine Research (IMR) at the Scandic Bergen City Hotel on Wednesday evening, 7 December 2011 at 7 p.m.

## 5. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

## 6. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=JEM-BCSF-01>

## 7. General information on access to Bergen, Norway

Bergen is serviced by the Bergen Airport Flesland which is about 20 km from the city centre. There are taxis available at the airport at an approximate cost of NOK 300 and the journey takes about 30 minutes depending on traffic. There are also buses that run to and from

the airport from 4:00 a.m. and the latest bus leaves after the last incoming flight. There are two different routes available to the city centre: via Fjøsanger and via Oasen/Fyllingsdalen and the approximate cost is NOK 95. Please exit at the Hotel Norge bus stop in the centre of town.

## 8. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below do not require an entry visa for Norway (Schengen visa), all other participants are strongly advised to contact the nearest Norwegian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures for entry into Norway can be found at the following link: <http://www.udi.no/Norwegian-Directorate-of-Immigration/Central-topics/Visa/>. A list of relevant Norwegian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the Norway Portal by the Government of Norway at: <http://www.norway.info/>

An on-line visa application form is available for some participants and can be found at the link of the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration at: <https://selfservice.udi.no/>

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

## 9. Hotel information



A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the Scandic Bergen City Hotel. Please note that alternative accommodation is not recommended.

### Sponsored participants

The Secretariat has prepaid and reserved rooms for funded participants at the Scandic Bergen City Hotel. Any extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at participants' own cost and must be settled upon checking out.

### Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the accommodation and benefit from the negotiated room rate of NOK 1,070 for a single room including breakfast and tax (VAT) (approximately US \$185).

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations/bookings as soon as possible, please inform the hotel that you are attending this meeting at the time of booking.

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Web site:

<http://www.scandichotels.com/Hotels/Countries/Norway/Bergen/Hotels/Scandic-Bergen-City/>

Further information on hotels in Bergen is available at the following web site: <http://www.visitnorway.com/en/Where-to-go/Fjord-Norway/Bergen/Tourist-information-for-Bergen/>.

**10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)**

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

**11. Official language in Norway**

The official language in Norway is Norwegian. English is generally spoken in hotels, restaurants and shops.

**12. Weather and time zone information** 

In December, temperatures in Bergen usually range between a maximum of 5°C in the daytime and a minimum of 0°C at night. Please bring warm clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/008/c00022.htm>.

The current time zone is GMT /UTC +1 hour.

**13. Electricity**

The electrical currents in Norway are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



#### **14. Currency**



The currency is the Norwegian krone (NOK). The current exchange rate as 17 November 2011 is US \$1 = NOK 5.80 and (Euro) € 1 = NOK 7.83.

#### **15. Disclaimer**

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

## Annex A – Country listing

### COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER NORWAY AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE NORWEGIAN DIRECTORATE OF IMMIGRATION)

Citizens of the following countries and territories do not require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Norway:

<b>A</b> Andorra Albania* Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Australia Austria	<b>G</b> Germany Greece Guatemala	<b>N</b> Netherlands New Zealand	<b>U</b> United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America Uruguay
<b>B</b> Bahamas Barbados Belgium Bermuda Bosnia and Herzegovina* Brazil Brunei Darrussalam Bulgaria	<b>H</b> Honduras Hungary	<b>P</b> Panama Paraguay Poland Portugal	<b>V</b> Venezuela
<b>C</b> Canada Chile Costa Rica Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic	<b>I</b> Iceland Ireland Israel Italy	<b>R</b> Romania	
<b>D</b> Denmark	<b>J</b> Japan	<b>S</b> Saint Kitts and Nevis San Marino Serbia* Seychelles Singapore Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland	
<b>E</b> El Salvador Estonia	<b>K</b> Korea, Republic of	<b>T</b> The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*	
<b>F</b> Finland France	<b>L</b> Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg		
	<b>M</b> Malaysia Malta Mauritius Mexico Monaco Montenegro*		

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\* Holders of biometric  
passports only

