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EXPERT CONSULTATION ON  
CORAL BLEACHING  
Manila, 11-13 October 1999

### INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### Venue of the Meeting

The Expert Consultation on Coral Bleaching will be held from Monday, 11 October to Wednesday, 13 October 1999 at the headquarters of the International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management (ICLARM) at the following address:

International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management  
Bloomingdale Building  
#205 Salcedo Street, Legaspi Village  
1229 Makati City, Philippines

#### Registration

Registration for all participants will be at the ICLARM penthouse at the above address on Monday, 11 October 1999, at 8.30 a.m. When registering, experts whose participation costs are covered by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will receive a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for the duration of the meeting, based on the prevailing United Nations DSA rate for Manila.

#### Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be officially opened by Dr. Peter Gardiner, ICLARM Deputy Director General (Programs), and will take place in the penthouse at 9 a.m. on Monday, 11 October 1999.

#### Secretariat of the meeting

The secretariat of the meeting may be contacted at the following address:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
393 St Jacques Street, Suite 300  
Montreal, Quebec, H1Y 1N9, Canada  
Telephone: 1-514-288 2220, Facsimile: 1-514-288 6588  
Email: [secretariat@biodiv.org](mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org) or [Salvatore.arico@biodiv.org](mailto:Salvatore.arico@biodiv.org)  
Attention: Mr. Salvatore Arico

International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management  
MCPO Box 2631  
0718 Makati, Metro Manila  
Philippines  
Telephone: 63-2 812 8641 or 840 3485 ext. 312  
Facsimile: 63-2816 3183  
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Attention: Mr. John MacManus and Ms. Shiela Vergara

#### Visa requirements

The Secretariat will contact participants individually regarding the visa requirements for entry into the Philippines.

#### Transportation

Participants are advised to take either the AVIS or Nissan coupon taxi service from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport to the Herald Suites Hotel, where participants will stay while in Manila. AVIS and Nissan booths are found at the airport arrival lobby. The fixed rate charged from airport to the hotel is PhP382.50 (approx. US\$ 10).

#### Accommodation

ICLARM has made reservations for participants to stay at the Herald Suites Hotel. The room rate is: US\$ 75 (plus tax and service charge) for double and US\$ 55 (plus tax and service charge) for single occupancy.

The address of the hotel is:

HERALD SUITES HOTEL  
2168 Pasong Tamo  
MCPO 5006 Makati City  
Philippines  
Tel. Nos. (63-2) 759-6271 to 81  
Fax. No.: (63-2) 759-6282  
Website: <http://www.heraldsuites.com/>

Detail on accommodations in Metro Manila may also be followed up with Ms. Cindy Cabote at e-mail: [c.cabote@cqiar.org](mailto:c.cabote@cqiar.org) or tel. nos. (63-2) 812-8641 or 840-3485 ext. 303.

#### Other useful information

Weather: The weather in Manila in October is generally fair with occasional rain showers.

Time zone: Manila is 8 hours ahead of GMT.

Currency: US\$ 1 = approximately 40 Philippine pesos PhP40

Electricity: 220 volt, 50/60 Hz with a two-pronged flat plug

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