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REGIONAL WORKSHOP TO FACILITATE THE  
DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR  
BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS  
Recife, Brazil, 28 February - 2 March 2012

### Information Note for Participants

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Wider Caribbean and Western Mid-Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) will be held in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil from Tuesday, 28 February to Friday, 2 March 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 February, and registration will take place at the meeting venue at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **MarHotel Recife**

Rua Barão de Souza Leão, 451

Boa Viagem - Recife - PE

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Tel: +55 (81) 3302-4433 / 7382

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Web site: <http://www.marhotel.com.br/pt-br/>

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The meeting will be held in English.

## 4. 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. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RWEBSA-WCAR-01>

## 5. General information on access to Recife, Brazil



Recife is serviced by the Recife / Guararapes-Gilberto Freyre International Airport (approximately 10 km from downtown Recife). The MarHotel is located approximately 5 km from the airport. Taxis are available at the airport and cost about R \$10 to the hotel.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Brazil. Participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. The visa application process can be lengthy, so please allow sufficient time. Some airline companies will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

A list of relevant information on visa procedures and Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of External Relations as follows:

Visa procedures: <https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/frscedv/>;  
Consular missions abroad: <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/o-ministerio/o-brasil-no-exterior> (in Portuguese and listed by city).

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER BRAZIL AS VISITORS**

<b>A</b> Andorra Argentina Austria	<b>H</b> Holy See Honduras Hungary	<b>P (Cont'd)</b> Philippines Poland Portugal
<b>B</b> Bahamas Barbados Belgium Bolivia Bulgaria	<b>I</b> Iceland Ireland Israel Italy	<b>R</b> Romania Russian Federation
<b>C</b> Chile Colombia Costa Rica Croatia Czech Republic	<b>K</b> Korea, Republic of	<b>S</b> San Marino Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Spain Suriname Sweden Switzerland
<b>D</b> Denmark	<b>L</b> Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg	<b>T</b> Thailand Trinidad and Tobago Tunisia Turkey
<b>E</b> Ecuador El Salvador	<b>M</b> Macau Malaysia Malta Monaco Morocco	<b>U</b> United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Uruguay
<b>F</b> Finland France	<b>N</b> Namibia Netherlands New Zealand Norway	<b>V</b> Venezuela
<b>G</b> Germany Greece Guatemala Guyana	<b>P</b> Panama Paraguay Peru	

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

## **7. Health Requirements**

Travellers to Brazil require a yellow fever vaccination certification if you have been or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission, or going to areas outside of Recife.

Malaria is present in most forested areas below 900 m within the nine states and also occurs on the periphery of some large cities.

For more information or your vaccination requirements for Brazil, 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 (MarHotel Recife). Details are provided above (section 2).

### Sponsored Participants:

A prepaid booking, which includes breakfast, has been made for sponsored participants. The hotel booking has been made according to flight itineraries.

### Non-sponsored:

Non-sponsored participants may wish to book at the MarHotel at a cost of US \$140.00 which includes breakfast (price does not include applicable taxes). Non-sponsored participants must make their own reservations and are requested by contacting the hotel directly at the following e-mail address: [reservas@ponteshoteis.com.br](mailto:reservas@ponteshoteis.com.br); [gruposreservas@ponteshoteis.com.br](mailto:gruposreservas@ponteshoteis.com.br)

Information on hotels and tourism in Recife is available at the web site of the Ministry of Tourism of Brazil: <http://www.braziltour.com/>



## **9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

Sponsored participants will receive their relevant DSA on the first day of the meeting.

## **10. Official languages in Recife, Brazil**

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. However, English and Spanish are spoken and understood in hotels and restaurants.

## **11. Weather and time zone information**



In February and March, temperatures in Recife range between a maximum of 31°C in the daytime and a minimum of 21°C at night. The rainy season is during the months from December to

March. Please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/136/c01078.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC - 3 hours.

## 12. Electricity

The most common electrical currents Brazil are 127 and 220 volts, 60 Hertz. Electrical outlets, plugs and sockets are illustrated below.



## 13. Currency



The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Real/Reais (R\$). The current exchange rate as at 23 January 2011 is US \$1.00 = R\$1.75 and €1.00 = R\$2.28.

## 14. 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.

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