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BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS:  
COORDINATING LOCAL AND NATIONAL ACTION  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN  
Montpellier, France, 17-19 January 2012

### Information Note for Participants

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Mediterranean Regional Workshop for Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Coordinating Local and National Action in the Mediterranean Basin will be held in Montpellier, France from Tuesday, 17 to Thursday, 19 January 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 January 2012, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

### **La Mairie de Montpellier**

Hotel de Ville / City Hall

Salle du conseil municipal

1 place Georges Frêche

34267 Montpellier

Cedex 2, France

Tel: +33-(0)4 67 34 70 00

Fax: +33-(0)4 67 34 59 80

Web site: <http://www.montpellier.fr/>

Tramway station Line 1 named “Moulares” hotel de ville( line 1 to Odysseum.))

## 3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English.

## 4. Documents

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=NBSAPRW-CLAMED-01>

## 5. General information on access to Montpellier, France



Montpellier is serviced by the Montpellier Méditerranée International Airport (8 km from the city centre).

Buses run between the airport and the Bus Station/Gare Routière into the city every 30 minutes “Navette Centre Ville” and the fare is approximately is €5.00 each way. All regular flights are covered by the shuttle except early morning and late evening. Taxis are also available at the airport at the Arrivals Hall exit, gate A at an approximate cost of €20.00.

## 6. Visa information



Participants that do not require an entry visa for France (Schengen visa) are listed **Annex A** below, all other participants are **strongly** advised to contact the nearest French Diplomatic/Consular

representations in order to secure, in a timely manner, the required entry visa, prior to departure. It should be noted that airlines will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

A list of relevant French diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France is available at the following link: <http://www.mfe.org/index.php/Annuaire/Ambassades-et-consulats-francais-a-l-etranger>

Information on visa application procedures related issues is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France (MFA) at [http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/france\\_159/entering-france\\_2045/getting-visa\\_2046/do-you-need-visa\\_1559.html](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/france_159/entering-france_2045/getting-visa_2046/do-you-need-visa_1559.html), a highlight of which is provided below along with a list of visa requirements for visa applications.

- (a) Application form for a short-stay visa. The link to the English form is as follows: <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/IMG/pdf/visagb.pdf> (PDF in English);
- (b) Recent passport-sized photograph (maximum of 3);
- (c) Valid travel document (valid for at least three months longer than the visa applied for);
- (d) Ticket for the entire outward and return journey;
- (e) Documentary evidence of your means of support during your stay and accommodation;
- (f) Proof of travel and repatriation insurance.

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

## **7. Hotel and other information**



### Hotel information

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations. A listing of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue can be found in **Annex B** below. Information on hotels and tourist information can be found at the following link: <http://www.ot-montpellier.fr/reservez-en-ligne>.

This above-mentioned web site contains an on-line hotel reservation system. Please select the location closest to the meeting venue in the drop down menu: “Railway Station / City Center / Corum”.

### Transportation and Tourist information

There is a transportation/discount tourist card available: “Montpellier City Card” which gives visitors free access to public transportation including discounts on tourist attractions. You will receive your Montpellier City Card when you present your reservation confirmation upon arrival at the Montpellier Tourist Office located at 30, allée Jean de Lattre de Tassigny - 34000 Montpellier.

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

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

## **9. Official languages in France**

The official language in France is French.

## 10. Weather and time zone information

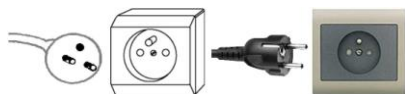


In January, temperatures in the region of Montpellier area usually ranges between a maximum of +11°C in the daytime and a minimum of +3°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/062/c01055.htm> (Marseille).

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

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 volts, 50 Hertz. The type of sockets used is illustrated below.



## 12. Currency



The currency in France is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 5 December 2011 is US \$1 = € 0.78 and 1 € = US \$1.28.

## 13. 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 – Country Listing

### COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER FRANCE AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FRANCE (MFA))

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

#### **A**

Andorra  
Albania\*  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Australia  
Austria

#### **B**

Barbados  
Belgium  
Bosnia and  
Herzegovina\*  
Brazil  
Brunei Darrussalam  
Bulgaria

#### **C**

Canada  
Chile  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic

#### **D**

Denmark

#### **E**

El Salvador  
Estonia

#### **F**

Finland

#### **G**

Germany  
Greece  
Guatemala

#### **H**

Honduras  
Hungary

#### **I**

Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy

#### **J**

Japan

#### **K**

Korea, Republic of

#### **L**

Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg

#### **M**

Malaysia  
Malta  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Montenegro\*

#### **N**

Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Norway

#### **P**

Panama  
Paraguay  
Poland  
Portugal

#### **R**

Romania

#### **S**

San Marino  
Serbia\*  
Seychelles  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland

#### **T**

The former Yugoslav  
Republic of Macedonia\*

#### **U**

United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern  
Ireland  
United States of America

#### **V**

Venezuela

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\* Holders of biometric  
passports only

## Annex B – Hotel listing

### LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN EUROS PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE TAXES RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A. FOUR OR MORE STAR HOTELS	Single Room Rates	Distance to the meeting venue and remarks
<b>1. Domaine de Verchant</b> 1 Boulevard Philippe Lamour , Castelnau-le-Lez 34170 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 67 07 26 00 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservation@verchant.com">reservation@verchant.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:reservation.verchant@gmail.com">reservation.verchant@gmail.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.domainedeverchant.com/">http://www.domainedeverchant.com/</a>	115.08 euros	- Taxi transfer included in price - About 4 kms from venue – 10 mins by car
<b>2. Jardin des sens</b> 11 Avenue Saint-Lazare 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 99 58 38 38 Fax: +33 (0)4 99 58 38 39 Web site: <a href="http://www.jardindessens.com/fr/index.html">http://www.jardindessens.com/fr/index.html</a>	190 euros	- Possibility of renegotiating price to 130 euros - 3 kms about 35 mins walk - near “Jeu de Mail de Abbés” tram station
<b>3. Pullman</b> 1 rue des Pertuisanes 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)04 67 99 72 72 Fax: +33(0)4/67651750 E-mail: <a href="mailto:H1294@accor.com">H1294@accor.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-1294-pullman-montpellier-antigone/index.shtml">http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-1294-pullman-montpellier-antigone/index.shtml</a>	143.40 euros	- About 1.5 kms from venue – 20 mins walk - - near “Antigone” tram station
<b>B. THREE STAR HOTELS</b>		
<b>4. Hotel Kyriad</b> 890 avenue Jean Mermoz 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 67 64 88 50 Fax : +33-(0)4 67 64 04 15 Web site: <a href="http://www.kyriad-montpelliercentre.com/#">http://www.kyriad-montpelliercentre.com/#</a>	88.20 euros	- About 1.5 kms from venue – 20 mins walk - - near “Léon Blum” tram station
<b>5. New hôtel du midi</b> 22 boulevard Victor Hugo 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 67 92 69 61 Fax: +33-(0)4 67 92 73 63 Web site: <a href="http://www.new-hotel.com/fr/hotel/du-midi">http://www.new-hotel.com/fr/hotel/du-midi</a>	103.95 euros	- About 1.5 kms from venue – 20 mins walk - - near “Comédie” tram station
<b>6. Mercure centre</b> 218 rue bastion Ventadour 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 67 99 89 89 Fax: (+33)4 67 99 89 88 E-mail: <a href="mailto:H3043@accor.com">H3043@accor.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-3043-mercure-montpellier-centre/events.shtml">http://www.mercure.com/gb/hotel-3043-mercure-montpellier-centre/events.shtml</a>	115.08 euros	- About 1.4 kms from venue – 20 mins walk - - near “Léon Blum” tram station

B. TWO STAR HOTELS	Single Room Rates	Distance to the meeting venue and remarks
<b>7. Ibis</b> 95, place Vauban Boulevard d'Antigone 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 67 64 06 64 Fax.: (+33)4/67659173 Web site: <a href="http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1391-ibis-montpellier-centre/index.shtml">http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1391-ibis-montpellier-centre/index.shtml</a>	68.25 euros	- About 1.5 kms from venue – 20 mins walk - - near “Léon Blum” tram station
<b>8. Hôtel des arts</b> 6 Boulevard Victor Hugo 34000 Montpellier, France Tel: +33-(0)4 67 58 69 20 <b>Fax : +33(0)4 67 58 85 82</b> <b>E-mail : <a href="mailto:contact@hotel-des-arts.fr">contact@hotel-des-arts.fr</a></b> Web site: <a href="http://www.hotel-des-arts.fr/en/accueil">http://www.hotel-des-arts.fr/en/accueil</a>	70.85 euros	- About 1.9 kms from venue – 25 mins walk - - near “Comédie” tram station
<b>9. Best Hôtel</b> 690 rue Alfred Nobel, Montpellier, France <a href="mailto:montpellier-est@besthotel.fr">montpellier-est@besthotel.fr</a> Tel: +33-(0)4 67 22 09 22 Web site: <a href="http://www.besthotel.fr/Montpellier_Est/">http://www.besthotel.fr/Montpellier_Est/</a>	70.15 euros	- About 2 kms from venue – 30 mins walk

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