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UPDATING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES
AND ACTION PLANS: INCORPORATING WORK ON
VALUATION AND INCENTIVE MEASURES AND
IN COLLABORATION WITH PoWPA
Nadi, Fiji, 3-7 October 2011

SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PACIFIC ON CAPACITY
BUILDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBD PROGRAMME
OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS
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1. **Opening and registration**

The Regional Workshop for Pacific region on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Incorporating work on valuation and incentive measures and in collaboration with PoWPA (NBSAP CBW Pacific 2) and the Sub-regional workshop for the Pacific on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas will be held in Nadi, Fiji from Monday, 3 to Friday, 7 October 2011.

The workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 3 October, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshops at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. **Venue**

The workshops will be held at:

The Tanoa International Hotel

Votualevu Road

P.O. Box 9203

Nadi Airport, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands

Tel.: (+679) 672-0277

Fax: (+679) 672-0191

E-mail: eam@tanoahotels.com.fj; ; tanoa@tanoahotels.com.fj

Web site: <http://www.tanoa-international-fiji.com/>

3. **Working language of the workshops**

The workshops will be held in English.

4. **Documents**

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

Regional Workshop for Pacific region on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans: Incorporating work on valuation and incentive measures and in collaboration with PoWPA (NBSAP CBW Pacific 2)

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=NBSAPCBW-PAC-02>

Sub-Regional Workshop for the Pacific on Capacity Building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBPA-PAC-02>

5. General information on access to Nadi, Fiji

Nadi is serviced by the Nadi International Airport in Nadi, Fiji (about 8 km from Nadi Town). It is located on the West of Viti Levu and the capital Suva is located to the East. Participants will be staying at the Tanoa International Hotel which is located close to the airport. The Tanoa Hotel provides free transportation to and from the airport. The transportation is available 24 hours a day for transfers, you may contact the drivers via mobile: 999-8552 or you can contact Ms. Fong Toy, Conference Manager by mobile: 999-8653 to arrange for a pick up.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below do not require an entry visa for Fiji all others are strongly advised to contact the nearest Fijian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Citizens of the following countries **do not** require a visa for Fiji for a stay of up to 4 months:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Estonia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania (United Republic of), Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Fijian diplomatic/consular missions abroad and countries with visa exemption arrangements, is available on the web site of the Fiji Government which provides a listing of visa exempt countries at: http://www.fiji.gov.fj/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=110&Itemid=160.

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

7. Health Requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers entering Fiji within 10 days of having stayed overnight or longer in countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

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

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

8. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

The Secretariat has prepaid and reserved rooms for funded participants at the Tanoa Nadi Hotel, please note that alternative accommodation is not an option. 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 F\$120 for a single room (approximately US \$70) including all government taxes.

To benefit from these rates, non-sponsored participants are required to reserve with the hotel directly. Below please find information on the hotel:

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9. Field Trip

A field trip to the Kula Ecopark in Sigatoka is planned during the workshops on Wednesday, 5 October, and participants are advised to bring appropriate clothing and footwear. The trip to the Ecopark should take approximately one hour.

10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant residual DSA on the first day of the workshop.

11. Official languages in Fiji

The official language in Fiji is English, however, Bau Fijian, and Hindustani are also spoken.

12. Weather and time zone information



In October, temperatures in Nadi usually range between a maximum of 30°C in the daytime and a minimum of 20°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/022/c00094.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 12 hours.

13. Electricity

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz and the plugs and are shown below.



14. Currency



The currency in Fiji is the Fijian Dollar (FJD \$) (F\$). The current exchange rate as at 7 September 2011 is US \$1.00 = FJD \$1.77 and = €1.00 = FJD \$2.49.

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.
