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AREAS (EBSAS)
Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, 27– 31 August 2012

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1. Opening and registration

The EBSA training and workshop for Eastern Tropical and Temperate Pacific region, to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) will be held in Port Ayora, Santa Cruz Island, in Galapagos, Ecuador from Monday, 27 August to Friday, 31 August 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 27 August 2012, 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:

Miguel Cifuentes Auditorium
Port Ayora, Santa Cruz Island
Galapagos, Ecuador

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in Spanish with English interpretation.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meetings 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: All documents for the meeting can be found at the following link:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EBSA-ETTP-01>

5. General information on access to Guayaquil, Ecuador



Access to Ecuador will be through the José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport in Guayaquil. The organizers have reserved rooms at Hotel Oro Verde for funded participants, and the payment of these rooms will be done by the organizers. The hotel will provide transportation from the airport, you will be met at the arrivals and they will be holding a sign with participant names. In case of need, there are taxis available at the airport and the approximate cost is between US \$5-8. Please only take official taxis, those identified with numbers in the windows and on the side of the cars. Reservations at the hotel in Guayaquil will be made according to the participants itineraries.

6. Trip to Galapagos, Ecuador

CBD funded participants will have pre-booked reservations from Guayaquil to Galápagos (departure 26 August to return 1 September). The itineraries will be transmitted to participants via e-mail in due course.

There are about 10 flights a day from Guayaquil to Galápagos. Non funded participants must make their own flight reservations. Las personas no financiadas por CBD deben hacer sus propias reservas de vuelo. Make sure your flight arrives in Baltra, since there are two airports in Galapagos with connections to/from Guayaquil. Generally, the flights depart from the morning to midday. There are three companies that service this route: TAME, Aerogal y LAN.

Participants will be arriving through the Baltra Island airport. The airline provides a bus that will bring you to a ferry. This five minute ferry ride crosses the Itabaca canal and will let you off on Santa Cruz Island (Galapagos). The cost of the ferry is about US \$0.80, once on Santa Cruz Island, you can take a taxi to the hotel in Port Ayora (Puerto Ayora). The trip by bus will bring you to the central station in Puerto Ayora and costs about US \$1.80. By taxi, the cost is about US \$18.00 or about US \$2.00 from the central station in Puerto Ayora.

Participants not travelling with the CBD group to Guayaquil may contact Gisela Talamas (CBD) (Gisela.talamas@cbd.int) and/or Fernando Félix (ffelix@cpps-int.org) if you require assistance for any part of the trip.

The cost of entry into the Galapagos National Park (Parque Nacional Galápagos) is US \$100.00. However, the PNG office has graciously waived the entry fees for participants of the meeting. In order for them to have a complete list of the participants, please send as soon as possible a copy (via e-mail) of your Passport (preferably 3 weeks prior to the meeting) failing this, entrance fee waive may not be granted.

7. Visa information



Participants do not require a visa for entry to Ecuador for a stay of a duration of less than 90 days.

8. Health requirements

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

Travellers to Ecuador require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 1 year of age arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and travelling to the following regions: Amazon provinces at altitudes lower than 2300 m: Morona-Santiago, Napo, Orellana, Pastaza, Sucumbios and Zamora-Chinchiipe (check map).

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

9. Hotel information

Funded participants

A block booking has been made at the Hotel Oro Verde en Guayaquil on behalf of all sponsored participants in Guayaquil and at two hotels in Galápagos: Casa Natura and Las Palmeras according to your travel itinerary. These rooms will be paid by the organizers.

Non-Funded Participants

Non-funded participants who want to take advantage of the special rate in Hotel Oro Verde, we ask you that you send an email to Fernando Felix (ffelix@cpps-int.org) and Veronica Avila (vavila@cpps-int.org) with c.c. to Gisela Talamás (gisela.talamas@cbd.int).

For your reservations in Galapagos, non-funded participants are required to make their own reservations by internet or telephone. It is recommended to make reservations as soon as possible due to the large demand for rooms at this time of year, August is the busiest time. There is no availability in the Casa Natura and Las Palmeras hotels; however, a list of hotels nearby in Santa Cruz including the contact person for reservations is listed below.

Hotel Lobo de Mar

Telf.: (593-5) 2502089 / 2520810

reservas-uo@lobodemar.com.ec

www.lobodemar.com.ec

Hotel Castro

Telf.: (593-5) 2526113

hotel_castro@hotmail.com

www.oasis-ecuador.com

Hotel Estrella de Mar

Telf.: (593-5) 2526427 / 2526080

www.hotelestrellademar.com.ec

Hotel La Peregrina

Telf.: (593-5)2526323

info@laperegrinagalapagos.com.ec

www.laperegrinagalapagos.com.ec

Hotel Mainao

Telf.: (593-5) 2527029 / 2524128

info@hotelmainao.com

www.hotelmainao.com

Hotel Santa Fé

Telf.: (593-5) 2526419 / 2526593

reservas@santafegalapagos.com.ec

www.santafegalapagos.com.ec

Santa Cruz is a small location and all of the hotels are within a 5 minute drive to the venue. Nevertheless it is recommended to limit the use of vehicles and most locations are within a 20 minute walking distance from the venue.

10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

11. Official language in Ecuador

The official language in Ecuador is Spanish.

12. Weather and time zone information



In July and August, temperatures in Galapagos usually range between a maximum of +25°C in the daytime and a minimum of +18°C. Light rains can be expected.

The time zone for Mauritius is GMT/UTC - 6 hours.

13. Electricity

The electricity voltage in Ecuador is 120 Volts/ 60 Hertz. The plugs and sockets used are shown below.



14. Currency



The currency in Ecuador is the United States Dollar US \$.

15. Consideraciones especiales

As you may already know, the ecosystem in Galápagos is very fragile and the number of people visiting is very high. There are many limitations in this environment as many services and usual comforts are not available. Many of the items found are transported from the mainland and are therefore more costly. We recommend to take precautions to produce the least impact on the environment during our visit.

16. 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. -----