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NORTH PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP TO FACILITATE THE DESCRIPTION OF ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT MARINE AREAS (EBSAS)

Moscow, Russian Federation, 25 February - 1 March 2013

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1. Opening of the meeting

The North Pacific Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) will be held in Moscow, Russian Federation from Monday, 25 February to Friday, 1 March 2013.

On Monday, 25 February, registration will start at 10:30 a.m., and the opening ceremony at 10:40 a.m.

From Tuesday (26 February) to Friday (1 March), the workshop will start at 10:00 a.m.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation

123995, Bolshaya Gruzinskaya, 4/6

Moscow, Russian Federation

Phone: +7 499 254 3943

Fax: +7 499 254 8283

E-mail: amusaev@mnr.gov.ru

Web site: www.mnr.gov.ru

Map of venue: Annex A below

The name of the meeting room at the Ministry is 'Zal kollegii', or in Russian 'Зал коллегии'.

There are multiple entrances to the Ministry building. The main entrance for participants to enter is indicated on the map in Annex A.

Participants should bring their passport as a means of identification to enter the Ministry. Sponsored participants will also require it in order to claim their DSA (see item no. 8, below). It is best to keep your passport with you at all times.

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English with Russian interpretation.

4. Documents

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



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

5. General information on access to Moscow, Russian Federation



Moscow is serviced by three major airports:

1. Sheremetyevo International Airport (approximately 27 kms from Moscow):

<http://www.svo.aero/en/>

2. Domodedovo Airport (approximately 37 kms from Moscow): <http://www.domodedovo.ru/en/>
3. Vnukovo International Airport (approximately 27 kms from Moscow):
<http://www.vnukovo.ru/eng/for-passengers/schem/arrive/>

It is recommended to use official taxis, which are available at the international arrivals halls in all airports and should be prepaid at the counter. Buses are also available at all airports.


Directions to the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow by:

1. Taxi: Most convenient, but not cheap (about USD \$60-100) and may be slow due to Moscow traffic.
2. Aeroexpress trains: Fastest transport to Moscow-city centre. Ticket price is about USD \$10.

To book tickets, see directions, and train schedule please use the following link:


<http://aeroexpress.ru/en/>

- 2.1. Aeroexpress train from **Sheremetyevo International Airport** goes to the *Belorussky vokzal* station. At the Aeroexpress destination point you are within 20-25 min. walking distance from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow. Find the 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya street and walk until you find building # 19.
- 2.2. Aeroexpress train from **Domodedovo Airport** goes to the *Paveletsky vokzal*, intercourse with the *Paveletskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Green line, Circle line).

At Aeroexpress destination point find the Moscow Metro sign .

When at the *Paveletskaya* Moscow Metro Station hall, purchase a ticket (USD \$1), take the train (Green line or Circle line doesn't matter) and go to the *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station (again Green line or Circle line doesn't matter). At *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station exit the subway into the city. You are within 20-25 min. walking distance from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow. Find the 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya street and walk until you find building # 19.

- 2.3. Aeroexpress train from **Vnukovo International Airport** goes to the *Kievskiy vokzal*, near the *Kievskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Blue, Light Blue lines, Circle line).

At Aeroexpress destination point find the Moscow Metro sign .

When at the *Kievskaya* Moscow Metro Station hall, purchase ticket (1 USD), take the train (Circle line) and go to the *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Circle line). At *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station exit the subway into the city. You are within 20-25 min. walking distance from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow. Find the 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya street and walk until you find building # 19.

3. Public Transport: may be slow due to Moscow traffic. Ticket price is from USD \$2 - 6.

- 3.1. Bus from **Sheremetyevo International Airport**:

- Bus 851 ☹
- Bus 851
- Bus 949

These buses go to the *Rechnoy vokzal* Moscow Metro Station (Green line)

or take any shuttle (minibus) that goes to the same *Rechnoy vokzal* Moscow Metro Station (Green line).




At destination point find the Moscow Metro sign

When at the *Rechnoy vokzal* Moscow Metro Station hall, purchase ticket (USD \$1), take the train (Green line) and go to the *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Green line). At *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station exit the subway into the city. You are within 20-25 min. walking distance from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow. Find the 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya street and walk until you find building # 19.

3.2. Bus from **Domodedovo Airport**:

- Bus 308

Goes to the *Domodedovskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Green line) or take any shuttle (minibus) that goes to the same *Domodedovskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Green line).


At destination point find the Moscow Metro sign 

When at the *Domodedovskaya* Moscow Metro Station hall, purchase ticket (USD \$1), take the train (Green line) and go to the *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Green line). At *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station exit the subway into the city. You are within 20-25 min. walking distance from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow. Find the 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya street and walk until you find building # 19.

3.3. Bus from **Vnukovo International Airport**:

- Bus 611
- Bus 611 c
- Bus 611 φ
- Shuttle 45 (minibus)

These buses goes to the *Yugo-Zapadnaya* Moscow Metro Station (Red line).

At destination point find the Moscow Metro sign 

When at the *Yugo-Zapadnaya* Moscow Metro Station hall, purchase ticket (1 USD), take the train (Red line) go to the Park Kultury Moscow Metro Station (Red Line), exit the train and change the line, go to the Park Kultury Moscow Metro Station (Circle Line), take the train to the *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station (Circle line). At *Belorusskaya* Moscow Metro Station exit the subway into the city. You are within 20-25 min. walking distance from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow. Find the 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya street and walk until you find building # 19.

6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for the Russian Federation and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Russian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures for entry into the Russian Federation can be found within the listing of each relevant diplomatic/consular mission abroad on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation at: http://www.mid.ru/zu_r.nsf/strawebeng.

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

7. Hotel information

Participants who are sponsored by the Secretariat will have rooms reserved for them for the duration of their stay at the following hotel:

Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow

1st Tverskaya Yamskaya Street 19

Moscow 125047

Tel: (7) (495) 931-9700

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=137>

It is a 25-minute walk from the Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow to the venue, along Bolshaya Gruzinskaya Street.

Self-funded participants are kindly reminded to **make their own hotel reservations at the hotel of their choice as soon as possible.**

Further information on hotels in Moscow can be found on the following web site:
<http://www.moscow-hotels.net/>

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their relevant DSA on the first day of the meetings. They will need to show their passport for this purpose.

9. Official language in the Russian Federation

The official language in the Russian Federation is Russian.

10. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Moscow range between a maximum of -5°C in the daytime and -15°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:

<http://www.worldweather.org/107/c00206.htm>.

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

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Russian Federation are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. The plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



12. Currency



The currency in the Russian Federation is the Russian Ruble (RUB). The current exchange rate as at 6 February 2013 is US \$1 = 30.01 RUB and € 1 = 40.70 RUB.

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

Map of the venue:
Offices of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
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