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TO FACILITATE THE DESCRIPTION OF  
ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT  
MARINE AREAS (EBSAs)  
Montreal, Canada, 24 – 28 March 2014

## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## 1. Opening and registration

The North-west Atlantic Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) will be held in Montreal, Canada from Monday, 24 March to Friday, 28 March 2014.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 24 March 2014 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:

### **The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

413 St-Jacques Street West, Suite 800

Montréal, Québec

Canada, H2Y 1N9

Tel: +1-514-288-2220

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Metro station Square-Victoria, line no. 2 (Orange)

Note that access to the 8th floor is restricted. Kindly announce your presence to our receptionist at the entrance, and she will arrange for your access to the 8th floor.

## 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 workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Documents are available on the following web page:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EBSAWS-2014-02>

## 5. General information on access to Montreal



Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis and a bus (No. 747) are available at the airport. The information on rates is as follows.

<b>Bus:</b>	<b>One way trip</b>
Montreal-Trudeau Airport/Downtown (several locations) STM Express bus No. 747 (runs 24 hrs a day)	CDN \$10 (Fares can be purchased from the automated dispensers at the international arrivals level. The \$10 fare can also be paid in cash <b>with exact change in coins only</b> on board the bus. More information: <a href="http://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/bus/shuttle/more-about-747-aeroport-p-e-trudeau-centre-ville-shuttle">http://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/bus/shuttle/more-about-747-aeroport-p-e-trudeau-centre-ville-shuttle</a> )
<b>Taxis:</b> Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown	CDN \$40 Fixed rate

## 6. Visa requirements



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Canada, and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian 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 airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of Citizenship and Immigration Canada at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>.

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

## 7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they must make their own hotel reservations, and that they should do so as soon as possible.**

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex B**) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or close to a Metro (subway) station. Note that some hotels are offering special room rates. Please see the information provided in the annex.

Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following web site:

<http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/Accommodations>



## 8. Official languages

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec, however English is widely spoken in Montreal.

## 9. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of +2°C in the daytime and a minimum of -10°C at night. Please bring appropriate warm clothing. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>.

In March, Montreal is on Eastern Daylight Time, which is GMT/UTC -4 hours.

## 10. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz as shown below.



## **11. Currency**



The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CDN \$). The current exchange rate as at 14 March 2014 is US \$1 = CDN \$1.10 and € 1 = CDN \$1.54.

## **12. 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, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

## Annex A – Country Listing

### COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Canada:

<b>A</b>	<b>E (cont'd)</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>S (Cont'd)</b>
Afghanistan	Eritrea	Macao	Saudi Arabia
Albania	Ethiopia	Madagascar	Senegal
Algeria		Malawi	Serbia
Angola	<b>F</b>	Malaysia	Seychelles
Argentina	Fiji	Maldives	Sierra Leone
Armenia		Mali	Somalia
Azerbaijan	<b>G</b>	Marshall Islands	South Africa
	Gabon	Mauritania	Sri Lanka
<b>B</b>	Gambia	Mauritius	Sudan
Bahrain	Georgia	Mexico	Suriname
Bangladesh	Ghana	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Swaziland
Belarus	Grenada	Moldova	Syrian Arab Republic
Belize	Guatemala	Mongolia	
Benin	Guinea	Montenegro	<b>T</b>
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Tajikistan
Bolivia	Guyana	Mozambique	Tanzania, United Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina		Myanmar	Thailand
Botswana	<b>H</b>		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Brazil	Haiti	<b>N</b>	Togo
Bulgaria	Honduras	Namibia	Tonga
Burkina Faso		Nauru	Trinidad and Tobago
Burundi	<b>I</b>	Nepal	Tunisia
	India	Nicaragua	Turkey
<b>C</b>	Indonesia	Niger	Turkmenistan
Cambodia	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Nigeria	Tuvalu
Cameroon	Iraq	<b>O</b>	
Cape Verde	Israel	Oman	<b>U</b>
Central African Republic			Uganda
Chad	<b>J</b>	<b>P</b>	Ukraine
Chile	Jamaica	Pakistan	United Arab Emirates
China	Jordan	Palau	Uruguay
Colombia		Palestinian Authority	Uzbekistan
Comoros	<b>K</b>	Panama	
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Kazakhstan	Paraguay	
Congo, Republic of the	Kenya	Peru	<b>V</b>
Costa Rica	Kiribati	Philippines	Vanuatu
Cote d'Ivoire	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Poland	Venezuela
Cuba	Kuwait	<b>Q</b>	Viet Nam
Czech Republic	Kyrgyzstan	Qatar	
			<b>Y</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>R</b>	Yemen
Djibouti	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	Romania	
Dominica	Lebanon	Russian Federation	<b>Z</b>
Dominican Republic	Lesotho	Rwanda	Zambia
	Liberia		Zimbabwe
<b>E</b>	Libya	<b>S</b>	
East Timor	Lithuania	Saint Lucia	
Ecuador		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Egypt		Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
El Salvador			
Equatorial Guinea			

## Annex B – Hotel Listing

### LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE TAXES: GST 5% + QST 9.5%

**RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

A. FOUR STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
<b>1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal</b> 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-847-8525, option #3 America toll free: 1-800-361-3600 Fax: +1-514-847-8730 E-mail: <a href="mailto:montreal@interconti.com">montreal@interconti.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:yulhb-reservations@ihg.com">yulhb-reservations@ihg.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal">http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal</a>	<b>Please request the <u>SCBD or ICAO</u> Rates at the time of booking.</b>  Jan – Apr \$159.00 1 king bed (varying rates)	2 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
<b>2. Hyatt Regency Montreal</b> 1255 Jeanne-Mance Montreal, Quebec, H5B 1E5 Tel: +1-514- 982-1234 Fax: +1-514-841-2069 Web site: <a href="http://www.montreal.hyatt.com">www.montreal.hyatt.com</a>	<b>Please request the <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking or group code #78642 for online bookings.</b>  Jan – Apr \$155.00 (check web rates for specials)	15 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
B. THREE STAR HOTELS			
<b>3. Holiday Inn Select</b> 99 Viger Street West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 E-mail: <a href="mailto:administration@yul-downtown.hiselect.com">administration@yul-downtown.hiselect.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">www.ichotelsgroup.com</a>	<b>Please request the <u>CBD/SCBD</u> or UN rates at the time of booking.</b>  Jan – Apr: \$133.00 (check web rates for specials)	5 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
<b>4. Le Westin Montréal</b> 270 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-380-3333 Fax: +1-514-380-3332 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@westinmontreal.com">reservations@westinmontreal.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.westinmontreal.com/">http://www.westinmontreal.com/</a>	<b>Please request <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking.</b>  Jan – Apr: \$200.00 (check web rates for specials)	2 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
<b>5. Best Western – Ville Marie</b> 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or Toll-free: +1-800-361-7791(Canada &U.S.A.) Fax: +1-514-288-3021 Reservations: <a href="mailto:sam@hotelvillemarie.com">sam@hotelvillemarie.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.hotelvillemarie.com">www.hotelvillemarie.com</a>	<b>Please request <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking.</b>  Jan – Apr : \$120.00 (check web rates for specials)	20 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet

<b>B. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Continued)</b>			
<p><b>6. Hotel Le Dauphin</b> 1025, De Bleury Montreal Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: +1-514-788-3889 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca">mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.hoteldauphin.ca">www.hoteldauphin.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Please request <u>CBD</u> rates at the time of booking.</b></p> <p>Single: \$132.00 Junior Suite: \$152.00</p>	<p>2 minutes' walk</p>	<p>Rates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• Computer with high speed internet / Wifi</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. L'Appartement Hotel</b> 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@appartementhotel.com">info@appartementhotel.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.appartementhotel.com">www.appartementhotel.com</a></p>	<p><b>Please request <u>SCBD</u> rates at the time of booking..</b></p> <p>Jan – Apr \$119.00 - Studio</p>	<p>15 minutes' walk</p>	<p>Rates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buffet breakfast</li> <li>• High speed internet</li> <li>• Daily newspaper</li> <li>• Local calls</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Travelodge Montreal Centre</b> 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reserve@travelodgemontreal.ca">reserve@travelodgemontreal.ca</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.travelodgemontrealcentre.com/">http://www.travelodgemontrealcentre.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Please request <u>CBD</u> rates at the time of booking.</b></p> <p>Jan – Apr \$80.00</p>	<p>15 minutes' walk</p>	<p>Rates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High speed internet</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. L'HOTEL</b> 262 St Jacques West Montreal, QC H2Y 1N1 Tel.: +1-514-985-0019 Fax.: +1-514-985-0059 Web site: <a href="http://www.lhotelmontreal.com/">http://www.lhotelmontreal.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Please request <u>CBD</u> rate at the time of booking.</b></p> <p>Jan – Apr: \$220.00</p>	<p>2 minutes' walk</p>	<p>Rates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast</li> <li>• High speed internet</li> </ul>

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