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Málaga, Spain, 7 - 11 April 2014

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening

The Mediterranean Regional Workshop to Facilitate the Description of Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) will be held in Malaga, Spain from Monday, 7 April to Friday, 11 April 2014.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 7 April and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the workshop venue.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Hotel NH Malaga

Calle San Jacinto, 2

29007, Malaga, Spain

Tel: +34-95-207-1323

E-mail: nhmalaga@nh-hotels.com

Web site:

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/spain/malaga/nh-malaga.html#ad-image-0>

3. Contact information for hotel and travel arrangements

Please note that sponsored participants will be funded by the UNEP/MAP Secretariat (United Nations Environment Programme Mediterranean Action Plan), which will directly arrange for travel and hotel reservations. The contact information is as follows:

Mr. Atila Uras

UNEP/MAP Secretariat

E-mail atila.uras@unepmap.gr

Tel: +30-210-7273140

4. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and French with interpretation.

5. Documents

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EBSAWS-2014-03>

6. General information on access to Malaga, Spain



Malaga is serviced by the Málaga-Costa del Sol International Airport which is approximately 8 km outside the city centre. There are public buses available to the city centre. There is an information and ticket counter at the arrivals hall (Terminal 3) where tickets can be

purchased at the cost of €3.00 for a one-way ticket and the journey takes about 15 minutes. Taxis are also available at the arrivals hall and cost between 17-25 Euros.

7. Visa information



Participants from most countries require a Schengen visa for entry into Spain are listed in Annex B below. Participants are strongly advised to contact the nearest Spanish 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.**

All participants must travel with a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country. Information on visa procedures and a list of relevant Spanish diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Government of Spain at the following link: <http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/Paginas/EmbajadasConsulados.aspx>.

The Schengen visa application form can be found at the following link: <http://www.vfsglobal.com/spain/UAE/pdf/ApplicationforSchengenVisa.pdf>.

Whilst the secretariat of UNEP/MAP will try to facilitate the issuance of the relative visas, final responsibility to obtain any required visa shall rest with the participant.

8. Hotel information



A block booking has been made on behalf of participants at the Hotel NH Malaga, details are shown below. Participants will be given a single room which includes internet and breakfast. Lunch will be provided from Monday, 7 to Friday, 11 April. All other expenses incurred such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, etc. should be paid by participant upon check out.

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29007, Malaga, Spain
Tel: +34-95-207-1323

E-mail: nhmalaga@nh-hotels.com

Web site:

<http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/spain/malaga/nh-malaga.html#ad-image-0>

Reservations will be made by UNEP/MAP according to the travel arrangements being made for the workshop participants (see contact in item 3 above).

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

For delegates whose cost of participation is covered, UNEP/MAP Secretariat provides hotel room (single occupancy) breakfast and lunches. In addition, the Secretariat offers **reduced** Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) which will be transferred directly to the delegates' personal bank account after the meeting.

Disbursement of DSA is subject to the submission of the following documents during the meeting to Mr. Atila Uras :

- Copy of full flight ticket/print out if ticket is electronic;
- Original invoice (s) air ticket, train ticket and other claimed expenses;
- Boarding pass(es) for your inbound journey (originals);
- Photocopy of the visa, compulsory travel insurance, departing taxes and related fees, if applicable.

10. Official language in Spain

The official language in Spain is Spanish also called Castilian. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In April, temperatures in Malaga usually range between a maximum of +21°C in the daytime and a minimum of +10°C at night. Please bring appropriate clothing for rainy weather. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/083/c01235.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC +1 hour.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Spain are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz, with sockets as shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Spain is the Euro (EUR or €). The current exchange rate as at 26 March 2014 is US \$1.00 = EUR 0.72; and EUR 1.00 = US \$ 1.38 (rates are subject to change).

14. 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

CITIZENS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER SPAIN AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** Spain:

A

Afghanistan
Algeria
Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Cuba

D

Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti

I

India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ivory Coast

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Lao, People's Democratic Republic of
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya

M

Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Micronesia, Federated States of
Moldova, Republic of

M (continued)

Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar

N

Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pakistan
Palau
Papua-New Guinea
Peru
Philippines

Q

Qatar

R

Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Syrian Arab Republic

T

Tajikistan,
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan

V

Vanuatu
Viet Nam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe

