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PACIFIC CENTRAL AMERICAN EXPERT WORKSHOP  
FOR MARINE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY  
Guatemala City, Guatemala, 27-28 May 2015

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Pacific Central American Expert Workshop for Marine Conservation and Sustainability will be held in Guatemala City from Wednesday, 27 May to Thursday, 28 May 2015.

The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 May 2015 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:00 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **Hotel Princess**

13 Calle 7-65 Zona 9

Guatemala, Guatemala

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E-mail: [staying@hotelesprincess.com](mailto:staying@hotelesprincess.com)

Web site: <http://www.hotelesprincess.com/en/guatemala/>

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.

## 4. Documents



The workshop pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's website at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MCBEM-2015-01>

<http://lifeweb.cbd.int/event?id=80F17E49-5CD7-D120-B54A-5B5467F895B0>

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop.

## 5. General information on access to Guatemala City



Guatemala City is serviced by the Guatemala City La Aurora International Airport. The airport is situated about 6 km from the city centre.

Taxis are available for travel into the city and the cost is approximately US \$8 - US \$12 and should take approximately 20 minutes. There is an airport shuttle service available for sponsored participants.

There is a departure tax of approximately US \$30.00 that must be paid in cash prior to departure.

## 6. Visa information



Information on visa related issues is available on the website of the Government of the a visa can be found at: [http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor\\_Pagina.aspx?PaginaID=22](http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginaID=22). It should be noted that some airlines will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Participants requiring an entry visa for Guatemala are advised to contact the nearest Guatemalan Diplomatic/Consular representations in order to secure, in a timely manner, the required entry visa, prior to departure. Please see annex A for visa requirements all countries (in Spanish). A listing of Guatemalan Diplomatic/Consular representations can be found at the following link. [http://www.minex.gob.gt/DirectorioDetalle.aspx?ID\\_TIPO=6&ID\\_REGISTRO=123](http://www.minex.gob.gt/DirectorioDetalle.aspx?ID_TIPO=6&ID_REGISTRO=123).

### **COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER GUATEMALA AS VISITORS (DETAILS ARE PROVIDED IN ANNEX A BELOW, IN SPANISH)**

For this workshop, citizens of the following countries and territories do not require a visa to **visit** Guatemala:

Andorra	Holy See	Portugal
Antigua and Barbuda	Honduras	Qatar
Argentina	Hungary	Romania
Australia	Iceland	Russian Federation
Austria	India	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bahamas	Ireland	Saint Lucia
Bahrain	Israel	San Marino
Barbados	Italy	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belgium	Japan	Sao Tome e Principe
Belize	Korea, Republic of	Saudi Arabia
Brazil	Kuwait	Singapore
Brunei- Darussalam	Latvia	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Liechtenstein	Slovenia
Canada	Lithuania	Spain
Chile	Luxemburg	Solomon Islands
China	Madagascar	South Africa
Costa Rica	Malaysia	Sweden
Colombia	Malta	Switzerland
Croatia	Marshall Islands	
Cyprus	Mexico	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Czech Republic	Monaco	Trinidad and Tobago
Denmark	Netherlands	Turkey
El Salvador	New Zealand	Tuvalu
Estonia	Nicaragua	Ukraine
Fiji	Norway	United Arab Emirates
Finland	Panama	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
France	Peru	United States of America
Germany	Paraguay	Uruguay
Greece	Poland	Vanuatu
		Venezuela

## 7. Hotel information

A block booking has been made for sponsored participants according to your itineraries. All participants are urged to stay at the meeting venue hotel.

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## 8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

The relevant portion of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop. Sponsored participants are asked to present their passports which will be photocopied and returned to them.

## 9. Official language

The official language in Guatemala is Spanish.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In May, temperatures in Guatemala usually range between a maximum of +27°C in the daytime and a minimum of +16°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=906>.

The current time zone is GMT/UTC -6 hours

## 11. Electricity

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



## **12. Currency**



The currency in Guatemala is the Quetzal (GTQ). The current exchange rate as at 5 May 2015 is US \$1 = GTQ \$7.74 and €1 = GTQ \$8.66 (rates are subject to change).

## **13. 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 insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

ANNEX A – LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR GUATEMALA  
(IN SPANISH)



## VISA para viajar a Guatemala

Categoría "A"	Exento del requisito de visa
Categoría "B"	visa consular o sin consulta
Categoría "C"	visa consultada

### EXENTO DE VISA - CATEGORÍA "A"

Alemania	El Salvador
Andorra	Emiratos Arabes Unidos
Antigua y Barbuda	Eslovaquia
Arabia Saudita	Eslovenia
Argentina	España
Australia	Estados Unidos de
Austria	América (Incluye Guam)
Bahamas	Estonia
Bahréin	Fiji
Barbados	Finlandia
Bélgica	Francia
Belice	Grecia
Brasil	Honduras
Brunei-Darussalam	Hungría
Bulgaria	Irlanda
Canadá	Islandia
Chile	Islas Marshall
República de China (Taiwán)	Islas Salomón
Chipre	Israel
Colombia	Italia
Corea del Sur (República de)	Japón
Costa Rica	Kuwait
Croacia	Letonia (Latvia)
Dinamarca	Liechtenstein

Lituania	Turquía
Luxemburgo	Tuvalu
Macedonia	Ucrania
Madagascar	Uruguay
Malasia	Vanuatu
Malta	Venezuela
México, Estados Unidos	OEA
Mónaco	Naciones Unidas
Nicaragua	Comisión Europea
Noruega	
Nueva Zelandia	
Panamá	
Paraguay	
Perú	
Polonia	
Portugal	
Qatar	
Reino de los Países Bajos (Holanda)	
Reino Unido de Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte y Regiones Administrativas Especiales de la República Popular China	
República Checa	
Rumania	
Rusia, Federación de	
San Kitts y Nevis	
San Marino	
San Vicente y Granadinas	
Santa Lucía	
Santa Sede (Ciudad del Vaticano)	
Santo Tomé y Príncipe	
Singapur	
Sudáfrica	
Suecia	
Suiza, Confederación	
Trinidad y Tobago	

## CATEGORIA CONSULAR O SIN CONSULTA "B"

Azerbaiyán	Marruecos, Reino de
Belarús, República de (Bielorrusia)	Mauricio
Benín	Mauritania
Bolivia	Micronesia (Estados Federales)
Burkina Faso	Moldova, República de (Moldavia)
Burundi, República de	Montenegro, República de
Bután	Myanmar, Union de (antes Birmania)
Cabo Verde	Namibia
Camboya	Nauru
Chad	Níger
Comoras	Palao
Côte d'Ivoire (Costa de Marfil)	Papúa Nueva Guinea
Djibouti	República Centroafricana
Dominica	República Dominicana
Ecuador	Ruanda
Egipto	Samoa
Filipinas	Senegal
Gabón	Serbia, República de (Antiguamente República Federativa de Yugoslavia)
Gambia	Seychelles
Georgia	Suazilandia
Granada	Suriname
Guinea	Tailandia
Guinea Bissau	Tanzania, República Unida de
Guinea Ecuatorial	Tayikistán
Guyana	Togo
India	Tonga
Jamaica	Túnez
Kazajstán	Turkmenistán
Kirguistán	Uganda
Kiribati	Uzbekistán
Lesoto	Zambia
Malawi	Zimbabue
Maldivas	



## CATEGORIA CONSULTADA "C"

Afganistán, Estado Islámico  
Albania  
Angola, República de  
Argelia  
Armenia  
Bangladesh, República Popular de  
Bosnia y Herzegovina, República de  
Botsuana  
Camerún  
China, República Popular  
Congo  
Congo, República Democrática del  
Corea, República Popular Democrática de (Corea del Norte)  
Cuba  
Eritrea (Estado de, Asmara)  
Etiopía  
Ghana  
Haití  
Indonesia  
Irak, República de  
Irán, República Islámica del  
Jordania, Reino Hachemita de  
Kenia  
Laos, República Democrática Popular de  
Líbano  
Liberia  
Libia  
Malí  
Mongolia

Mozambique  
Nepal  
Nigeria, República Federal de  
Omán  
Pakistán, República Islámica de  
Sierra Leona, República de  
Siria, República Árabe de  
Somalia, República Democrática  
Sri Lanka, República Socialista Democrática de  
Sudán, República de  
Timor-Leste, República Democrática Oriental  
Viet Nam  
Yemen

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