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Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas will be held in Dehradun, India from Monday, 12 October to Thursday, 15 October 2009.

The Workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 12 October 2009, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. on the same day. The workshop is expected to be closed at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, 15 October 2009.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Wildlife Institute of India

Chandrabani

Dehradun 248 001

Uttarakhand State, INDIA

Telephone: +91-(0)135-264-0304 (Off.)

Fax: +91-(0)135-264-0117

E-mail: vbm@wii.gov.in

Web site: <http://www.wii.gov.in/>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. 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=WSPOWPA-AP-01>

5. General information on access to Dehradun, India



The closest International Airport from Dehradun is Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), New Delhi. Dehradun is located approximately 250 km from New Delhi. The domestic airport at Dehradun is located about 30 km from the Dehradun city centre. A reception desk operated by the M/s VXL Tours and Travel, 29 Rajpur Road, Anekant Place, Dehradun (Contact: Mr. Ram Vohra, Mobile: +91-9837048542, E-mail: vxltravels@yahoo.co.in; and Mr. Pankaj, Mobile: +91-3837708062), the designated person for Event Management Mr. Ram Vohra will be available only on 11 October, 2009 between 12:00 noon to 18:00 hrs to facilitate the travel of participants from Dehradun Airport to the hotel in Dehradun. Participants arriving on any other dates should take a taxi to the hotel which costs at most INR 1,000 (approx. US \$21)

5.1 Chartered bus

The local organizers will arrange a chartered bus from Dehradun to IGI Airport, New Delhi on 15th October, 2009. Participants wishing to avail themselves to the chartered bus should **immediately inform** Dr. V.B. Mathur, Dean, Wildlife Institute of India by Tel: +91-(0)135-264-0304; Fax: +91-(0)135-264-0117; Mobile: +91-941-205-4648; E-mail: vbm@wii.gov.in. Travel to New Delhi for participants who for some reason are not able to take the chartered bus will be facilitated through the hiring of shared taxis. The journey from Dehradun to IGI Airport, New Delhi by chartered bus/taxi will be approximately 7 hours.

5.2 By Train

The Indian Railways offers comfortable train services to and from Dehradun. The Dehradun Shatabdi Express, with daily service to and from New Delhi Railway Station is the most convenient way to go to Dehradun. In addition, there are a number of other trains, which go to Dehradun, thereby offering a wide range of choices. **However, due to passenger rush, advance reservation is required, which can be done on internet <http://www.irctc.co.in/>.** For more information on the train schedules, visit <http://www.indianrail.gov.in> and refer to the **annex** below. Participants wishing to travel by Shatabdi Express from New Delhi to Dehradun may take a pre-paid taxi from IGI Airport to New Delhi Railway Station, which would cost approx. INR 300 (US \$6). Participants arriving by train may take a taxi from Dehradun Railway Station to their hotel, at an approx. fare of INR 150 (US \$3).

5.3 By Air

Dehradun is now connected by air. Kingfisher Red Airlines operates two flights from Delhi to Dehradun and back as per the following schedule:

Delhi to Dehradun

Departure (Delhi)	Airlines	Days	Arrival (Dehradun)	Flight Num
11:35	Kingfisher	Daily	12:30	IT2359
15:20	Kingfisher	Daily	16:20	IT2815

Dehradun to Delhi

Departure (Dehradun)	Airlines	Days	Arrival (Delhi)	Flight Num
13:00	Kingfisher	Daily	14:00	IT2360
16:50	Kingfisher	Daily	17:50	IT2816

The flights can be booked on-line through the web site:
<http://www.flykingfisher.com/plan-book/bookings.aspx>.

6. Visa information



Participants from all countries require an entry visa for India and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Indian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web site of the National Portal of India at: <http://india.gov.in/overseas/passport.php>. A list of relevant Indian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the Ministry of External Affairs at: <http://www.meaindia.nic.in/cgi-bin/db2www/meaxpsite/indmission.d2w/embassies>.

Participants experiencing difficulties to access this web site and/or requiring any visa-related assistance are requested to directly contact the designated focal person, namely Mr. A. K. Goyal whose coordinates are as follows:

Mr. A. K. Goyal
Joint Secretary & India National Focal Point for CBD
Ministry of Environment & Forests
Government of India, CGO Complex
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003, India
Tel: +91-11- 243-61774
Fax: +91-11- 243-67009
E-mail: akg@nic.in

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat has issued visa assistance letters for funded participants to be attached to visa applications. Non funded participants may also be provided, on request, a visa assistance letter. The requests to be addressed as soon as possible to: secretariat@cbd.int should contain full name and coordinates of the participant as well as passport number, expiry date and date and place of issue.

7. Health requirements

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

Travellers to India require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 1 year of age, who within the preceding six days, have been in or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Malaria risk exists throughout the year in the whole country at altitudes below 2000 m, with overall 40% to 50% of cases due to *P. falciparum* and the remaining due to *P. vivax*.

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

8. Hotel information



It should be noted that a block booking at two hotels has been made on behalf of all participants in the workshop in Dehradun, their information is as follows:

(a) Hotel Madhuban

97, Rajpur Road

Dehradun-248 001, India

Telephone: +91-135-274-9990/95

Fax: +91-135-274-6496

E-mail: hotelmadhuban@sancharnet.in

Web site: www.hotelmadhuban.com

Hotel rate is: INR 3,500 per night (approx. US \$72) inclusive of all meals.

(b) Hotel Viceroy Inn

Saharanpur Road, Niranjanpur

Dehradun-248001,

Uttaranchal State, India

Telephone: +91-135-272-9995/98

Fax.: +91-135-272-9992

E-mail: viceroyinn@yahoo.com

Web-site: <http://www.hotelviceroyinn.com/>

Hotel rate is: INR 2,000 per night (approx. US \$42) inclusive of all meals.

For more information about India, please go to: <http://www.incredibleindia.org/>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The CBD Secretariat will settle the hotel accommodation which includes all meals on behalf of the sponsored participants. All extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at their own costs and must be settled upon checking out. The relevant portion of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to the sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop.

10. Official languages in India

There are two official languages in India: Hindi and English.

11. Weather and time zone information



During the month of October, the minimum temperature will be 22°C in the New Delhi region and can reach a maximum of 36°C. More information on weather is available at <http://www.imd.ernet.in/section/nhac/dynamic/dlimd.htm>. In Dehradun, the minimum temperature will be 18°C and can reach a maximum of 29°C. More information on Dehradun weather is available at <http://www.imd.ernet.in/section/nhac/dynamic/utimd.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT +5 ½ hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 volts, 50 Hertz. The type of sockets used is illustrated below:



13. Currency



The currency in India is the Indian rupee (INR). The current exchange rate as at 24 September 2009 is US \$1 = INR 48.89 and (Euro) € 1 = INR 70.37.

14. 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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex

DETAILS OF TRAINS BETWEEN DELHI AND DEHRADUN

S. No.	Train No	Train Name	From	To	Departure	Arrival	AC –I/ Executive Class	AC-II/ Chair Car	Remarks
1	2017	SHATABDI EXPRESS	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	06:55	12:40	Rs. 1032 or US\$ 23	Rs. 516 or US \$ 12	Only Executive and Chair Car; no sleeper coach
2	2017A	NZM DDN AC SPECIAL	Nizamudin Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	23:30	05:45	Rs. 1017 or US \$ 23	Rs. 592 or US \$ 13	No Executive and Chair Car; only sleeper coach
3	4041	MUSSOORIE EXPRESS	Old Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	21:10	08:00	Rs. 1039 or US \$ 23	Rs. 519 or US \$ 12	No Executive and Chair Car; only sleeper coach
4	2055	JAN SHATABDI EXPRESS	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	15:30	21:10	--	Rs. 450 or US \$ 10	Only Chair Car; no sleeper coach
