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Isle of Vilm, Germany, 27 November – 1 December 2009

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas will be held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany from Friday, 27 November to Tuesday, 1 December 2009.

The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, 28th November 2009, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 27th November 2009.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

The International Academy for Nature Conservation

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3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation into Russian.

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-CEE-01>

5. General information on access to Isle of Vilm



The Isle of Vilm is located about 300 km from Berlin or Hamburg. It will be necessary for delegates to travel by train to Lauterbach/Mole, the harbour village close to Vilm from either Berlin or Hamburg Airports. From Lauterbach/Mole you must then take a ferry to the Isle of Vilm. From the Lauterbach/Mole station, you can walk to the pier where the ferry boat to the Isle of Vilm departs.

More information on how to reach the Isle of Vilm by train and ferry is annexed to this document.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require a Schengen entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission

as soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant German diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen.html>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, Ms. Judith Jabs, BfN, Judith.Jabs@bfm-vilm.de will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information



The accommodation for the participants of the workshop has been pre-booked at the International Academy for Nature Conservation. The cost of accommodation and meals per day is as follows:

- Single room: 51.00€
- Double room: 37.00€ (price per person)
- Cost of full board (3 meals): 24.00€
- Morning and afternoon/tea/coffee, etc.: 3.50€

More information on the accommodation at the International Academy of Nature Conservation is available at the following web-site:
http://www.bfn.de/fileadmin/MDB/documents/ina/Prices_2009.pdf

If flight connections make it necessary to overnight in Berlin or Hamburg, The International Academy for Nature Conservation (Judith.Jabs@bfm-vilm.de) will be able to assist in making a hotel reservation for the overnight stay.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Participants sponsored by the CBD will receive the relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

9. Official languages in Germany

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information



In November, temperatures on the Isle of Vilm usually ranges between a maximum of +7°C in the daytime and a minimum of 0°C at night. The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 1 hour. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.dwd.de/bvbw/appmanager/bvbw/>.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 18 November is US \$1 = €0.669 and € 1 = US \$1.494.

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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER GERMANY AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE)

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

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