



SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION

Managers and decision-makers workshop on the implementation of an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries in the South West Indian Ocean

**23-26 June 2008, Oceanographic Research Institute,
Durban, South Africa**

NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK SHOP

1. Within the framework of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) and the technical support of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), a regional workshop on the implementation of an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries (EAF) will be organised at the Oceanographic Research Institute, Durban, 23-26 June 2008. The Oceanographic Research Institute (ORI) is one of three divisions of the South African Association for Marine Biological Research (SAAMBR). The other two are the Sea World Aquarium & Dolphinarium and the Sea World Education Centre.

ORI is located at uShaka Marine World in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, and its influence and collaboration has extended well beyond South Africa's borders to include Namibia, Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Eritrea, Somalia and other countries of the western Indian Ocean region. A team of experienced marine scientists and support staff constitute the ORI staff complement. Senior staff participate in numerous regional, national and international committees dealing with marine science and resource management.

2. Registration will start at 08.30 hrs on Monday 23 June 2008, followed by the opening at 09.30 hrs. The workshop will be conducted in English and held in the Conference Room of the Education Centre, which is situated downstairs from the ORI offices at uShaka Marine World.

ENTRY FORMALITIES

3. Participants must have a valid passport and usually need a visa. Please consult your travel agent or a South African consulate as early as possible regarding your visa requirements, as this may be time consuming.
4. Participants should also consult their local travel clinic concerning the required immunisations for entry into South Africa. Please check whether you need to have immunisation against yellow fever.
5. Self-supported participants will be required to make their own travel arrangements to the hotel. Hotels can usually arrange for transport from the airport if requested.

Supported participants will be informed of the accommodation and transport arrangement in due course.

USEFUL INFORMATION

6. The autumn months of May / June are usually lovely in Durban with low humidity and very little rainfall. Generally, at the coast, daytime temperatures are around 24°C dropping to about 17°C at night. Sea temperature is about 21°C.
7. The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). It is illegal to use other currencies in South Africa. Money can be exchanged at the airports, in banks and at your hotel. If arriving on a weekend, we advise that you change money at Johannesburg International Airport. Credit cards (VISA, MASTER CARD, DINER'S CLUB and AMERICAN EXPRESS) are widely accepted.

Banking Hours

Monday to Friday: 09h00 - 15h30

Saturday: 08h30 - 11h00

8. Crime can be a problem in many South African cities, including Durban. Participants are requested not to wander around alone at night or in deserted areas. Do not carry valuables on your person, rather secure them in the hotel safe
9. Swimming in the sea is safe provided that swimmers remain within the demarcated areas with attendant lifeguards. There are excellent blue-flag beaches and a number of swimming pools close to the conference centre.
10. South Africa has 11 official languages but English and Zulu are the most widely used languages in Durban.
11. The Durban local time zone is GMT +1 hour
12. Mobile phones and a SIM card can be obtained at Durban International Airport.
13. Metered taxis are plentiful. For those staying in the city and along the beachfront there is a great newly introduced and inexpensive “people mover” bus service which travels from the Casino in the north (next door to the Blue Waters Hotel) to ORI in the south, passing the other two hotels en route. The cost per ticket is ZAR 4.00 (USD 0.55c) pp and the buses are every 15 mins. Taxi fares are usually very negotiable! The average price is ZAR 30 (USD 4) to any south beach hotel and ZAR 60 (USD 8) to the north beach hotels. This rate is per car so groups of participants traveling together would be able to share the cost.

A taxi fare from the airport (instead of a hotel transfer) would cost about USD 25-30 per car.

14. For more information on Durban, visit:

[www.durban.gov.za/eThekweni/Tourism and Leisure](http://www.durban.gov.za/eThekweni/Tourism_and_Leisure) or www.kzn.org.za/kzn

And to find out more about uShaka Marine World go to: www.ushakamarineworld.co.za

CORRESPONDENCE

15. For general workshop information or nominations of participants please contact:

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ACCOMMODATION

16. Rates for single rooms are given in the USD equivalent on exchange rate of 7.42 (bed & breakfast) for the following three Durban beachfront hotels:

- ***Garden Court South Beach*** – ZAR 714 (USD 96) pp ... Tel: 0027 31 337 2231
- ***Tropicana Hotel*** – ZAR 635 (USD 86) pp ... Tel: 0027 31 368 1511
- ***Blue Waters Hotel*** – ZAR 550 (USD 74) pp ... Tel: 0027 31 327 7000
<http://www.bluewatershotel.co.za>

All three hotels have three-star rating and the Garden Court and Tropicana Hotels are next door to each other and within walking distance (20 mins) of ORI and just a five-minute drive away. The Blue Waters Hotel is situated on Durban's north beach which makes it too far to walk but still within a 10-minute drive. It is slightly better placed than the two south beach hotels for evening entertainment (restaurants, casino, cinema, etc.) If any guests book into the Garden Court South Beach, please make sure that they are in the Garden court South Beach one as there are two other Garden Court Hotels on the beachfront and the taxi drivers sometimes get them confused!

17. Self-supported participants are kindly required to book and confirm reservations directly as soon as possible and also inform the organisers by filling in the attached information sheet.

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INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANTS (Please print)

Family Name Dr/Mr./Ms Given Name

Country or organisation.....

Official designation.....

Nationality..... Passport No.

Date and Place of Issue..... Valid Until

Mailing Address

Fax No.....Tel. No.....

E-mail Address.....

Name of accompanying person (s), if any

Arrival date At.....Hours Flight

Expected date of departureAt.....Hours Flight.....

Hotel Accommodation required / Already booked

From To At

(date) (date)

Single occupancy Double occupancy Twin sharing with

Date Signature.....

Participants are requested to forward the completed forms to each of the following:

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