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<p>SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION</p> 	<p>FIRST SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES GOVERNANCE AND SHARED GROWTH PROJECT</p> 

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<p>WORKING PARTY ON COLLABORATION & COOPERATION IN TUNA FISHERIES</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Ninth Session</p>
<p>FIRST SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES GOVERNANCE AND SHARED GROWTH PROJECT – SWIOFISH1</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Fourth Steering Committee Meeting</p>
<p>SOUTHWEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION - SWIOFC</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Tenth Session</p>
<p>Paradise Island Resort, Lankanfinolhu, Maldives</p> <p>29 September – 03 October 2019</p>
<p>NOTES TO PARTICIPANTS</p>

ORGANISATION OF THE MEETINGS

1. The 9th Working Party on Collaboration & Cooperation in Tuna Fisheries will be held on 29th September 2019
2. The 4th SWIOFish1 Steering Committee Meeting will be held on 30th September 2019

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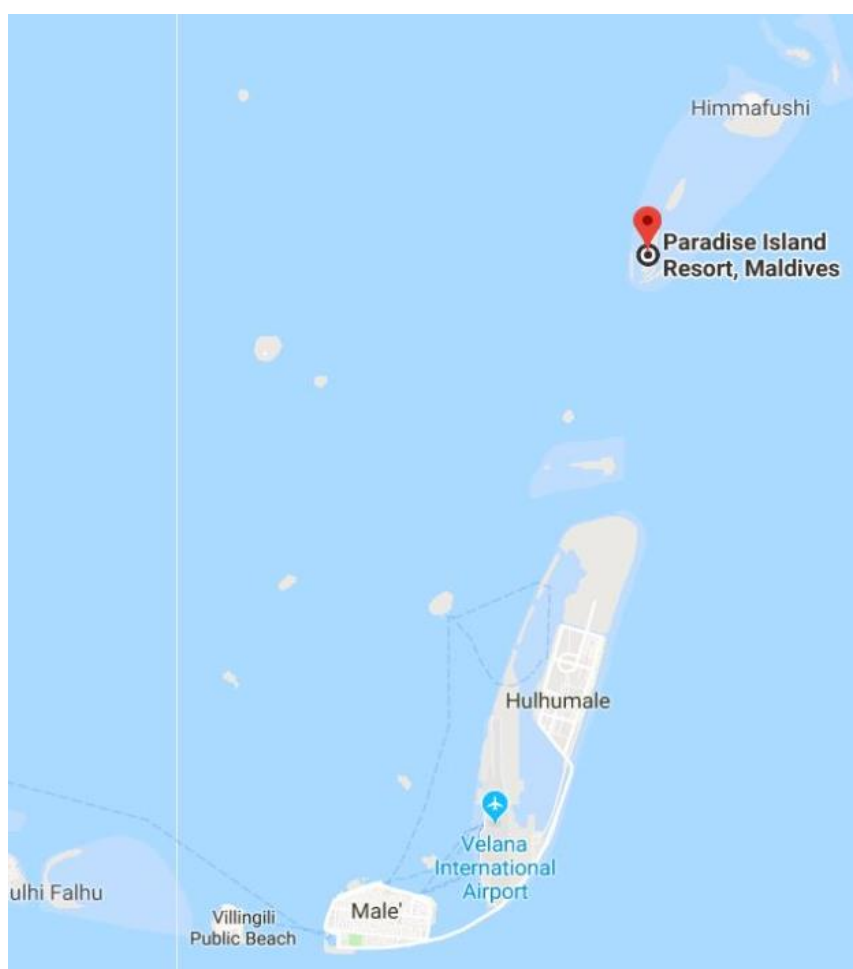
3. The 10th Session of the SWIOFC will be held from 30th September to 03rd October 2019 (in the afternoon of 30th September presentation of the EAF-Nansen Programme in the Southwest Indian Ocean)
4. The location of the venue is:



Paradise Island Resort Lankanfinolhu, Maldives

Tin No: 1017702GST002

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5. Registration will start at 08.30hrs followed by the opening of the meeting at 09.00hrs. The working hours will be 09.00 to 12.30 hrs and 14.00 to 17.00 hrs.

WORKING LANGUAGES

6. The working languages will be English and French.

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ENTRY FORMALITIES

7. The participants may travel on the basis of on-arrival-tourist-visas, and are therefore, exempt from the additional cost of a business visa (which is otherwise required to attend a conference in Maldives). To facilitate the passage through Immigration and Customs, Maldives Immigration has requested that SWIOFISH1 project provide a list of participants with the following details: 1. name (as it appears on the passport), 2. passport no., 3. flight dates (arrival and departure), 4. flight nos. (arrival and departure). Maldives Immigration requested that this information be made available one week prior to their arrival.
8. Travelers arriving or transiting from yellow fever infected areas require an inoculation certificate.

USEFUL VENUE INFORMATION

9. In Maldives the standard voltage is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Maldives, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V.

The power plugs and sockets are of type G.



Type G: This socket has no alternative plugs

It is recommended that delegates bring adequate adaptors with them.

10. Telephone service: The international dialing code for Maldives is +960. There are two mobile service operators and they can be found on arrival at the airport. They offer SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.
11. Internet: Wi-Fi facility and internet service are available in the conference area and at hotel.
12. The currency of Maldives is the rufiyaa (Rf), which is divided into 100 larees. The current exchange rates are (16/08/2019): 1 USD = MVR 15,50; 1 euro = MVR 17,14.
13. You must present a valid passport to exchange cheques for cash. You can exchange and obtain currency in Maldives from the following places: The Bank of Maldives Foreign Exchange counter, which is located in the Arrival Hall and is the most convenient and dedicated foreign exchange counter.

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CORRESPONDENCE

14. For further information on the meetings please contact:

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15. For all travel related logistic information, (air-tickets, accommodation) of sponsored participants, please contact:

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16. The local contact in Maldives is:

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AIRPORT PICKUP

17. All participants will be picked on arrival at Velana International Airport in Malé. The travel from airport to Paradise Island is by Speed Boat (Secured mode of transport).
We shall arrange all this for you once you confirm arrival date.

SWIOFISH1 SUPPORTED PARTICIPANTS

18. The airfare roundtrip for supported participants in economy class will be paid by SWIOFish1 project. The project is responsible for booking and management of air tickets of participants. The participants are not allowed to buy their own tickets without prior approval of the project. Participants may at their own expense, upgrade the ticket.

Any cost of changes made on the already purchased ticket will NOT be incurred by the organizers.

19. Supported participants will stay at **Paradise island resort**. Accommodation for participants has been organized and the negotiated rate for superior beach bungalow & B is USD 232.

20. The room is paid by **SWIOFish1 project** (Only for the participants who are funded by SWIOFish1). Confirmed reservations should be respected.

21. The hotel staff contact person is:

Sadhaad

E: reservations@paradise-island.com.mv



DSA/EXPENSES

22. Supported participants will receive a per diem to account for their dinner, lunch (outside the meetings) and incidentals, as accommodation, breakfast, transfer and lunch during the meetings will be settled separately. The per diem will be provided to the participants during the meeting by a representative from SWIOFish1, so kindly carry some contingency money to assist you in your travel.

Per diem (in USD) will be paid in Maldives during the meeting by a representative from SWIOFish1.

@@@Wishing you all a good trip to Maldives!

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