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## FISHERY COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC

### Twentieth Session

Rabat, Morocco 14 – 16 March 2012

### INFORMATION NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

## 1. ENTRY FORMALITIES

### 1.1 Visa

To enter Morocco, one must have a valid passport covering at least the length of stay in the country. Nationals from the following countries require a visa: Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Cape-Verde, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cuba, Gambia, Ghana, Equatorial Guinea, Bissau Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania, Nigeria, Russia, Sao Tomé & Principe, Sierra Leone, Korea and Togo.

To that effect, please approach the FAO Representation in your country for the necessary steps to acquire the visa. For nationals of countries exempted from visa, a valid passport is still required. Participants from countries with no diplomatic representation of Morocco are invited to send their requests to the CECAF Secretariat for necessary arrangements to be made to obtain the visa for them on arrival. European Union Member Countries are exempted from visa as well as the United Nations Experts holders of a Laissez-Passer (UNLP). Please visit the link below for the list of countries exempt from visa:

([http://www.ambmaroc.fr/BienvenueMaroc/voyager\\_au\\_maroc.htm](http://www.ambmaroc.fr/BienvenueMaroc/voyager_au_maroc.htm)).

### 1.2 Arrangements at the Airport

To go to Rabat from Casablanca Airport, participants are invited to reach Terminal 1 and take the train. The cost of train ticket Casa – Rabat is 75 Dirhams about US\$ 9 for second-class, and 115 Dirhams about US\$ 14 for first-class. Please note that you have to change train at Ain Sebaa Station.

For train schedules please see (<http://www.oncf.ma/Fr/horraires.aspx>).

## 2. ACCOMODATION

Participants can book a room in the hotel of their choice. However, it's strongly recommended that participants stay in one of the following hotels, proposed by the FAO Representation in Morocco, to facilitate their transfer from the hotel to meeting venue.

Hotel ANNAKHIL	Hotel MAJLISS	Hotel BELERE
Address: 23 bis, av. Alger Hassan	Address: 6, rue Zahla	Address: 33, av. Moulay Youssef
Tel.: +212 05 37 72 33 55	Tel.: +212 05 37 73 37 26	Tel.: +212 05 37 20 33 02
Fax: 05 37 73 42 68	Email: <a href="mailto:majliss@majlisshotel.ma">majliss@majlisshotel.ma</a>	<a href="mailto:belerehotel@iam.net.ma">belerehotel@iam.net.ma</a>
Rate: 492 Dirhams or US\$ 60	Rate: 719.80 Dirhams or US\$ 87	Rate: 677 Dirhams or US\$ 82
Hotel MERCURE SHERHRAZADE	Hotel BALIMA	Hotel PIETRI
Address: 21, rue de Tunis, Hassan	Address: Avenue Mohammed V	Address: 4, rue Tobrouk
Tel.: +212 05 37 72 22 26	Tel.: +212 05 37 70 79 67	Tel.: +212 05 37 70 78 20
Email: <a href="mailto:h2962@accord.com">h2962@accord.com</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:balimahotel@gmail.com">balimahotel@gmail.com</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:contact@lepietri.com">contact@lepietri.com</a>
Rate: 1 038 Dirhams or US\$ 126	Rate: 553 Dirhams or US\$ 67	Rate: 619 Dirhams or US\$ 75

### **3. THE SESSION**

#### **3.1 Venue**

The session will be held in Hotel Gulden Tulip Frarah, Place Sidi Makhlof, 10000 - Rabat, Morocco.

#### **3.2 Registration**

Delegates are invited to register on Wednesday, 14 March 2012, from 08h00 to 09h15.

#### **3.3 Dissemination of documents**

Working documents for the meeting will be sent to participants and also posted on the FAO website . Other available documents will be disseminated during the meeting.

#### **3.4 Working Languages**

The session will be conducted in three official languages: English, French and Spanish.

### **4. GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **4.1 Local Currency and Exchange Rate**

- The local Currency is the Moroccan Dirham. The current exchange rate is (February 2012):
  - 1 Dirham (MAD) = 0.11809 US\$ or 1 US\$ = 8.46830 MAD
  - 1 MAD = 0.08976 Euros or 1 Euro = 11.1411 MAD
- The Moroccan banking system is solid and most banks are local agencies or representatives of international companies. The agency network is well developed in Casablanca (Attijariwafa Bank, Moroccan Bank for Trade and Industry, Société Générale Marocaine des Banques.....), all major credit cards are accepted. Opening hours of banks: 8h30 - 16h30 (but counters close at 15h30).
- You can change traveler's checks in some hotels and banks. In touristic sites exchange offices remain open late at night (08:00pm).
- Please note that you can only exchange Dirham in Morocco; they are not convertible outside the country.

#### **4.2 Climate**

Temperatures vary between 10 and 18 degrees in Rabat. Please don't forget to travel with warm clothes.

#### **4.3 Communication**

Delegates are invited to communicate as soon as possible details of their travel plans to the CECAF Secretariat ([Moustapha.Kebe@fao.org](mailto:Moustapha.Kebe@fao.org) with copy to [Rose.Sah@fao.org](mailto:Rose.Sah@fao.org) and [Dede.Amah@fao.org](mailto:Dede.Amah@fao.org)) by **02 March 2012** to facilitate hotel rooms bookings.