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## **SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION**

### **First Session**

**Mombasa, Kenya, 18 – 20 April 2005**

### **NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

#### **ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**

1. The First Session of the Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries Commission (SWIOFC) will be held at the Mombasa Beach Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya from 18-20 April 2005. The venue is located 15 km from the Moi International Airport, Mombasa
2. Registration will start at 08.30 hrs on Monday 18 April 2005, followed by the formal opening of the Session at 09.30 hrs. The normal working hours will be 09.00 to 12.30 hrs and 14.00 to 17.00 hrs.
3. The Session will run back-to-back with an Intergovernmental Consultation on a Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Arrangement (SIOFA) for the high seas. The consultation will open on the morning of Wednesday 20 April which is an off-period for the SWIOFC meeting. The SWIOFC meeting will continue to closure on the afternoon of 20 April when the SIOFA consultation will have its off-period.

#### **WORKING LANGUAGES**

4. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

#### **ENTRY FORMALITIES**

5. Nairobi is a hub for airline connections with direct flights across Africa and from Europe, Middle East and the Far East. The national carrier is Kenya Airways (KQ). Other airlines with offices in Nairobi include: Aeroflot, Air France, Air India, Air Madagascar, Air Mauritius, Air Tanzania, Air Zimbabwe, British Airways, Japan Airlines, KLM and South Africa Airways. Most participants will have to connect via the domestic terminal in Nairobi although there are also direct flights to Mombasa from Europe. Some of direct flights to Mombasa Moi International Airport include Jetlink, Eurosky, Edelweiss, Condor, Exelairways, Cossair, LTU etc.

6. All travellers arriving in Kenya should have a valid passport. Kenya entry visas are not required for nationals of a number of countries. Participants are therefore advised to ascertain whether or not they are exempt from the Kenyan entry visa requirement. Those who are not exempt should apply for visas well in advance from Kenyan Embassies or High Commissions, providing documentation showing that they are designated representatives to the Consultation. In countries where there is no Kenyan Embassy or High Commission, the British Embassy will generally represent Kenya, and be in a position to issue visas. Participants who experience difficulties in obtaining a visa in the manner described above should immediately forward their particulars to the Liaison Officer.
7. Participants are requested to inform the Liaison Officer of their flights, dates and arrival times so that facilities can be made available to meet them at the Mombasa Airport.
8. Travellers arriving from yellow fever infected areas require an inoculation certificate. Malaria risk exists throughout the year along the Kenya coast.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

9. Kenya is an equatorial country of some 30 million people on the East Coast of Africa between 4° N and 4° S. It is a land of rich landscapes ranging from the snow-capped Mount Kenya, to rich farmlands, barren deserts and tropical beaches. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan in the north, Uganda in the west, Tanzania in the south and the Indian Ocean in the east. Nairobi is the capital city and the seat of Government.
10. Mombasa is the second largest town in Kenya and East Africa's largest port and Kenya's main tourist hub. Located in the southeastern part of Kenya, 487 km from the capital city of Nairobi, it is one of the most historically-significant towns on the east coast of Africa. It is also very significant for its imports and exports as a port and a major destination for tourists visiting Kenya. The town's location readily allows access to other tourist centres of Malindi (114 km) in the north and Diani (25 km) in the south. For more information please visit [www.mombasainfo.com](http://www.mombasainfo.com)
11. April is the start of the wet season with some 200-300 mm of rain and temperatures of 24° C to 30°C and high humidity.
12. Kiswahili and English are the official languages of Kenya. Kiswahili is spoken by over 90% of the people of Kenyan Coast and the adult literacy rate is about 82%. The local currency is the Kenyan Shilling (Ksh) with a mean current exchange rate of 73 for one US\$ and 97 for one Euro. Most banks and hotels accept major credit cards and exchange U.S. dollars. Forex bureaux are available in the town of Mombasa with competitive rates and they are open during official hours 0800 hrs – 1600 hrs from Monday to Friday.
13. The electrical power supply is 240 volts. Plugs are of the three-pronged British type.
14. Tap water may not be suitable for drinking and participants are advised to use bottled water for drinking.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

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### **ACCOMMODATION**

16. Participants reminded that the SWIOFC meeting and SIOFA consultation will run back to back and are recommended to make a single booking for the entire period if they will be attending both meetings. SWIO coastal States that are part of the project “Facilitating the Formation and Initiation of a regional Fisheries Arrangement for the Management of Sustainable Non-tuna Fisheries in the South West Indian Ocean (SWIO)” are also reminded of a project planning workshop on Saturday 16 April so that arrangements should also include attending the workshop. Details of the workshop have been circulated separately.

17. Two hotels are recommended:

The Mombasa Beach Hotel (<http://www.kenyasafari.co.ke>), email [mombasabeachhotel@kenyasafari.co.ke](mailto:mombasabeachhotel@kenyasafari.co.ke) is providing concessionary rates for participants to the meeting at US\$62 full board per person per day, US\$50 half board and US\$42 B/Breakfast.

Another hotel is White Sands Hotel, 23 km from Moi International Airport and 8 km north of Mombasa Beach Hotel, which provides accommodation at Ksh 5 500 (US\$74 half board per person per day)

18. Participants are kindly required to book and confirm reservations directly, as early as possible and inform the organisers on the following attached information sheet. Confirmed reservations should be respected and participants are advised that they will be responsible for the settlement of their hotel bills.

**Kenya Fisheries Department**

**FIRST SESSION OF THE SOUTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION  
and  
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATION ON THE SOUTHERN INDIAN FISHERIES  
ARRANGEMENT**

**Mombasa, Kenya, 16 – 22 April 2005**

**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 By Flight .....

Expected date of departure .....At.....Hours By 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 :

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