

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE WESTERN CENTRAL ATLANTIC FISHERY COMMISSION (WECAFC),

St. George's, Grenada, 21-24 October 2003

Venue

Grenada Grand Beach Resort
(Conference and Convention Centre)
Grand Anse, St. George's
Grenada, W.I.
Tel: (473) 444-4371-5
Fax: (473) 444-4800
Website: www.grand.beach.net

Registration and Opening Ceremony

Registration will take place at the Venue of the Meeting from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. The Opening Ceremony will also be at the Venue and will start at 9:30 a.m.

Languages

The session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish. The official language of Grenada is English.

Meeting Documents

Please check the FAO Fisheries Department Home Page <http://www.fao.org/fi> under Regional Bodies for WECAFC and navigate to meetings <http://www.fao.org/fi/meetings/wecafc/11thsess/default.asp>. The meeting documents will be posted periodically on the WECAFC site, as they become available.

Hotel Accommodation and Rates

The following hotel, which is also the meeting venue, has agreed to provide accommodation for delegates at special rates, which include full American breakfast:

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Sales Representative

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Single occupancy, Garden View	US \$ 99.00
Double occupancy, Garden View	US \$114.00
Single occupancy, Beachfront	US \$125.00
Double occupancy, beachfront	US \$150.00

The above rates are subject to 8% tax and 10% service charge.

There are other hotels in the Grand Anse area within walking distance from the meeting venue where delegates can stay. Please note that the hosts will not provide transportation to the meeting venue from other hotels. For other hotels, visit the website of the Grenada Board of Tourism: www.Grenadagrenadines.com

Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations should be made as early as possible. It can be made directly with the hotel sales representative or through the National Liaison Officer in Grenada. When making hotel reservations, the hotel should be informed that you would be attending the Eleventh Session of WECAFC in order to qualify for the special rate. Please inform the Liaison Officer of reservations that are made directly with the hotel.

Health Certification

Immunisation is not required unless coming from an infected area. Nevertheless, for further information on preventative measures, you may visit the following website: www.iexplore.com/dmap/Grenada

Flights/Travel

There are several major airlines that provide scheduled service to Grenada from North America, Europe and the Caribbean. These are American Eagle, British West Indies Airlines (BWIA International), LIAT, Air Canada, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and Air Jamaica.

Visas

A valid passport and return or onward ticket are required for all visitors. A visa is not required from citizens of the US, Canada, UK, British Commonwealth, Caribbean countries, most European countries, South Korea, and Japan. Delegates from Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and Suriname may require visa. Visas can be obtained from the Grenadian High Commission, Ottawa and Toronto, Canada; London, England and from Grenadian Embassies in Havana, Cuba; Caracas, Venezuela; and New York and Washington, USA. Visas can also be issued upon arrival if an application is sent to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in advance through the National Liaison Officer. The cost is EC\$ 100. (approximately US\$ 40.00).

Banking and Exchange Rate

The Eastern Caribbean Dollar, linked to the US Dollar, is the local currency. The exchange rate is EC\$2.67 to US\$1.00 approximately. Hotels, car rental companies, and shops accept major credit cards. Travellers cheques are accepted everywhere.

Geography and Climate

This small nation consists of three islands: Grenada, Carriacou and Petit Martinique. The three islands of Grenada are located in the Eastern Caribbean at the southern extremity of the Windward islands; only 100 miles north of Venezuela. Grenada has a width of twelve miles (18 km) and a length of twenty-one miles (34 km). Its 133 square miles (440 sq. km.) are mountainous, volcanic terrain, reaching heights of over 2 750 feet atop Mount St. Catherine. Average temperature range from 24C/75F to 30C/87F, tempered by the steady and cooling trade winds. Grenada experiences two seasons: the dry season begins around mid-December and continues through May. The rainy season runs from June to December. However, it rarely rains for more than an hour at a time and generally not every day. For more information, please visit the following website: www.grenada.com

Electricity

Voltage is 220 volts – 50 cycles. Appliances rated at 110 volts (US standard) normally work satisfactorily with a transformer. Most hotels provide dual voltage shaver units, but an adaptor plug is necessary for small appliances, such as laptop computers.

Airport Tax

Point Salines International Airport is just five minutes from St. George's, the capital of Grenada. There is an airport departure charge of EC\$50.00.

Transportation from Airport

Delegates/Participants will be met at the airport providing they inform the National Liaison Officer of their flight details (flight number, date, time) at least one week prior to the start of the meeting. Taxi fare from the airport to the Grenada Grand Beach Resort is approximately EC \$30.

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Additional Information

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