



Working Party on Tropical Tuna Working Party on Ecosystem and Bycatch Working Party on Methods

16-27 October 2011

Paradise Island Resort, North Malé Atoll, Maldives

1. MEETING DATES AND VENUE

The Working Parties are scheduled as follows and will meet from 9 am to 5 pm daily (special sessions in the evenings may be scheduled).

Working Party on Tropical Tuna (WPTT)	16-23 October 2011
Working Party on Ecosystem and Bycatch (WPEB)	24-27 October 2011
Working Party on Methods (WPM)	To be decided (between 16-27)

The venue of the meeting will be

Paradise Island Resort
Lankanfinolhu, North Malé Atoll
PO Box 2073, Republic of Maldives
Tel: (+960) 664.0011, fax: (+960) 664.0022
Email: info@paradise-island.com.mv
Web: <http://www.paradiseislandmaldives.net>

2. CONTACTS

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

Administrative: Claudia Marie: claudia.marie@iotc.org
Science-based: Julien Million: julien.million@iotc.org

The contacts for these meetings in Maldives are:

Ms. Noora Jaleel: noora.jaleel@fishagri.gov.mv, tel: (+960) 3339.271
Ms. Shaula Rasheedh: shaula.rasheedh@fishagri.gov.mv, tel: (+960) 3339.275

3. REGISTRATION

Please pre-register online at www.iotc.org/registration/ no later than Friday, 30 September 2011.

The Registration desk will operate at the Paradise Island Report, from 0800 to 1000hrs on Sunday 16 October and on Monday 24 October 2011.

4. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENT AND ACCOMMODATION

Participants are requested to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and fund the expenses incurred.

As the meeting will be held in an isolated island resort, it is recommended that **participants stay in the resort at Paradise Island**. As there are no other restaurants on the island, it is also recommended for participants staying at Paradise Island to take the **full board** package.

Contact for reservation at the Paradise Island Resort is found in the table below. Make sure to include the reference **PAR-WPTT-16/10/2011** in your reservation.

a) *Paradise Island Resort*

Rates	Contact	Notes
USD 181.00 per night <u>single (1 person) room</u> Half Board basis	Mr. Solih (+960) 793.9924 reservations@paradise-island.com.mv asst.reservationsmanager@paradise-island.com.mv reservations.manager@paradise-island.com.mv	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Board includes daily breakfast & Dinner at our Main Restaurant buffet. Full board supplement is USD 14 per person per night on the above half board rates Compulsory speed boat transfer Airport-Island-Airport USD 68.00 per person
USD 189.00 per night <u>double (2 persons) room</u> Half Board basis		

Participants are advised to make their reservation at the **PARADISE ISLAND RESORT** as soon as possible (preferably before the end of August), as room availability is limited.

However, several alternative accommodations are available in close-by resorts or on the main island of Malé, but will require transfer from the hotel to Paradise Island each day in the morning and in the afternoon (20 minute speed-boat ride away). Information on accommodation at Paradise Island Resort, in close-by resorts or on Malé is provided below.

b) *Close-by resorts*

Hotel name	Room rate	Contact	Note
Kurumba Village www.kurumba.com	Single superior Room: 195 USD	Ms. Liz Pangchan liz.pangchan@kurumba.com jason.kruse@kurumba.com Tel: +960 7987962	15 minutes from Malé
Bandos Island Resort www.bandosmaldives.com	Standard Single Room (BB): 154.7 USD	Ms. Noor Waheed Email: sales@bandos.com.mv Tel: (+960) 664 0088	15 minutes from Paradise Island 20 minutes from Malé

c) *Hotels in Malé*

Traders Hotel http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/male/traders	USD 200 Deluxe Room	Ms Ami and Ms Nahi salescoordinator.thmd@tradershotels.com Tel: +960 300 5168	7 min walk from the ferry terminal
Nasandhura Palace Hotel http://www.nasandhurapalace.com	USD 166.9 Superior room	Mr.Hamdhan Shareef Ms. Aminath Ghuzlan reservations@nasandhurapalace.com Tel: +960 7945077	In front of the ferry terminal
Mookai Hotel	USD 107 Standard room	Mr. Robana Wimalarathne mookai@dhivehinet.net.mv	Walking distance from the ferry terminal
Kam Hotel	USD99 Standard room	Mr Eahmy reservation@kam.com.mv	Walking distance from the ferry terminal
Hotel Relax Inn http://www.hotelrelaxinn.com/	USD 86 Standard room	Ms. Shane sales@hotelrelaxinn.com Tel: +960 3314531	Walking distance from the ferry terminal
SKAI lodge http://skailodge.com.mv/	USD 59 Standard room	Ms. Rihula frontoffice@skailodge.com.mv	10 min walk from the ferry terminal
Surf View Hotel http://surfviewhotel.com/	USD 78.10 Standard room	Mr Haalig sales@surfviewhotel.com	15 min walk from the ferry terminal

In addition to this list, there is a wide range of Hotels and Guest Houses on Malé. For locations of hotels and other places you may visit www.male-map.com

Participants who wish to stay on Malé;

Paradise Island Resort can arrange ferry transfer (speed boat) for participants who wish to stay in Malé and attend the meeting everyday at a charge of **USD 240.8 (not more than 4 persons)** per round trip. For more than 4 participants **68 USD / person / day** will be charged accordingly.

Speed Boats from Malé/Paradise Island Resort/ Malé every day from 8am to 7pm.

Other transport options from Malé / Paradise Island Resort / Malé:

For maximum **11 people** by Speed Boat per day

Speed Boat Company Name	Rate (USD) Malé/Paradise/Malé	Transport timings
1. Fahamas Marine	267.00	Departure from Malé: 8:00 am Departure from Paradise Island resort : 6:00 pm
2. Tes Maldives	267.00	Departure from Malé: 8:00 am Departure from Paradise Island resort : 6:00 pm

Please, also note, that lunch for the participants not staying at the Paradise Island Resort will be charged 33USD/day/person by the resort.

5. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS

Delegates are advised to be vaccinated for yellow fever and to carry their yellow fever vaccination certificate. Other vaccinations are recommended for hepatitis A and B, typhoid in addition to the routine vaccinations against polio and tuberculosis.

6. ARRIVAL AND ENTRY FORMALITIES

A special Visa is required to enter the Maldives. To arrange the special visa a copy of the the following documents should be provided 2 weeks before arrival to the Maldives and send to Ms. Noora Jaleel: (noora.jaleel@fishagri.gov.mv):

- A valid passport (validity for 6 months)
- A valid return air ticket to a destination where the passenger is allowed to enter, and holds all visas necessary for her/his journey.

Note:

- According to Maldives Customs Service, passengers must not carry any type of alcohol when travelling to Maldives. Alcohol is not available on Malé. Please check the immigration website for further information (<http://www.immigration.gov.mv>)
- Prescribed medicines are allowed for daily used. It is advisable to bring the prescription for any medicines that you carry to enter the Maldives.

7. TRANSPORTATION

Participants staying at the **PARADISE ISLAND RESORT** will not require transportation other than the transfer from the airport (68 USD). Other participants should make their own airport transfers and transport arrangements between their hotels and the meeting venue (see Section 4).

The Malé International Airport is located on Hulhulhe, a nearby island to Malé. There is a Ferry Terminal at the Airport, and ferry service to Malé is available every 15 minutes during the day and every 30 minutes after midnight. Charges: MRF10/-per person and the rate after midnight is MRF 20/- per person.

Taxis are available at the Airport Ferry Terminal of Malé and the cost of transportation to anywhere in Malé by taxis are fixed prices; MRF20/- during day, MRF25/- after midnight and an additional MRF5/- for luggage.

There are a number of taxi operators in Malé and taxis can be summoned at any time upon request. Information on notable taxi operators are provided below:

- Regal taxi tel: 332-1313
- Loyal taxi services tel: 332-5656
- New taxi service tel: 332-5757
- Dial cab tel: 332-3132
- Kulee dhuveli tel: 332-1515

8. DRESS CODE

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

9. DELEGATES KIT

Documents for the working parties (in pdf format) will be accessible through a local network during the meeting. However, it is advised for the participants to download all the documents available from the IOTC website prior to arriving.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MALDIVES

Maldives is an archipelago of 1190 coral islands scattered over an area of 90,000 square miles in the Indian Ocean. There are 26 natural atolls and only about 200 islands are inhabited (98 islands are tourist resorts) and the rest are uninhabited or used for agriculture and other livelihood activities. Malé is the capital and the nearest International Airport to Malé is located on the island Hulhule. The religion in Maldives is Muslim, and participants should dress appropriately when in Malé and other inhabited islands.

The weather in Maldives is warm and humid, with an average temperature of 30° Celsius throughout the year. Maldives experiences two seasons; a dry season (northeast monsoon) which lasts from January to March and a **wet season (south-west monsoon) from May to November.**

The currency is Maldivian Rufiyaa. The current exchange rate of Bank of Maldives is 1USD=MRF15. 40. All major currencies are exchangeable at banks and US dollars are accepted at all hotels. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most shops.

Shops are open from 9am-11pm, but would close for 1-2 hours during prayer times.

11. ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Maldives is 240 Volts, 50 Hertz. Sockets and plugs are usually “British” type



12. TELEPHONE SERVICE

International dialling code

The International dialling code for Maldives is +960

Mobile services:

Two operators, Dhiraagu (www.dhiraagu.com) and Wataniya (www.wataniya.mv) are offering SIM cards and prepaid recharge for mobile phones, however, SIM cards can only be bought on Malé.

13. INTERNET

Wi-Fi and Internet facilities will be available in the meeting room during the meeting hours. Internet service outside the meeting will be at participant's own expense.

Please be informed that Paradise Island Resort is also equipped with a business centre and they can provide services at cost. Services available include: internet facilities, photocopying, fax, telephone, *etc...*

14. TOURISM

Information on tourism and other information is available at www.visitmaldives.com