

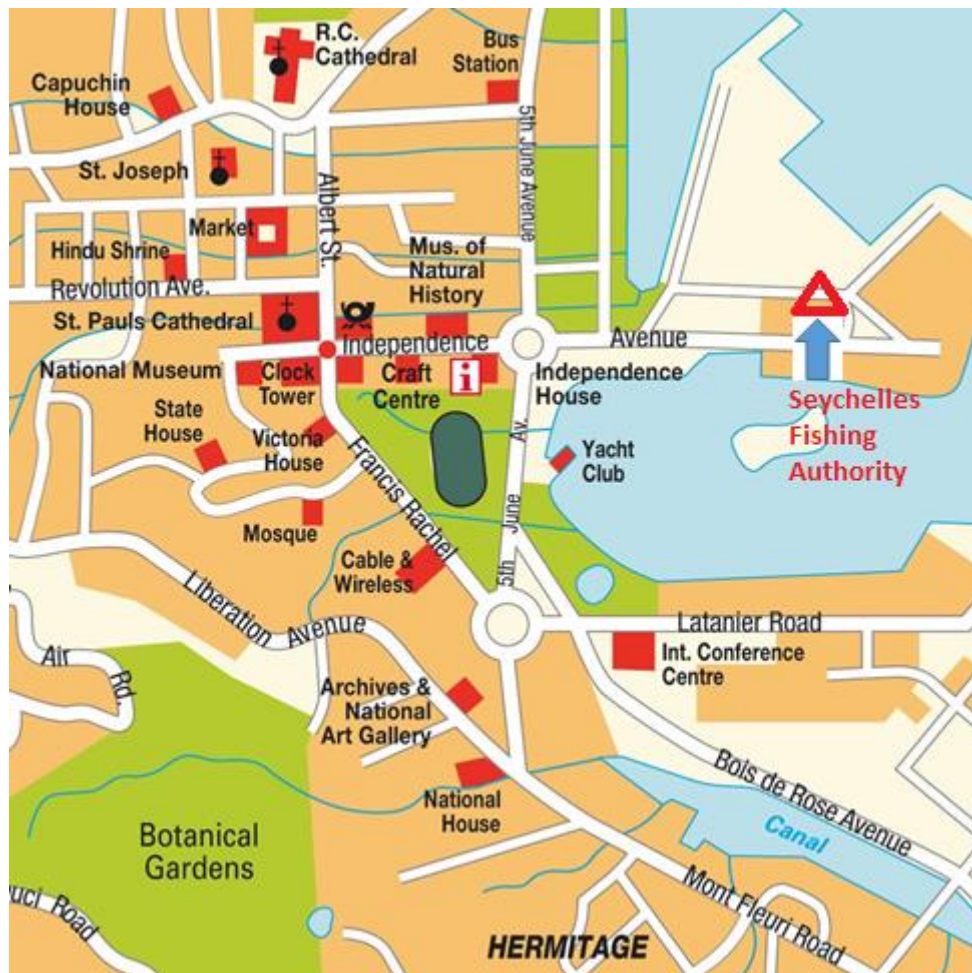
Information for the High Seas Boarding and Inspection Working Group Seychelles, 15-17 March 2016

1. Meeting dates and venue

- The High Seas Boarding and Inspection Working Group will be held from the 15-17 March 2016, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily

The venue of the meetings will be:

Training Room, Seychelles Fishing Authority



**Location of Seychelles Fishing Authority
(Seychelles Fishing Authority, Fishing Port)**

2. Contacts

Secretariat contacts for the meeting are:

Administrative: Hava Yakub: hava.yakub@iotc.org

Administrative: Mirose Govinden: mirose.govinden@iotc.org

3. Travel arrangements and accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements and fund the expenses incurred. Participants are **advised to make their reservations in the hotel of their choice as early as possible.**

Information on possible accommodation on Mahé Island is provided below, however there are numerous hotels, B&B and guest house accommodation options on Mahe and within 20 minutes of the meeting venue (see tripadvisor.com). All rates are on a bed and breakfast basis in single occupancy.

Hotels	(Approximate) Rates	Contact	Notes
Sunrise Guest House www.edenbleu.com/	\$88 standard room	Mr Bernard sunrise@seychelles.net	20 minutes by car to meeting venue
Panorama Guest House www.panorama-guesthouse.com	€98 standard double room BB €75 standard room (IOTC rate)	Mary panorama@seychelles.net	20 minutes by car to meeting venue
Hotel Le Surmer (2 star) www.lesurmerhotel.com	SCR700 standard room Mon- Thu SCR900 Fri - Sun (IOTC rate)		10 minutes by car to meeting venue
Coco D'Or Hotel (3 star) www.cocodor.sc	€123 standard room €155 double room (IOTC rate)	Ms. Veronique Renault vero@cocodor.sc	20 minutes by car to meeting venue
Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay Hotel (3.5 star) www.berjayahotel.com	\$107 standard room \$188 superior room (IOTC rate)	Ms. Jeanne Mondon Beauvallon.rsvn@berjayahotel.com	20 minutes by car to meeting venue
Sun Resort (3 star) www.sunresort.sc	€90 standard room (IOTC rate)	Ms. Flora Furneau sun@seychelles.net	20 minutes by car to meeting venue
Coral Strand Hotel (3 star) www.coralstrand.com	€150 standard room (IOTC rate)	Mrs Mica mail@coralstrand.sc	20 minutes by car to meeting venue
Georgina's Cottage Beach Guest House www.georginascottage.sc	€80 standard room (IOTC rate)	Ms Georgina georgina@seychelles.net	20 minutes by car to meeting venue

4. Arrival and entry formalities

All foreign delegates are required to possess a valid passport (validity for at least 6 months) to enter the Seychelles.

No entry Visa is required for Seychelles. A *visitor's permit* is issued at the airport on the provision of the following information by travellers:

- Proof of having a valid return air ticket
- Proof and address of accommodation in Seychelles
- Sufficient funds to support the traveller's stay in Seychelles

Please check the following link for more information: (<http://www.virtalseychelles.sc/>)

5. Transportation

Participants should make their own airport transfer and other transport arrangements between their hotel and the meeting venue.

Taxis are readily available at the airport and the cost of transportation from the Airport to the city centre or meeting venue should be around SCR250 or €15. From the airport to Beau Vallon the price is around SCR500 or €30. Most taxis are not metered and it is advised to confirm the price before entering the taxi.

6. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

7. General information about Seychelles

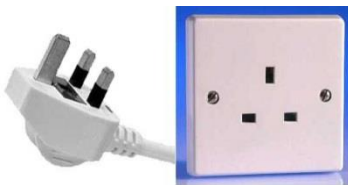
Seychelles is an archipelago comprising of 115 islands, with a collective landmass of 455km², surrounded by a vast oceanic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of 1.3 million km². The islands are located in the western Indian Ocean, between latitudes 40°–100° South and longitudes 46°–56° East. The nearest neighbours are Madagascar and the great continent of Africa. Victoria is the capital city on the main island Mahé.

In general the weather in Seychelles is warm and humid, averaging 29°C throughout the year with more rain around November to end of January. Summer clothes are worn throughout the year.

The Rupee is the currency of Seychelles. It is divisible into 100 cents. At the moment (**23/12/15**) the rate is 1€ = 14.00 Seychelles Rupee (SCR), or 1\$ = 12.90 Seychelles Rupee (SCR). All major currencies are exchangeable at banks and hotels and there are several Foreign Exchange Bureaus in Victoria.

8. Electricity

Electricity in Seychelles is 240 Volts, 50 Hertz. Plugs are usually “British” type.



9. Telephone service

International dialling code:

The International dialling code for Seychelles is +248

Mobile services:

Two operators are offering SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

10. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in and around the meeting room and internet service at hotels will be at participants own expense.

11. Tourism

Information on tourism and other information can also be found at the following website:

(<http://www.virtalseychelles.sc/>).