



Participant Information Sheet

AEWA Training of Trainers workshop on the flyway approach to conservation (6 – 10 February 2023, Mauritius)

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WORKSHOP VENUE

The workshop venue will shortly be confirmed.

ACCOMMODATION FOR SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS

Le Suffren Hotel & Marina

Address: Le Caudan, Port Louis, Mauritius

Tel.: +230 202 4900

info@ninety-sixhotels.com

<https://ninety-sixhotels.com/le-suffren-hotel-and-marina-port-louis-mauritius.html>

An airport shuttle will be provided for sponsored and international participants (see below).

REGISTRATION & OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

Participants are requested to register for the workshop on **Monday, 6 February 2023 at 08:30 hrs** at the workshop venue (venue tbc).

Sponsored participants are requested to submit their boarding passes when they register. This is relevant for the payment of per diem. There will be an opportunity for early registration for sponsored participants on Sunday, 5 February 2023 at Le Suffren Hotel & Marina (details will be provided by email).

The opening ceremony will begin on **Monday, 6 February 2023 at 09:30 hrs** at the workshop venue (tbc), with the Minister of Agro Industry and Food Security, Mr Maneesh Gobin, invited as the guest of honour. The ceremony will also be an occasion to mark this year's World Wetlands Day (WWD) and World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) campaigns.

MEALS & PER DIEM

All participants: Lunch and coffee/tea breaks will be offered free of charge to all workshop participants on all five days of the workshop.

Sponsored participants: On all five workshop days (6-10 February 2023), all three meals and tea/coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers (breakfast and dinner will be provided at Le Suffren Hotel).

On the arrival and departure days (5 and 11 February 2023 for most participants; for some international participants additional days as applicable), only breakfast and dinner is included in your room rate. For lunch, please make your own meal arrangements. For these days, you will receive a higher per diem, in order to cover your expenses for meals.

In addition, you will receive an allowance (per diem) paid in the form of a MasterCard 'cash card' to cover incidental costs in connection with your participation in the workshop. These cash cards can be used like standard debit/credit cards which can be used for cash withdrawals at MasterCard ATM machines and over-the-counter payments (detailed information will be provided).

Please see the following link to locate the nearest MasterCard ATM: <https://www.mastercard.us/en-us/personal/get-support/find-nearest-atm.html>.

TRANSFER FROM AND TO THE AIRPORT

For sponsored and international participants, the Mauritian government will provide transport between Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and Le Suffren Hotel & Marina (on the day of your arrival and departure).

Participants will be met by a driver provided by the National Parks and Conservation Service (NPCS) who will meet you in the airport arrivals hall.

In case your flight is delayed, please inform the National Parks and Conservation Service at:

Name: Mr Mahendra Obin

Mobile: + 230 59149637

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Information on Mauritius entry visa requirements and exemptions is available at: https://passport.govmu.org/passport/?page_id=605

Entry visas will be issued upon arrival to those participants who require a visa for entry to Mauritius. The NPCS has issued a personalized invitation letter to each international participant. Please present this invitation letter along with your valid passport upon arrival. Your passport should be valid for at least the duration of your stay in Mauritius. No additional period of validity beyond this is required. Your passport should have at least one blank passport page.

HEALTH / COVID-19

It is strongly recommended that you arrange for adequate health insurance cover for your travel to/from and stay in Mauritius.

Information on the latest COVID-19 related requirements is available, e.g., on the website of the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority at <https://mauritiusnow.com/mauritius-travel-advice> and <https://mauritiusnow.com/faqs>. At the time of compilation of this information sheet, the following applied, among others:

- Regardless of your vaccination status, you do not need to present a negative COVID-19 test before flying to Mauritius.
- No testing is needed on arrival
- Unvaccinated travellers can enter Mauritius and no longer need to self-isolate on arrival
- You do not need to wear a face mask during your stay in Mauritius. It is only recommended in airports, during airport transfers and on public transport, plus in all public and private healthcare facilities, including hospitals and pharmacies.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 during your stay in Mauritius you must self-isolate in your accommodation for seven days. After this time, you no longer have to self-isolate. If you would like to, you may take an antigen test on day 4 and, if it is negative, you can leave self-isolation.

Prior to travel, all international travellers should fill out the Mauritius All in One travel form available at <https://safemauritius.govmu.org>. This will generate a PDF document with a QR Code. Please print a hard copy of this completed form and present it to Health Officials on arrival at Mauritius Airport. If you have not filled out the form, foreign nationals must fill out an Immigration Disembarkation Card on arrival at the airport.

FIELD TRIPS

The workshop programme will include two field trips organised with the support of NPCS. Please make sure to bring your own binoculars if you have them and suitable clothes/shoes. Destinations currently planned for the field trips include:

- Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary (Ramsar Site)
- Ile aux Aigrettes Nature Reserve
- Pointe d'Esny (Ramsar Site)
- Blue Bay Marine Park (Ramsar Site)

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

We advise participants to bring sufficient cash with them. ATM cash machines are available close to Le Suffren Hotel & Marina.

The local currency of Mauritius is the Mauritian Rupee (MRU) which is divided into 100 cents.

Dollar exchange rate: 100 MRU = 2.75 USD (as at 1 February 2023)

TELEPHONE USE

The main mobile operators in Mauritius are **my.t** by Mauritius Telecom, **Emtel** and **CHiLi** by MTML.

Local SIM card starter kits are widely available at mobile provider kiosks and stores, including at the airport and in shopping malls. Please make sure to take your charger and suitable adaptor as necessary. You may need your passport to register the SIM.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police: 999 and 112

Fire and Rescue Services: 115

Ambulance: 114

DOCUMENTS

All workshop documents will be made available to participants as soon as they become available and will also be available on the meeting webpage: <https://www.unep-ewa.org/en/meeting/ewa-training-trainers-workshop-flyway-conservation>.

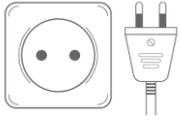
The Flyway Training Kit (FTK) which is the main training resource is available at: <https://www.wetlands.org/publications/wings-over-wetlands-wow-project-flyway-training-kit-ftk/>. We will also make available USB sticks with the FTK downloaded on them.

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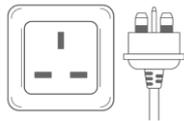
February is among the hottest and wettest months in Mauritius, with average daily temperatures between 22°-30°C. Rainfall, as is typical in the tropics, tends to come in the form of showers or thunderstorms that usually do not last long.

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES & PLUGS

The standard voltage in Mauritius is 230 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. Outlets and plugs of types C & G are in use (the rooms at Le Suffren Hotel & Marina are equipped with both types of plugs).



Type C 1



Type G

TIME

Mauritius Time is UTC/GMT +4 hours.

We look forward to meeting in Mauritius!