

To: Advisory Committee Members ACAP National Contact Points Meeting Attendees

AC11 Meeting Circular 3 – Registration reminder, Heads of Delegation Meeting, RFMO Workshop and Local Information about Florianopolis.

Registration reminder

Parties, Non-Party Range States and Observers are reminded that details of their representatives <u>must be provided</u> to the Secretariat prior to the meeting (e-mail <u>secretariat@acap.aq</u>). All attendees, <u>including sponsored delegates</u>, are requested to complete the registration form available from the <u>ACAP website</u> by 15 April, to assist us in preparing for the meetings.

Heads of Delegation Meeting

Advisory Committee Members are reminded that on Sunday, 12 May 2019 in the late afternoon/evening (time to be confirmed) a Heads of Delegation meeting will be held at the hotel venue. The Heads of Delegation meeting agenda will be circulated closer to the meeting date. Interpretation will be provided as in previous years.

RFMO Workshop

As advised in Circular 2, a workshop to discuss and review ACAP's RFMO engagement strategy will be held on Sunday 5 May, the day before the Seabird Bycatch Working Group meeting. The workshop will be held at the AC11 meeting venue (the Leonardo da Vinci room at the Hotel II Campanario Villaggio) on Sunday 5 May, from 9 am to 3 pm. The objective of the workshop is to discuss and identify the most effective and efficient ways to engage with tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) during the current triennium (2019-2021) to deliver on ACAP conservation objectives. Outputs of the workshop will be presented to the SBWG9 meeting, under Agenda item 14 – Coordination of activities relating

to RFMOs, for further discussion and consideration. The workshop plan and draft agenda, together with documents relevant to the agenda, are available on the <u>ACAP website</u>. We encourage all those planning to attend the workshop to read through the documents prior to the workshop.

Local Information about Brazil and Florianopolis

Information regarding Florianopolis, transportation, currency, communication and local contacts is provided in Annexes 1-3.

Social Events

Brazil will host a welcome event for all AC11 participants on Monday, 13 May at 7 pm in the hotel venue. The programme will include a cultural presentation and a welcome speech by a national authority. In addition, Mr. José Ventura, a fisherman who invented the short streamer tori line will be honoured during this ceremony.

Projeto Albatroz warmly invites all AC11 delegates to a Reception on Wednesday, 15 May at 7 pm, to be held at the "outdoor lounge" located next to the meeting room. Snacks and beverages will be offered.

Albatross Game Session

Projeto Albatroz invites all meeting participants to take part in the "Albatross Game" developed by the *Young Albatross Collective*. This is a board game used as an educational tool where each player is a fisherman and players need to go fishing and return to the harbour without capturing birds. This is a collaborative experience where all players win or all players lose, thereby avoiding competition between players. This activity will take place on Tuesday, 7 May between 7 and 8 pm at the hotel bar. Students from *Young Albatross Collective* will be available to facilitate the game in Portuguese, Spanish and English.

An optional boat trip to the Protected Area Anhatomirim, has been scheduled for Thursday 16 May (see Annex 2).

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ANNEX 1. GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

Visa Requirements

As the Brazilian Foreign Office bases its actions on reciprocity, visitors from some foreign countries will require a visa, obtained by applying to the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate. Requirements for a tourist visa include a passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival, one passport size photograph and a round trip ticket.

Who needs a Visa

- 1. Citizens of foreign countries travelling to Brazil for tourism purposes usually need a visa before entering Brazil. This requirement is based on the principle of reciprocity and applies to nationals of countries that require a visa from Brazilians.
- 2. Citizens of countries that do not require visas from Brazilians usually do not require a visa for coming to Brazil. Countries for which a tourism visa IS NOT required for travelling to Brazil are: Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guiana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Philippines, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. Suriname. Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vatican, Venezuela.

CHECK THE WEB SITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE PROCESS:

Overseas Embassies and Consulates of Brazil http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/brazil

Currency

The local currency is real (R\$). The equivalent dollar exchange rate, in April 2019, is US\$ 1 to R\$3.86. Dollars and euros can be easily exchanged in hotels, authorized banks, and travel agencies. Debit cards can be used to withdraw money in local currency at ATMs. The main credit cards are accepted in Brazil. Visa, MasterCard, Diners and American Express are accepted in almost all commercial facilities.

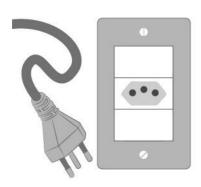
Voltage

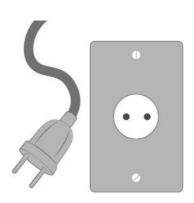
The voltage in Brazil is not standardized, and depends on each State or city. In Florianópolis, the standard voltage is 220 V.

Sockets and plugs types

There are three plugs and socket types in Brazil as follows:







Other possible configurations:



The plugs in the hotel are of this type:



Taxis, transport smart phone apps and car rental

At major airports, bus stations and downtown areas, it is possible to find car rental agencies, which offer services with or without a driver. Tourists who have a foreign driver's licence are authorized to drive in Brazil when staying for less than 180 days. Taxi prices are calculated by taximeter according to the distance travelled. (There is an additional fee after 08:00 p.m. at night, and on Sundays and holidays; a regular fee is charged otherwise). Usually taxi routes departing from international airports charge fixed rates.

Taxis apps: Uber (recommended), 99táxi, Easy taxi.

Tips

Almost all bars and restaurants include the tip on the tab, but the payment is optional. If the tip has not been specified, the general rule is to pay 10% to 15% of the total amount. Taxi drivers do not expect any tips.

Weather

Florianópolis is a subtropical city. Autumn lasts from March to June, with the temperature around 21°C during the day and 10°C at night.

Local contact

If you need further information you can contact:

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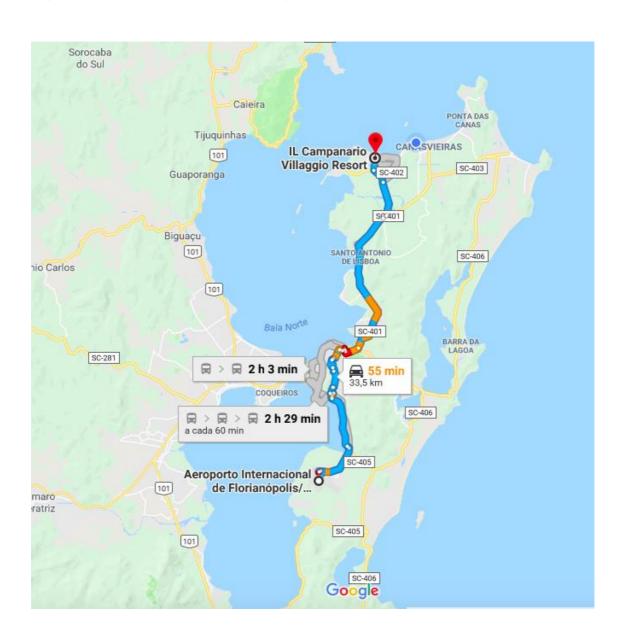
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ANNEX 2: HOTEL LOCATION AND AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Il Campanario Hotel is located in a neighbourhood called Jurere Internacional, in the north shore of Florianopolis. It is about 33.5 Km from the International Airport. The journey from the airport takes around 55 minutes by car. You can take a taxi or an Uber (app) service or take a transfer. The hotel offers a transfer service that you can order directly from Il Campanario Hotel reception by calling +55 (48) 3331-7200 or at https://www.jurere.com.br/hoteis/il-campanario/



ANNEX 3: OPTIONAL FIELD TRIP - BOAT TRIP TO FORTRESSES ISLANDS AROUND FLORIANOPOLIS

Excursion to the Protected Area Anhatomirim on Thursday 16 May. This excursion is self-paid and attendance is voluntary. Delegates are requested to confirm their participation in advance. The area is an IUCN protected area category V (protected landscape/seascape). The purpose is to protect biological diversity and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources. Specific goals include protecting the feeding and breeding areas of the resident population of Tucuxi (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) freshwater dolphins, and protecting remnants of the Atlantic Rain Forest and water sources needed for survival of local fishing communities.

Note: sea conditions can be uncomfortable for those prone to sea sickness. The trip is weather dependent, and may be cancelled at short notice.

If you would like to join the trip, please respond by email to Patricia Pereira Serafini patricia.serafini@gmail.com as soon as possible.

In addition, on Thursday 16 May there will be a a Jazz Festival in Florianopolis promoted by the City Hall and we would like to invite delegates to participate in these musical events that take place in Florianopolis once every year - please see https://www.floripajazz.org/programacao/