

Seventh International Consultations on the Establishment of the South Pacific RFMO
18-22 May 2009

SWG and DIWG
11-15 May 2009

INFORMATION FOR MEETING DELEGATES

Meeting Time and Place

The Seventh International Consultations on the Establishment of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation will be held from 18-22 May 2009, at the Swissotel, Lima, Peru. Starting time will be 9.00 am every day. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

The Science Working Group and Data Information Working Group meetings will be held from May 11th to May 15th 2009, at the Swissotel, Lima, Peru. Starting time will be 9.00 am every day. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

Registration

Registration for the Seventh International Consultations on the Establishment of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization will take place at the Swissotel on Monday 18 May from 8 – 9.00 am.

Registration for the meetings of the Science Working Group and Data and Information Working Group will take place at the Swissotel on Monday 11 May from 8 – 9.00 am.

Social Events

A cocktail event will be offered by the Peruvian Government on 19th May. The venue for the cocktail function is Torre Tagle Palace (Headquarters of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The cocktail event will start at 7:30 pm.

Language

All meetings will be conducted in English and Spanish.

Travel Arrangements

Travel arrangements to and from the meeting are the responsibility of attendees.

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Flights

There are direct and stopover flights available to Lima from the most varied national and foreign cities. Jorge Chavez Airport, situated ten miles north west of Lima, is the threshold to enter Peru and it is connected by air with the main cities of the country and abroad. Please contact the relevant airline for flight times and details. It is highly recommended that you use the services of one of the three official taxi companies located at desks directly outside the International and Domestic Arrival halls. You can check the website of Taxi Green services (<http://www.taxigreen.com.pe/indexes.html>). Besides, it is also recommended you visit the Lima Airport Partner website (<http://www.lap.com.pe/ingles/taxis.html>), which can provide you with details of the Airport registered taxi companies.

Getting to and from the Airport

Taxis are available to the city center at all times of the day. An average fare to Lima is \$15 to \$20.

Accommodation

Please refer to the accommodation options page for information about accommodation in Lima.

Restaurants and cafes

Peruvian cuisine is incredibly varied and accomplished. It is among the best and most diverse cuisines found in Latin America. Lima is a great destination for many travelers and there is a variety of eating establishments, from elegant restaurants to casual cafes. Smoking is not allowed in all hospitality venues, including bars, restaurants and cafés in Lima and throughout Peru.

Other Relevant Information Visa

To enter Peru, you may regularly require a Visa. There is a list of countries which do not require a Visa. Contact the Peruvian Embassy in your country or the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru (www.rree.gob.pe) for more information.

Taxes

There is a departure tax of US\$31.00 (per person) for international flights from Peru. There is also an airport tax for internal flights. This varies according to the airport but internal departures from Lima cost US\$6.05 per person. The equivalent sum in Peruvian soles is accepted.

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Climate

The climate in Lima in autumn is mild. Average temperatures in May range from 14C (F 57) to 20°C (F 68).

Money

Nuevo Sol is the official currency, although US Dollars are also accepted in most commercial activities. ATM machines can be found in the main cities. Most restaurants, bars and hotels accept credit cards.

Shopping and Banking

Most shops in Lima are open from: 9 am – 10 pm, Banks are generally open from 9:00 am – 6 pm, Monday – Friday. They are also open in the morning on Saturdays. Major credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa are accepted in Lima and surrounding areas.

Telephones

Check with your telephone company before leaving home regarding international mobile phone roaming facilities available in Lima. To call overseas from Lima dial 00 followed by the relevant country code and then the phone number. In an emergency dial 116. This will link you to the ambulance, fire. For police services dial 105.

It is possible to rent a Mobile. Telephone companies in Peru are: Telefónica del Perú, Claro and Nextel.

Electricity

In Peru the current is 220V **60 hz** AC, two-pin plugs are used in Peru. If you have a digital camera, laptop computer or other electrical equipment that runs off a battery charger, check the back of the charger to ascertain the input range. If it is outside this range, you should check with the company.

Driving

Motorists drive on the right-hand side of the road. To drive in Peru you must have a valid Peruvian or International driver's license. You must carry your license at all times when driving. If your license is in a language other than Spanish, it is suggested that you carry a translation from an official source.

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Internet access

In the main cities of Peru there are public facilities for worldwide internet access at affordable rates. In Lima, there are facilities at the International Airport, and the main hotels, amongst other places.

Taxis and limousines

Taxi services operate in Lima and surrounding towns. It is highly recommended that you use the services of an official company. Information about taxi services is commonly provided by the hotels.