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SECOND MEETING OF THE AFRICAN-EURASIAN MIGRATORY LANDBIRDS WORKING GROUP

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 25-27 November 2015

FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

Meeting dates and venue

The Second Meeting of the African Eurasian Migratory Landbirds Working Group will take place from 25-27 November 2015 at the premises of UNEP Sub Regional Office for West Africa, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

Venue address

UNEP Sub Regional Office for West Africa (ROA)
Rue Harris Memel Foteh 01,
II Plateaux-Vallon,
Abidjan
Côte d'Ivoire
Tel.: +225-224 18853;
unep.org/roa

Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 will be dedicated to the working sessions and Friday 27 to a field trip.

Working Sessions will start at 09:00 and end up approximately at 18:00.

Language

The working language will be English and no interpretation will be provided.

Field Trip

BirdLife Côte d'Ivoire is organizing an excursion. Information of meeting point and transportation will be given to participants during the working sessions.

A lunch-box will be provided.

Remember to wear the right clothes and shoes (a rain jacket, long and light trousers and hiking shoes). It would be advisable to take a mosquito repellent and a bottle of water.

Requirements for Travel

Visa: Only 21 countries can visit Côte de'Ivoire without a visa and most of them are African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Togo; Tunisia). If your country of citizenship is not within them, it is most probably that you will need a visa. For more information on the visa procedure please visit:

<http://ivorycoast.embassyhomepage.com/ivorycoast-visa-information.htm#business-visa>

ROA has kindly provided a link to request visa online. <http://www.snedai.com/en/>

For countries of citizenship where there is no Ivorian consular representation, ROA is requesting immigration authorities to issue visa upon arrival. Please consult the above given link to collect and present the requested documents for visa application.

Participants who will need a Note Verbale letter to support visa application should contact Ximena.cancino@cms.int.

Passport validity: Six months remaining validity upon entry.

Vaccinations: Yellow fever required

Accommodation

All participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel booking. Rooms with a negotiated rate have been blocked **until the end of October** in 2 hotels. The hotels chosen are at a walking distance to the venue and include breakfast. The hotels are 2 stars category and facilities have good reviews. Participants are asked to copy Marie Yolande Koffi (ROA) who is going to follow up on the booking. In case you would like to stay in any other hotel, the district where the venue is located is “2 Plateaux Vallons”.

HOTEL RESIDENCE OHINENE

Cocody, II plateaux - Vallons, derrière le supermarché HAYAT

Room of 78 USD (45 000 CFA)
Availability (6)

Room of 87 USD (50 000 CFA)
Availability (7)

Room of 104 USD (60 000 CFA)
Availability (6)

Room of 130 USD (75 000 CFA)
Availability (4)

Room of 148 USD (85 000 CFA)
Availability (4)

Room of 113 USD (65 000 CFA)
Availability (7)

Tel: 00 225 22 41 52 53/60/64

Walking distance of the Abidjan Convention office about 5 minutes

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Email: info@residenceohinene.com **COPY TO:** Marie-Yolande.Koffi@unep.org

Tel: 00 225 22 41 52 53 / 00225 77 74 54 14

www.residenceohinene.com

HOTEL RIYO

Cocody II Plateaux Vallon, Rue des Jardins, Près Station Total

Room of 60 USD (35 000 CFA)
Availability (3)

Room of 69 USD (40 000 CFA)
Availability (6)

Room of 87 USD (50 000 CFA)
Availability (3)

Room of 104 USD (60 000 CFA)
Availability (2)

Room of 130 USD (75 000 CFA)
Availability (1)

Tel.: 00225 22 41 15 15/88 19 /06 65 65 80

Walking distance of the Abidjan Convention office about 10 minutes.

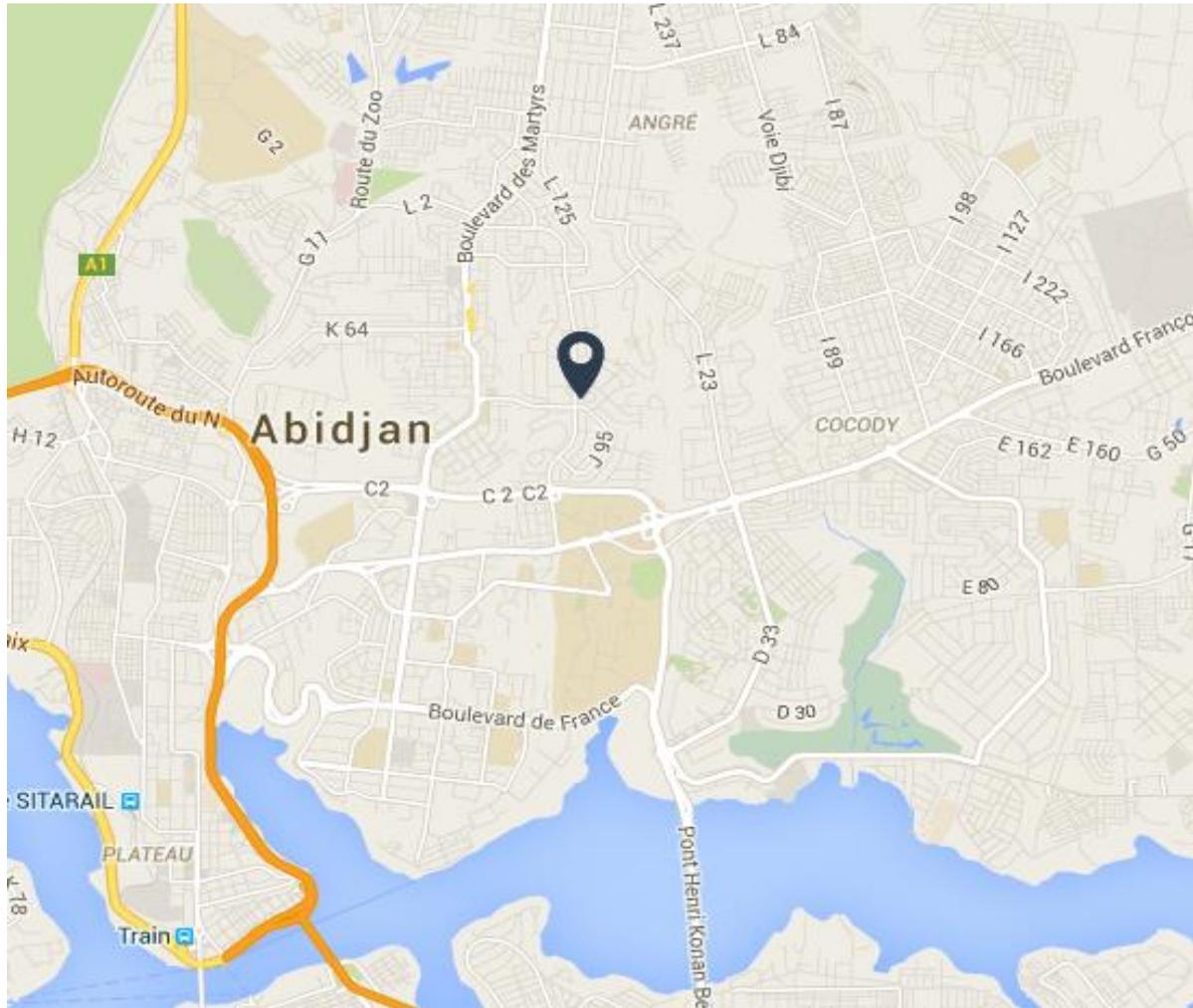
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http://www.hotelscombined.in/Hotel/Riyo_Hotel.htm

Location



Arrival at the Airport:

The nearest airport is Port Bouet or Félix Houphouët-Boigny airport.

Services: There is a bank with a currency exchange service, and an ATM which works intermittently. Other facilities include a VIP Lounge, a pharmacy, shops, a bar and a cafeteria. There is a tourist desk in the main arrivals hall.

Internet: Wi-Fi is available in the VIP Lounge and the Departure Lounge.

Taxis to and from the airport

The safest taxis are the official orange taxis, although even these are not always metered. Numerous touts will try to offer you a deal but they are best avoided.

Orange taxis which charge set fares are the best option for safe transport; note that taxi fares often double after dark. Rental cars are also available.

Practical information

Transportation: Abidjan's public transport system can be difficult to navigate. There are a number of different taxis operating in the city: Orange taxi cabs operate along most major routes across the city; other taxis are shared taxis (woro-woro) that are color-coded and restricted to certain neighborhoods of Abidjan. Taxis are very rarely metered and a fare should be negotiated before getting into the

vehicle. Motorcycle taxis also operate in Abidjan, and although cheap, they are best avoided due to safety concerns. Buses operate along fixed routes in Abidjan, but are often overcrowded and plagued by petty theft, especially at bus stations. Ferries travel across the lagoon.

Prevention: Take a basic first aid kit, protect yourself against mosquitos and only drink bottled water, avoid raw vegetables.

Electricity: Electrical current is 220 volts, 50Hz. Plug types in use are round pin attachment plugs or round pin plugs and receptacles with male grounding pin.

Currency: The official currency is the CFA Franc (XOF), divided into 100 centimes. 1USD is 587 XOF. New notes were issued in 2004 and only those issued by the Bank of West African States (Banque des États de l'Afrique de l'Ouest) are valid currency. There are a few ATMs in Abidjan but most will accept only Visa cards. It is unwise to use an ATM that is not guarded. Credit cards are accepted in the larger hotels and better restaurants. Most shops require cash.

Telephone communications: The country code for Côte d'Ivoire is +225. The outgoing code is 00 followed by the relevant country code. City/area codes are not required and all phone numbers have eight digits. GSM 900 networks provide mobile cellular coverage around the main towns and cities, and there are roaming agreements with most international networks. International Direct Dialing is available. There are internet cafes in Abidjan.

Emergency numbers:

111 (police); 180 (fire); 185 (ambulance).

Weather: Tropical temperatures range in November from 24°C to 28°.The chance of rain is 50% so do not forget your raincoat and umbrella.