



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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## WESTERN AFRICAN TALKS ON CETACEANS AND THEIR HABITATS

Adeje, Tenerife, Spain, 16-20 October 2007

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### FACT SHEET

#### I. Meeting Venue

The WATCH meeting will take place at **Costa Adeje, Tenerife, Spain**.

The Open Symposium (16-17 October 2007) will be held at the **Magma Conference Centre** of Adeje (Tenerife).

*Address:*

Magma Arte & Congresos  
Avda. de los Pueblos, s/n.  
Adeje (Tenerife, Canary Islands)  
Spain

Tel.: (+34) 922 79 39 87

Fax: (+34) 922 79 77 01

<http://www.magmacongresos.com>

Government negotiation sessions will take place at the Conference Room of **Jardín Tropical Hotel** (Costa Adeje) on 18-20 October 2007.

#### Opening Ceremony

The WATCH will be opened at the Magma Conference Centre of Adeje on 16 October, 9:30 am.

#### II. Travel

##### Airports

The island of Tenerife has two airports: "Los Rodeos" or "Tenerife Norte" in the North of the island, airport code: TFN, and "Reina Sofía" or "**Aeropuerto Tenerife Sur**", in the South of the island, airport code: TFS.

The venues of the WATCH meeting are close to the Tenerife Sur airport (Reina Sofía), at some 20 km distance. Costa Adeje is approximately 95 km from the Tenerife Norte airport.

### **Flight information for funded delegates:**

The CMS Secretariat is able to fund only one representative of each eligible range state. Funding is contingent on the timely presentation of a scanned electronic copy of the nominated representative's credentials, demonstrating his or her ability to speak on behalf of the country. These should be presented to the Secretariat no later than **31 August 2007**.

Furthermore, fundraising efforts are ongoing to secure the attendance of as many marine mammal scientists from the African Range States as possible. **Scientists are encouraged to send offers for preparing a presentation or poster on cetacean conservation in their country or region.** Posters on the West African manatee will also be gladly received. Those accepted by the Scientific Committee for WATCH will be given priority for funding.

The Secretariat will transmit suggested travel itineraries to funded delegates for clearance before making bookings.

### **Transport**

The municipality of Adeje is situated in the south west of the island of Tenerife (Canary Islands).

Buses to the main cities and Taxis are available at both airports, but reaching Costa Adeje from the Northern Airport by bus is quite difficult, since several bus changes are necessary.

### **Taxis**

Reina Sofia Airport (TFS) / Costa Adeje: around 25 € (approx. US\$ 34)  
Los Rodeos Airport (TFN) / Costa Adeje: around 100 € (approx. US\$ 135)

### **Bus Services:**

111 (Santa Cruz - Las Américas passing through the Reina Sofía airport) +/- every 30 minutes  
487 (Reina Sofía airport - Las Américas) +/- every hour

For more information about bus lines in Tenerife, you can visit the website of the local bus company (TITSA): <http://www.titsa.com>. A map of the island with airports and bus network is available at: [http://titsa.com/archivos/ficheros/lineas\\_turisticas.pdf](http://titsa.com/archivos/ficheros/lineas_turisticas.pdf).

## **III. Accommodation**

### **1. Hotel information for funded delegates:**

The Secretariat will arrange for hotel booking of funded delegates. Delegates will be informed of hotel arrangements in conjunction with the transmission of the proposals for the travel itinerary.

### **2. Hotel information for non-funded delegates:**

For non-funded delegates, room blockings have been made in the same hotel.

### **Jardín Tropical Hotel**

C/ Gran Bretaña  
Costa Adeje (Tenerife, Canary Islands)  
Spain  
Tel.: (+34) 922 746 000  
Fax: (+34) 922 746 060  
<http://www.jardin-tropical.com/eng/index.htm>

In order to ensure the application of the special price agreed for WATCH attendees, non-funded delegates and participants should get in touch with the travel agency and contact detailed below before **19 September 2007**:



Travel Agency: ULTRAMAR EXPRESS  
Contact: M<sup>a</sup> Auxiliadora Marrero Martín  
ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT  
Avda. Bruselas 14 - L56  
38670 FAÑABE (TENERIFE) - SPAIN  
Tel: +34.922.71.71.56 (Ext. 7101)  
Fax: +34.922.77.77.32  
E-mail: [mmarrero@ultramarexpress.com](mailto:mmarrero@ultramarexpress.com)

After this date, room price and availability are not guaranteed. Price agreed for WATCH participants at Hotel Tropical is 90€ for double room/single use. The number of reservations is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Participants are advised to request and reconfirm the reservation conditions and fares at the time of the booking as to avoid any mismatch.

#### **Other Hotels**

Costa Adeje is a tourist area where a large variety of hotels of all categories is available. The Costa Adeje web site <http://www.costa-adeje.es> offers useful information on the area, including accommodation.

## **IV. Other Information**

#### **Weather**

The climate in Costa Adeje is warm during October, with average temperatures ranging between 20° and 26° C. Temperatures may drop slightly below these levels when moving towards the inner and higher regions of the Island. The scenery and climate of Tenerife pack immense variety into a small space, as might be imagined for a volcanic island reaching nearly 4.000 m in altitude on the edge of the tropics.

#### **Currency**

Spain's currency is the **Euro (€)**. At 18 August 2007, the exchange rate was 0.75 € for 1 US\$. Credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most restaurants and shops at Costa Adeje.

#### **Working Language of the Meeting**

The meeting's working languages will be English, French and Spanish. Interpretation for these languages will be provided during plenary sessions.

#### **Identification badges**

All delegates will receive an identification badge. You are requested to wear this badge during all official functions to gain access to the venue.

#### **Documents**

Documents will be distributed via the CMS website before the meeting. **There will be no paper copies.**

**Delegates are kindly reminded to please bring meeting documentation with them, as no hard copies will be available at the meeting facility.**

#### **Time zone**

The Canary Islands in October will be GMT +1.

