

Information on the 4th Meeting of the Northern Indian Ocean Marine Turtle Task Force

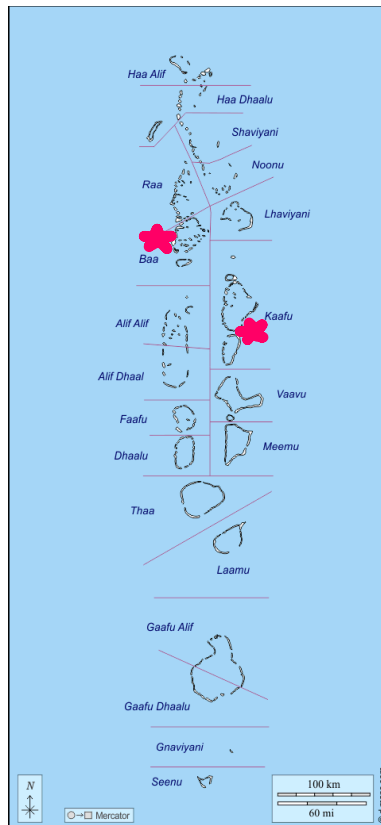
7 - 9 March 2023

Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru Resort Maldives

1. Arrival to Maldives

When you arrive in the Maldives, please tick 'business' as purpose of your visit on your arrival card. The following documents may be required at time of arrival into the Maldives in addition to a valid passport with 6 months validity:

- A valid return air ticket to a destination where the passenger is allowed to enter and possess all visas necessary for her/his return journey.
- Invitation Letter (will be provided)
- Resort Booking (Resort Vouchers will be sent by email separately)
- QR code that you receive when you fill the Traveler Declaration from the following link: <https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/ethd> (you will need to scan your passport and upload a photo of you when you fill the online form)



https://d-maps.com/carte.php?num_car=232771&lang=en

Map of Maldives showing Baa Atoll and Velana International Airport

2. After arrival in the Maldives

A seaplane transfer has been arranged for your domestic transfer between Velana International Airport and the Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru Resort. The details of seaplane transfer will be emailed separately.



<https://maldivesmap.org/baa-atoll>

Map showing Four Seasons Landaa Giraavaru Resort in Baa Atoll

3. Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided for all delegates at the Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru in Baa Atoll. Accommodation for sponsored delegates will be paid by the hosts during the workshop days.

4. Meeting Logistics

The meeting will take place on the 7-9 March 2023 at the Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru in Baa Atoll. The meeting includes presentations and discussions as well as a field trip to explore the sea turtle rescue centre on the island.

5. Transport

All delegates will be arriving at the Velana International Airport located on the island Hulhule. Delegates will be met at the airport by resort staff upon arrival, outside the Terminal Building and taken by seaplane to the Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru in Baa Atoll.

6. Currency

The local currency is Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR). The current exchange rate of Bank of Maldives is 1USD = MVR15.42. All major currencies are exchangeable at banks and US dollars are usually accepted at all hotels. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels and in shops.

7. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is smart casual. Please note the weather in the Maldives could be very hot and humid.

Maldives being a Muslim country, most Maldivians practice modesty in the way they dress. Please be mindful of the dress code if visiting any local islands.

8. Electricity

The Electricity in Maldives is 230-240 Volts (50Hz) AC. Sockets are usually “British” square-pin type.



9. Telephone Service

International Dialing Code:

The International Dialing Code for Maldives is +960

Mobile operators:

There are two operators, *Dhiraagu* (www.dhiraagu.com.mv) and *Ooredoo* (<https://ooredoo.mv/>) and both provide SIM cards and pre-paid service.

SIM cards are available from the teleshops of both operators located at the airport, right outside of the arrival terminal.

10. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available at the resort and meeting venue.

11. Personal Expenses

Sponsored delegates will receive a small amount for terminal expenses in local currency which can be exchanged at the meeting location to US Dollars.

During your stay at the Four Seasons Resort Maldives at Landaa Giraavaru in Baa Atoll, we are pleased to cover all your food, beverage and transportation costs; however, we kindly request that all spa or other activities not included in the meeting agenda are charged to your personal card.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to a Secretariat staff member during the meeting.

12. General Information about Maldives

Maldives is an archipelago of 1190 coral islands scattered over an area of 90,000 square miles in the Indian Ocean. There are 26 natural atolls, of which only about 200 islands are inhabited and over 130 islands are tourist resorts.

The language of the Maldivians is Dhivehi, and is strongly influenced by the major languages of the region, Arabic and English in more recent times.

The weather in the Maldives is warm and humid, with an average temperature of 30° Celsius throughout the year. Maldives experiences two seasons; the dry monsoon (Iruvai), generally from December to April and the rainy monsoon (Hulhangu), from April to December. During March the weather will be generally calm with chances of rain. Temperature ranges from 29 to 30 Degrees Celsius throughout the year.

13. Tourism

For further information on tourist resorts, you may visit <http://www.visitmaldives.com/en/>

14. Health

The Indhira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH) in Male' is the biggest hospital in the country providing sophisticated medical care. ADK Hospital is the biggest private health care facility and follows high medical standards. Hulhumale' hospital and Tree Top hospital are the main medical health care facilities in Hulhumale'.

15. Important Phone Numbers

The contacts for the meeting are:

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16. Other Telephone Nos:

Place	Telephone Numbers
Police	119
Tourist Police	3323776
Fire	118
Emergency	102
Dhiraagu Directory Services	110
Ministry of Environment	3018300
Airport Information	3323506
Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital (IGMH)	3335335
ADK Hospital	3313553
Hulhumale' Hospital	3335211
Tree Tropic Hospital (Hulhumale')	335-1610