

**Third Regional Seminar on the Conservation and Restoration of
Sahelo-Saharan Megafauna**

Agadir, Morocco, 14 – 16 March 2023

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FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

About Morocco and Agadir

The Kingdom of Morocco, is the westernmost country in the Maghreb region of North Africa. Bathed to the north by the waters of the Mediterranean, to the west by those of the Atlantic Ocean, it is also crisscrossed by the Rif and Atlas Mountains and is subject to all sorts of climatic influences.

With a population of roughly 37 million, its official and predominant religion is Islam, and the official languages are Arabic and Amazigh. The Moroccan dialect of Arabic and French are also widely spoken, as well as Spanish. Its capital is Rabat, while its largest city is Casablanca.

Agadir, is a major city in Morocco, with around 600 000 inhabitants, on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean near the foot of the Atlas Mountains. Agadir has a semi-arid climate with warm summers and mild winters. Agadir Al Massira airport is located 25 kilometers from the Agadir city center.

Venue

The Meeting will take place at Zephyr-Agadir Hotel
Lot 9, Secteur H, Founty,
Agadir 80000 – Maroc
<https://www.zephyrhotels.ma/zephyragadir>

Accommodation

Sponsored participants

The Secretariat has arranged accommodation at the meeting venue for all sponsored participants. Three meals will be provided during the days of the meeting. Any additional room service or items taken from the room fridge are to be paid by participants.

Sponsored participants will receive Daily Subsistence Allowance. DSA is meant to cover expenses for accommodation, transportation, meals and other incidental costs, **including visa costs**, during the period of the meeting. Since three meals and accommodation will be provided, participants will receive 20% of the current standard DSA rate in accordance with the UN Financial Rules. Funded participants will be entitled to an amount of USD 188 for terminal expenses, covering ground transportation between cities and airports, and associated costs, in their home countries.

Transportation to and from the Agadir Airport will be provided for all funded participants.

DSA and terminal expenses will be paid to eligible participants during the meeting. The time and location will be announced at the meeting.

Non-sponsored participants

Accommodation arrangements need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice.

On-site registration and access badges

On-site registration will begin on **14/03/2023 from 8h30 to 9h00**, and **15/03/2023 from 8h30 to 9h00** at the meeting hall.

All delegates will receive an identification badge to access the meeting hall at the registration. You are kindly requested to wear this badge during the meeting.

Passports and Visa requirements

A valid passport is required to enter the Moroccan territory.

Please check the [list of countries](#) whose citizens are exempted from entry visa into Morocco.

An E-Visa for Morocco introduced by the Moroccan government in July 2022 is eligible for over 45 nationalities. Eligible nationalities can be checked, and applications can be submitted through the Morocco Ministry of Foreign Affairs platform, [Access Maroc](#).

All other persons intending to come to Morocco are required to apply for and obtain a Morocco Embassy or Consular Visa.

Delegates are also required to check the possible necessity of a transit visa, depending on their respective itinerary, and obtain it as necessary.

Health Information

Following the decision of the Moroccan authorities, the health restrictions (PCR or vaccinal pass) to enter the Moroccan territory are lifted. Travelers wishing to visit Morocco must present a [health form](#), to be downloaded online before boarding, duly completed. It is also distributed at the airport.

More information can be found here : [Welcome back | Office National Marocain du Tourisme \(visitmorocco.com\)](#)

Travel and Medical Insurance

All participants are recommended to have valid travel and medical insurance covering the period of their stay in Morocco. Participants are responsible for the cost of medical attention at any public or private institutions.

Weather

Agadir has a very mild climate. The daytime temperature generally stays in the 20s °C every day, with the winter highs typically reaching 25 °C in March.

Currency

The currency in Morocco is the Moroccan dirham (MAD). Each dirham is divided into 100 santim. 1 USD = 10,39 MAD as of 03.03.2023 ([Currency converter](#))

In Morocco, like most countries in the world, you can pay by cash or with credit card.

Working languages of the Meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation.

Internet

Wi-Fi will be provided to all participants at the meeting venue/hotel.

Electrical current

In Morocco the standard voltage is 220 V and the frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Morocco, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa).

**Time Zone**

Morocco is on permanent Daylight Saving Time (DST) most of the year, using the time zone Western European Summer Time (WEST; UTC +1)

Safety and Security

Emergency phone numbers of Morocco are the following:

- Police: 190
- Ambulance/Firefighters: 150
- Royal gendarmerie: 177 (police outside the cities)

Hotel Security

The hotel for delegates has been carefully selected. However, delegates are advised to:

- Never give out your room number or invite strangers to your room.
- Never leave valuable property unattended in your rooms, meeting rooms, restaurants, swimming pool area, etc.
- Always use safety locks on the door, even during the daytime.
- Always use the room safe for valuables, or use lockable storage for valuables at the front desk, but make sure they issue a receipt for your items.

Contacts

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