

## MOS2 MOU on the Conservation of the Southern South American Migratory Grassland Birds and Their Habitats

(24 - 25 July 2018)

## First Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force

(26 – 28 July 2018)

Florianopolis, Brazil

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### FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### I Meeting dates and venue

1. The Second Meeting of Signatories (MOS2) on the Conservation of the Southern South American Migratory Grasslands Birds and their Habitats will be held from 24 to 25 July in Florianopolis, Brazil.

The MOU was signed in August 2007 by Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. Observers are admitted at the meeting.

The meeting languages will be Spanish and English.

2. The First Meeting of the Americas Flyways Task Force will be held from 26 to 27 July in Florianopolis, Brazil.

The Task Force is composed by 27 countries and organizations.

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3. Excursion to the Protected Area Anhatomirim on Saturday 28 July. This excursion is self-paid and attendance is voluntary. Delegates are requested to confirm their participation in advance.

The area is IUCN protected area category V (protected landscape/seascape). The purpose is to protect biological diversity and ensure the sustainable use of natural resources. Specific goals include protecting the feeding and breeding areas of the resident population of Tucuxi (*Sotalia fluviatilis*) freshwater dolphins, and protecting remnants of the Atlantic Rain Forest and water sources needed for survival of local fishing communities.

#### Venue address

Florianópolis is located in southern Brazil, it is the capital of the state of Santa Catarina and is commonly called FLORIPA.

The meetings will be held back to back at the same Venue.

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## **II Requirements for travel**

### **Visa Requirements**

As the Brazilian Foreign Office bases its actions on reciprocity, visitors from some foreign countries will require a visa, obtained by applying to the nearest Brazilian Embassy or Consulate. Requirements for a tourist visa include a passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival, one passport size photograph and a round trip ticket.

Who needs a VISA:

1. Citizens of foreign countries traveling to Brazil for tourism purposes usually need a visa before entering Brazil. This demand is based on the principle of reciprocity and applies to nationals of countries that demand a visa from Brazilians.
2. Citizens of countries that do not require visas from Brazilians usually do not require a visa for coming to Brazil.

Countries for which a tourism visa (up to 90 days) **IS NOT** required for traveling to Brazil:

Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guiana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Namibia Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Philippines, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. Suriname. Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Vatican, Venezuela (stays allowed up to 60 days).

**CHECK THE WEB SITE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE PROCESS.**

Overseas Embassies and Consulates of Brazil

<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/brazil>

### **Voltage**

The voltage in Brazil is not standardized, and depends on each State or city. In Florianópolis, the standard voltage is 220 V.

### **Currency**

The local currency is real (R\$). The equivalent dollar Exchange rate, in July 2016, is US\$ 1 to R\$ 3,3. Dollars and Euros can be easily exchanged in hotels, authorized banks, and travel agencies. International debit and credit cards (Visa and Master Card) are accepted in most places. Many hotels also take Amex. Debit cards can be used to withdraw money in local currency at ATMs.

### **Tips**

Almost all bars and restaurants include the tip on the tab, but the payment is optional. If the tip has not been specified, the general rule is paying 10% to 15% of the total amount. Taxi drivers do not expect any tips.

### **Taxis and car rental**

At major airports, bus stations and downtown areas, it is possible to find car rental agencies, which offer services with or without a driver. Tourists who have foreign driver's license are authorized to drive in Brazil when staying for less than 180 days. Regulated by municipalities, taxi services are offered in all big cities in Brazil. Taxis can also be called via radio taxi service or through smart phones apps. Prices are calculated by taximeter (at night there is an additional fee after 08:00 p.m., Sundays and holidays, and a regular fee otherwise), according to the distance travelled. Taxi routes departing from international airports charge fixed rates. Taxis apps: 99táxi, Easy taxi, Way taxi.

### **Weather**

Florianópolis is a subtropical city. Winter lasts from June to August, with the temperature around 15°C (58°F) during the day and 10°C (50°F) at night.

### **Credit Cards**

The main credit cards are accepted in Brazil. Visa, MasterCard, Diners and American Express are accepted in almost all commercial facilities.

### **Vaccination**

Resident travellers and those who were in the countries listed below in the last 3 months before coming to Brazil need vaccination against yellow fever. The international certificate of yellow fever vaccination must be presented upon arrival in Brazil: Republic of Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Ecuador, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Republic of Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Republic of Liberia, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Peru, Democratic Republic of Congo, Republic of Sierra Leone, Sudan, Venezuela and Zaire.