



Memorandum of Understanding on the
Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and
their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia

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Bonn, Germany, 8-11 September 2014

FACT SHEET FOR DELEGATES

I. Getting to Bonn

Bonn is located approximately twenty minutes journey time south of Cologne (Köln) and two hours north-west of Frankfurt/Main. The city can be reached from three airports, Cologne/Bonn Airport, Frankfurt International Airport and Düsseldorf Airport.

(1) Delegates arriving at **Cologne/Bonn Airport** can reach Bonn city centre by bus (number “SB 60”), departing from the bus stop at Terminal 1 to the city centre (final stop “Hauptbahnhof”, main railway station) costing about €7.70; or by taxi (the fare from the airport to the city centre is approximately €45.00).

(2) Delegates arriving at **Frankfurt International Airport** are advised to take a train to Bonn. After clearing customs and picking up your luggage, exit the hall and descend to the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport complex. You may purchase a ticket from a machine (which might be a little challenging for newcomers) or from a human being in the ticket office (which might have a queue). If you would like to check online schedules and prices ahead of your journey, visit: <http://www.bahn.com/i/view/GBR/en/>.

Travel time on the regular-speed train service between Frankfurt International Airport and Bonn is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes and a ticket costs round about €39.00 (2nd class). This trip along the Rhine River is one of the most scenic train trips in Germany and brings you directly into the city centre of Bonn. *If you have the time, this is the most convenient and least expensive train option.*

There is also high-speed train service (ICE) between the airport and Cologne city. Travel time is approximately 40 minutes and a ticket costs about €58.00 (2nd class). Departure is also from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport complex. Direction is Köln / Cologne. The station stop for Bonn is the town of **Siegburg**. (Please get off the train at: **Siegburg/Bonn**). Taxis from Siegburg to Bonn are available for approximately €30.00. If you are a confident traveller, you could instead catch tram number **66** from Siegburg to Bonn central station (ticket price €5.00, please press 3 on the ticket machine).

(3) From **Düsseldorf Airport** to Bonn there are direct trains, which run hourly and have a travel time of about 66 minutes and a ticket costs about €16.00 (2nd class). As Düsseldorf is quite far from Bonn, it is not advised to take a taxi from there to Bonn.

TIP: It is possible to reserve a seat on these trains, but it is probably not necessary unless the trains are very full. If you have no reservation, you can get in any 2nd class car (wagon) and find an empty seat that is not reserved for someone else. If you do have a reservation, you must locate the correct car (wagon) to get on, using a diagram near the train platform. (This might not be so easy.) NOTE: once a train arrives at the station, it stops only a couple of minutes at the platform, so you must be quick to get on; otherwise you will miss the train!

II. Meeting Venues*

The **IOSEA Signatory State** meeting will take place at the “Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn”. < [SEE LOCATION ON MAP](#) >. The **Advisory Committee** meeting (5-6 September) and **Western Indian Ocean - Marine Turtle Task Force** meeting (7 September) will be held at the Hotel Ibis*, in north Bonn. Please see the SEPARATE NOTE (attached) for more details.

Wissenschaftszentrum Bonn

Ahrstrasse 45
53175 Bonn
Tel: (+49 228) 302-0

How to get to the Wissenschaftszentrum from various locations:

Tram or Bus tickets can be obtained from ticket machines at the stations or in the bus or tram itself. If you are travelling in and around Bonn press the “1b” button. One-way ticket (1 trip) costs about €2.60 and a multiple ticket (4 trips) costs €10.10.

➤By TRAM (U-bahn):

From Bonn’s main railway station (Hauptbahnhof) in the city centre: From the below-ground level, take tram **63 or 16** (direction Bad Godesberg) to the stop “**Hochkreuz / Deutsches Museum Bonn**”. The trip takes 13 minutes.

From Bad Godesberg station (Bahnhof): take tram **63/16** (direction Hauptbahnhof) to the stop “**Hochkreuz/Deutsches Museum Bonn**”. The trip takes only 3 minutes. < [Link to timetable for Tram 63/16](#) >.

When you reach the stop for **Hochkreuz / Deutsches Museum Bonn**, exit the train, turn right at the red tram crossing, and cross the street. You should see a statue of John F. Kennedy and a LUBIG bakery sign. Walk down **Kennedyallee** about 800 m. Turn right only when you reach the street sign for Ahrstrasse. The building of the **Wissenschaftszentrum** will be on your right.



➤By BUS:

From Bonn city centre (Hauptbahnhof) or Bad Godesberg city centre, take Bus **610** or **611** to the stop “**Kennedyallee**”. Link to timetables for: < [Bus 610](#) > < [Bus 611](#) >.

➤By TAXI:

The fare for a taxi ride to the Wissenschaftszentrum from Bonn city centre (Hauptbahnhof-Main station) is around €15.00. From Bad Godesberg city center, about €10.00. The central phone number for Bonn taxis is +49 (0)228 555 555.

III. Registration

Registration at the Wissenschaftszentrum will start at 0800 hrs. on Monday, 8 September 2014.

IV. Hotel accommodation

1. Hotel information for *sponsored* delegates (whose accommodation is paid by IOSEA):

The Secretariat has already blocked hotel space for *sponsored* delegates. For their convenience, sponsored delegates attending the Advisory Committee meeting (5-6 September) and/or WIO-MTTF meeting (7 September) will be accommodated at the **Hotel Ibis**, where these two meetings will take place. To avoid having to change hotels, the room bookings will be extended to cover also the main SS7 conference.

Other sponsored delegates attending only the main SS7 meeting will be accommodated at the **Hotel Eden am Kurpark** in Bad Godesberg.

Hotel Ibis: <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1441-ibis-bonn/index.shtml>

This hotel, located in north Bonn, is about 30 minutes total journey time (tram + 600-800 m walk at each end) to the SS7 conference venue (Wissenschaftszentrum).

Hotel Eden am Kurpark, Bad Godesberg:

<http://www.eden-bonn.de/index.php/en/hotel-eden-am-kurpark.html>

This hotel, located in a southern suburb of Bonn, is about 20 minutes total journey time (tram + short walk at each end) to the SS7 conference venue (Wissenschaftszentrum). *Please take care not to confuse this hotel with another Hotel Eden (am Hofgarten) in the centre of Bonn.*

2. Hotel information for *non-sponsored* delegates:

There is a wide range of hotel accommodation in Bonn, from very basic rooms (typically with narrow single bed) to more luxurious, higher-priced accommodation. As September can be a busy time for hotels in and around Bonn, **delegates are advised to book early**. To ensure availability, rooms have been temporarily blocked in a few mid-range hotels that are conveniently located in relation to the main SS7 conference venue (Wissenschaftszentrum).

Of course, non-sponsored delegates are also welcome to stay at the Hotel Ibis or Hotel Eden am Kurpark at their own cost, subject to space being available; or to stay in a higher-standard hotel of their own choosing. You are advised to visit the websites of the respective hotels before making a selection. Non-sponsored delegates: please contact the hotels *directly* to make your booking. For the Insel, Continental, and Ambassador hotels (where rooms have been temporarily blocked for non-sponsored delegates), mention that you are attending the “UN” meeting from 8-11 September.

< [CLICK TO SEE ALL HOTELS ON MAP](#) >

INSEL HOTEL

This hotel is located in the centre of Bad Godesberg, a southern suburb of Bonn. The total journey time (tram + short walk at each end) to the Wissenschaftszentrum is about 20 minutes.

Theaterplatz 5-7, 53177 Bonn - Bad Godesberg
Tel: +49 228 35 00-0; Fax: +49 228 35 00 333
email: info@inselhotel.com ; website : <http://www.inselhotel.com>
Rate: € 99.00 per night/incl. breakfast (Double room, for single use)

Limited block booking will expire: 8 August 2014. *First come, first served; space is not assured after that date.*

CONTINENTAL HOTEL

This hotel is conveniently located in the centre of Bonn, opposite the main railway station. The total journey time (tram + short walk at each end) to the Wissenschaftszentrum is about 25 minutes.

Hotel Continental
Am Hauptbahnhof 4, 53111 Bonn
Tel.: +49 228 3918990 – Fax:+49 228 39189999
info@continental-bonn.de; www.continental-bonn.de

Rate: €100.00 per night/incl. breakfast (Double room, for single use)

Limited block booking will expire: 11 August 2014. *First come, first served; space is not assured after that date.*

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Should these hotels not be available, a number of other suggested hotels are listed below (*without any guarantee of availability, except where indicated, or actual room rate, which varies by season*). Note that these suggestions do not constitute a recommendation or endorsement. You may wish to consult tripadvisor.com which offers opinions/experiences with regard to many of these hotels. That website also provides information on other hotels in the Bonn area.

Hotel Ambassador

[Bonner Straße 29, 53173 Bad Godesberg](#)
Tel: (+49 228) 3890-0; E-mail: hotamba@aol.com
Rate: €85.90 per night/incl. breakfast
Website: <http://www.booking.com/hotel/de/hotelambassador.html>

Limited block booking will expire: 4 August 2014. *Space is not assured after that date.*

This hotel is close to the tram station “Plittersdorfer Strasse”, from where you can reach the venue by tram number 16 or 66 direction “Hauptbahnhof”. Get off at the second stop “Hochkreuz/Deutsches Museum Bonn” (see section “How to get to the venue”).

Other hotels:

Hotel zum Adler

Koblenzerstr.60, 53173 Bad Godesberg

Tel: (+49 228) 364071; E-mail: info@hotel-zum-adler.de

Website: <http://www.hotel-zum-adler.de/index.php?lang=en&id=2403>

Rate: Typically €90.00 per night/incl. breakfast

To reach the venue, please walk to the “Bad Godesberg station” and follow the instructions above.

Hotel Aigner

Dorotheenstr. 12, 53111 Bonn

Tel: (+49 228) 604060; E-mail: hotel-aigner@t-online.de; Website: www.hotel-aigner.de

Rates: Single room standard: Typically €76.00-84.00 per night/incl. breakfast

To reach the conference venue, please walk to the tram station “Stadthaus” and take tram 66 to the Central Station (next stop), then change to tram 63/16 (direction Bad Godesberg) and get off at the stop “Hochkreuz/Deutsches Museum Bonn”. The trip takes 20 minutes.

Rheinhotel Dreesen GmbH

Rheinstraße 45-49, 53179 Bonn

Tel: (+49 228) 8202-0; Website: <http://www.rheinhoteldreesen.de/en/home>

E-mail: reservierung@rheinhoteldreesen.de

Rates: Single moderate room: Typically €110.00 per night/incl. breakfast

Double room (used as single room): €135.00 per night/incl. breakfast

To reach the venue, please walk to the “Bad Godesberg station” and follow the instructions above. As this hotel is located right next to the Rhine, you might want to enjoy walking along the river to the venue, which will take you about 45 minutes.

V. Weather

The weather in Bonn is typical of what can be expected in Germany, being rather fickle at times. The average temperature in September is 18°C/64°F and sunny weather is still likely. However, do not forget to bring your umbrella and a jacket since it can be cool and wet.

VI. Currency

Germany’s currency is the Euro (€). As of 15 July 2014, the exchange rate was about €0.74 for 1 USD (or €1 = about USD 1.36). Credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most restaurants in Bonn, but not in many shops.

VII. Visas

Upon request, an official letter of invitation will be sent to participants. This can be attached to the German visa application. Visas can be obtained from your nearest German embassy or consulate. Addresses can be downloaded from the website of the: [German Foreign Office](http://www.german-foreign-office.com).

If you have any difficulties obtaining a visa, please contact the CMS Secretariat in Bonn, Germany: secretariat@cms.int with copy to: jmina@cms.int

VIII. Travel Arrangements (for sponsored delegates)

Sponsored delegates (only): for issues regarding pre-Meeting travel arrangements, please contact Ms. Krittika Kleesuwon < Krittika.Kleesuwon@unep.org > in Bangkok; and be sure to cc your message to iosea@un.org.

IX. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English.

X. 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.

XI. Documents

Documents will be distributed via the IOSEA website < [IOSEA SS7](#) > before the meeting. **Delegates are kindly reminded to please bring meeting documentation with them as they will not be available at the meeting.**

XII. Posters

If you would like to display any posters (e.g. presenting marine turtle conservation activities) at the Wissenschaftszentrum, please contact the Secretariat in advance, and we will try to make suitable arrangements.

XIII. Time zone

Germany is in the Central European Time zone. GMT +1 hour

XIV. Emergency contacts

In case of emergencies, you can contact the CMS Secretariat in Bonn at:

(+49) (0) 228 815-2474 (office) or (+49) 162-1067977 (mobile).

XV. Daily subsistence allowance (only where applicable)

Participants whose travel is sponsored by IOSEA will be provided with a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) at prevailing United Nations rates in local currency. In order to facilitate the payment of the subsistence allowance, eligible participants are requested to submit copies of their passport, boarding pass, and arrival/departure itinerary together with their air tickets to the Secretariat staff office.

Any participant who is unable to stay for the whole duration of the meeting is requested to inform the Secretariat as soon as possible after arrival, so that the subsistence allowance can be reduced accordingly.

For sponsored participants, the Secretariat will cover travel costs and DSA only as indicated and will not assume responsibility for any other expenditures, including the following:

- (i) All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditure for visa, medical examination, inoculations and other such miscellaneous items; as well as internal travel to and from the airport of arrival and departure in the home country;
- (ii) Salary and related allowances for the participants during the period of the meeting;
- (iii) Costs incurred by participants in respect of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees in connection with attending the meeting;
- (iv) Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with attending the meeting;
- (v) Any loss of or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meeting or losses or damages claimed by third parties as a result of any negligence on the part of the participants;
- (vi) Any other expenses of a personal nature (e.g. telephone, fax, internet/WiFi, minibar, laundry etc.)

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For more information on Bonn and surrounding region please refer to:

< <http://www.bonn-region.de/english.html> >

Bon voyage !!

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WIO-MTTF DELEGATES

Advisory Committee meeting (5-6 September, with option of extending to 7 September), chaired by Dr. Jack Frazier & WIO-Marine Turtle Task Force meeting (7 September), chaired by Dr. Peter Richardson

Both of these meetings will be held at the **Hotel Ibis** in north Bonn (not at the Wissenschaftszentrum where the main SS7 conference will take place). This gives the advantage of allowing delegates to mingle during the evenings.

Hotel Ibis

Vorgebirgsstrasse 33, 53119 Bonn

Phone: +49 228 72660

<http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1441-ibis-bonn/index.shtml>

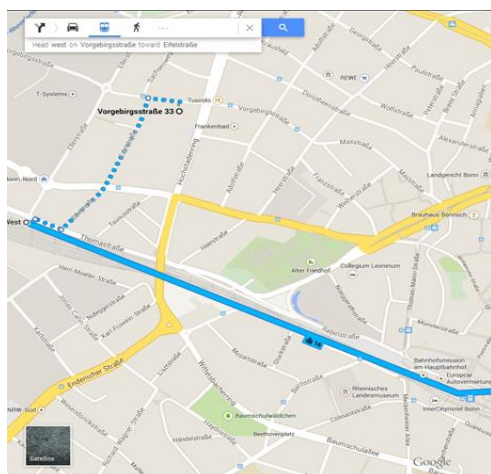
Rate: € 67.00 per night/incl. very good breakfast (Double room, for single use)

Wifi is free for a 'sufficient' connection; € 6 for a higher speed connection)

Directions from the main railway station (Bonn Hauptbahnhof) to the Hotel Ibis

Upon arrival in Bonn city centre, the hotel can be reached by taxi (1.8 km, 5-minute drive); on foot (1.5 km, about 20 minutes walking time); or combination of tram (only 1 stop from the main railway station) and walking.

Please **CLICK** on the map to open directions, and enter the desired start/end points:



Directions from the Hotel Ibis to the Wissenschaftszentrum (by foot / tram):

Turn left on Vorgebirgsstrasse, walk 80 m to Eifelstrasse, turn left and continue walking about 500 m. (Take care crossing Bornheimer Strasse.) When you reach **Bonn West** station, take the underground passage (passing underneath the tram line) to get to the far side of the tracks. Take tram (U-Bahn) number **16 or 63** in the direction of Bad Godesberg.

This is the same tram that one can catch from the below-ground level of Bonn's main railway station. The 10-stop journey to **Hochkreuz/Deutsches Museum Bonn** will take about 15 minutes. From there, walk to the Wissenschaftszentrum (about 10 minutes). *See also the instructions in the "How to get to the Wissenschaftszentrum from various locations" for full details.*