

**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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Information from Cook Islands re: Arrival Preparation

Dear All,

Please find the attached information provided by the Cook Islands for participants traveling to WCPFC20.

This information will also be posted to the WCPFC20 Meeting page.

Yours sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Meeting
Rarotonga, Cook Islands
4th December – 8th December 2023**

Kia Orana and Welcome to the Cook Islands,

We look forward to welcoming you to our little paradise. Enclosed is some information to help you prepare for your arrival.

BEFORE DEPARTURE

Before departing for the Cook Islands, please be sure to have your accommodation information and local contact information available for your arrival card.

If you plan on purchasing a travel SIM Card whilst in the Cook Islands, please be sure to check that your mobile phone is unlocked and enabled to use alternative SIM Cards.

ARRIVAL

When coming through customs and immigration at Rarotonga Airport, you will see a sign and designated queue for WCPFC20.

Once, you have collected your bags, you will make your way out into the arrival terminal. There are two Cook Islands Tourism staff members at the door to assist in directing you to your driver, transport or to answer questions you may have.

TRANSPORTATION

If you have transfers arranged, please be sure to let the arrival staff know where you are staying and who your transfer is with, they will direct you to the correct transfer company desk.

We highly recommend booking your transfers prior to arrival. This can be done through your accommodation or through the following companies:

- [Raro Tours](#)
- [Kai Mani Shuttles](#)
- [Tiare Transport](#)
- [Cook Islands Tours](#)

Taxis are available and start from \$20pp depending on where you are staying.

Vodafone Cook Islands have a store in the arrival terminal. As you walk out, you will find it on your right-hand side. You can purchase a travel SIM Card, starting from NZD \$49. We highly recommend doing this. Alternatively, you can pre-purchase your travel E-SIM before arrival. Please ensure that your phone is compatible for this. Click [here](#) to make your E-SIM purchase.

KEY PHRASES IN THE COOK ISLANDS

Kia Orana	Hello – it is a greeting and a wishing of good fortune
Aere mai	Welcome
Aere ra	Goodbye
Meitaki	Thank you
Ine	Please
Kia Manuia	Goodluck
Mako	Great

For further travel information you can visit, the [Cook Islands Tourism](#) website.