



SIXTH REGULAR SESSION
Papeete, Tahiti, French Polynesia
7-11 December 2009

NOTICE OF MEETING

WCPFC6-2009/01
7th September 2009

Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) are invited to attend the Sixth Regular Session of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC6).

With logistical and administrative support from France and French Polynesia, the WCPFC6 meeting will take place at Tahiti, Papeete, French Polynesia from Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December 2009, with Sunday 6th December reserved to start the Third Session of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC3). The meeting venue will be the Hilton Hotel (please see details below regarding accommodation arrangements).

Preliminary Meeting Documents

In accordance with Rules of Procedure, the following documents have been prepared.

- a. Meeting Notice (WCPFC6-2009/01);
- b. Provisional Agenda (WCPFC6-2009/02);
- c. Provisional Annotated Agenda (WCPFC6-2009/03);
- d. Indicative Schedule (WCPFC6-2009/04); and
- e. Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee (WCPFC6-FAC3-2009/01 and WCPFC6-FAC3-2009/02 respectively).

The inclusion of any supplementary items in the agenda, accompanied by a written explanation, may be requested at least thirty days before the meeting. This is by Friday 6th November 2009.

The attention of CCMs is also drawn to the recommendation of WCPFC2 that draft proposals for the consideration of the Commission be tabled 30 days in advance of the regular session (paragraph 30 WCPFC2 Summary Report).

Remaining WCPFC6 Meeting Documents

Every effort will be made to post all remaining meeting documents on the WCPFC website by 7th November 2009. All participants will be individually responsible for downloading their meeting papers and printing them out, as required. Please advise Ms Lucille Martinez (meetings.wcpfc@wcpfc.int) when registering, of any anticipated difficulties with downloading meeting papers.

Delegations and participants

In accordance with Rule 6 and 36 of the Rules of Procedure for the Commission Members, Co-operating Non Members, Observers and others desiring to participate in WCPFC6 are respectfully requested to advise the Secretariat of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers at the earliest opportunity.

All enquiries about the WCPFC6 meeting should be addressed to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Officer, Mr Ken Smithson, (ken.smithson@wcpfc.int).

Registration

All participants are requested to register electronically on the WCPFC website. If that is not possible please print and return the completed registration form to Herolyn Movick, preferably by facsimile (+691 320 1108) or email to meetings.wcpfc@wcpfc.int as soon as possible. For those delegations with more than one participant it would be preferred if registrations could be submitted in one batch by a key contact for that delegation.

Tahiti, Papeete

Background information about Tahiti, Papeete and French Polynesia, including maps and weather details are available at www.tahiti-tourisme.pf ; www.tahitiguide.com

Additional information is also available at **Attachment A**

Meeting Venue

The meeting venue will be at the **Hilton Tahiti**
http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/PPTHTHI-Hilton-Hotel-Tahiti/index.do;jsessionid=7F53690EF5F6142635302A3C7A15E894.etc41?brand_id=HI&brand_directory=/en/hi/&xch=481187335,Q0CHSAS2UBA44CSGBJBOLYQ

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Accommodation

The Government of French Polynesia has secured hotel accommodations for participants at the Hilton Tahiti at the special rate of 13 710 XPF (USD163) with tax, service charge and buffet breakfast inclusive for single, and 13 860 XPF (USD165) for double occupancy per night. E-mail your requirements to reservations.groups@hilton.pf. The deadline for making reservations at this rate is **November 1st 2009**. It is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible.

The Government of French Polynesia has also secured 50 rooms varying between twin shares to 4 occupants at the **Manava Suite Resort Tahiti**, which is the only apartment hotel in Tahiti, about 20 minutes from the Hilton Hotel. Same rates as Hilton apply with free shuttle bus daily (morning and evening) to the Hilton. E-mail your requirements to res@spmhotels.pf.

If you would like to stay in any other hotels near the meeting venue, suggestions are provided below. Many of these hotels have meeting room facilities (see Attachment A).

HOTEL	INFORMATION	RATES
<p>HILTON TAHITI BP 416 98713 Papeete Côté mer - Faa'a Tél. : (689) 86 48 48 Fax : (689) 86 48 00</p>	<p>Email: reservations.groups@hilton.pf</p> <p>Website : http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/PPTHTHI-Hilton-Hotel-Tahiti/index.do;jsessionid=7F53690EF5F6142635302A3C7A15E894.etc41?brand_id=HI&brand_directory=/en/hi/&xch=481187335,Q0CHSAS2UBA44CSGJBOLYQ</p>	<p>Chambre standard – 13 710 XPF TTC pour une occupation simple avec petit-déjeuner inclus et 13 860 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec petits-déjeuners inclus</p>
<p>MANAVA SUITE RESORT TAHITI BP 2851 Punavai 98703 Punaauia PK 10,5 côté mer – Punaauia Tél. : (689) 47 31 00 Fax : (689) 47 31 01</p>	<p>Email : maraea.temaury@spmhotels.pf</p> <p>Website : http://manavasuiteresorttahiti.blogspot.com/</p>	<p>Chambre standard – 13 710 XPF TTC pour une occupation simple avec petit-déjeuner inclus et 13 860 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec petits-déjeuners inclus</p>
<p>SOFITEL TAHITI BP 60 008 – 98702 Faa'a Centre Côté mer – Punaauia Tél. : (689) 86 66 00 Fax : (689) 41 05 05</p>	<p>Email : reservation.tahiti@accor.com</p> <p>Website : www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-0547-sofitel-tahiti-maeva-beach-resort/index.shtml</p>	<p>Chambre classique – 13 390 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec petits-déjeuners américains inclus</p> <p>Chambre supérieure – 15 085 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec petits-déjeuners américains inclus</p>
<p>INTERCONTINENTAL TAHITI RESORT Côté mer – Punaauia Tél. : (689) 86 51 10 Fax : (689) 86 51 30</p>	<p>Email : reservationspf@interconti.pf</p> <p>Website : www.tahiti.intercontinental.com</p>	<p>Chambre standard – 14 648 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec 1 petit-déjeuner inclus</p> <p>Chambre vue jardin – 16 264 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec 1 petit-déjeuner inclus</p> <p>Chambre vue océan – 20 660</p>

		<p>XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec 1 petit-déjeuner inclus</p> <p>Chambre vue panoramique – 22 671 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec 1 petit-déjeuner inclus</p> <p>Bungalow motu – 29 564 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec 1 petit-déjeuner inclus</p> <p>Bungalow lotus – 42 977 XPF TTC pour une occupation double avec 1 petit-déjeuner inclus</p> <p>Petit-déjeuner américain en supplément à 3 305 XPF TTC</p>
<p>MERIDIEN TAHITI B.P. 380 595 Tamanu 98718 Punaauia Tahiti Côté mer - Punaauia Tél. : (689) 47 07 26 Fax : (689) 47 07 08</p>	<p>Email : reservations@lemeridien-tahiti.pf (bien préciser que c'est dans le cadre de la WCPFC)</p> <p>Website : www.tahiti.lemeridien.com</p>	<p>Chambre vue lagon – 14 275 XPF TTC</p> <p>Petit déjeuner en supplément à 2 160 XPF TTC</p>
<p>TAHITI NUI Avenue du Prince Hinoï Papeete Tél. : (689) 46 38 99</p>	<p>Email : chris.beaumont@mail.pf</p> <p>Website : www.hoteltahitinui.com</p>	<p>Chambre single standard – 13 943 XPF TTC</p> <p>Chambre double standard – 15 667 XPF TTC</p> <p>Junior Suite (1 ou 2 pers.) – 17 391 XPF TTC</p> <p>Junior Suite (3 pers.) – 20 265 XPF TTC</p> <p>Petit déjeuner continental en</p>

		supplément à 2 070 XFP TTC Petit déjeuner américain à 2 990 XFP TTC
RADISSON Lafayette Beach PK 7 – côté mer Arue Tél. : (689) 48 88 88 Fax : (689) 48 88 89	Email : resmanager@radisson-tahiti.pf Website : www.radisson.com/tahiti	Chambre vue océan – 16 015 XPF TTC pour une occupation simple et 16 165 XPF TTC pour une occupation double Chambre vue océan avec jacuzzi – 19 658 XPF TTC pour une occupation simple et 19 808 XPF TTC pour une occupation double Suite vue océan – 19 658 XPF TTC pour une occupation simple et 19 808 XPF TTC pour une occupation double Duplex vue océan – 19 658 XPF TTC pour une occupation simple et 19 808 XPF TTC pour une occupation double Petit déjeuner en supplément à 2 538 XFP TTC

Airport Transfers

Transport from the International Airport to the Hilton Hotel is available by:

- Taxi (approximately USD18 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm and USD30 from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am, subject to the type of taxi)
- Shuttle bus to the Hilton Hotel – schedules will be notified on the website in due course once arrival and departure time of most participants are collected.

Communications

The Government of French Polynesia will arrange for several public access computers with internet to be available close to the main meeting room. WiFi access will also be available in the main conference room. Access will be through the purchase of pre-paid cards.

Additional meeting rooms

Four breakout or Delegation Rooms are available during the week of the Commission meeting:

- Breakout Room 1: Capacity 50 in “U” shaped set up
- Breakout Room 2: (Largest glass restaurant room): Capacity 35
- Breakout Room 3: (Smallest glass restaurant room): Capacity 30
- Breakout Room 4: (Club Lounge): Capacity 25

Apart from chairs and tables, these rooms do not have any additional meeting support facilities. Delegations will need to make separate arrangements should they require additional meeting support in their delegation rooms. To guarantee the availability of the Delegation room, please contact Hilton Hotel no later than **24 October 2008**:

Contact: Jean Louis Jarry

Tel: (689) 86 48 25

Fax: (689) 82 76 91

E-Mail: jl.jarry@hilton-tahiti.pf

A booking system for the use of breakout rooms during the period 6-11 December will be administered by the Secretariat. Further information will be provided at a later date in relation to any charges associated with use of these rooms.

See **Attachment A** for additional information on meeting room facilities also available at nearby hotels.

Exchange Rates

Indicative exchange rates are available at xe.com [The Universal Currency Converter](http://TheUniversalCurrencyConverter.com).

Visa for the French Polynesia

Foreign nationals from the following countries are entitled to a three-month stay without a visa:

- European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Rumania, United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Spain, Greece.

- Other countries: Andorra, Australia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, St Marin, Vatican, Switzerland.

Maximum stay of 3 months per semester: Brazil and Chinese citizens holding a valid passport from Hong-Kong or Macao.

Nationals from the following countries are entitled to a one-month stay without visa:

North, South and Central America: Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, El Salvador, The United States of America, Mexico, Nicaragua, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, Guatemala.

Asia-Pacific: New Zealand, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Brunei, Singapour.

Europe: Croatia.

Nationals from all other countries require visas which may be obtained from the French Embassy or French Consulate in the country of residence. **The visa must be endorsed: “valid for French Polynesia”**, which applies also to aliens holding temporary visitor’s permits (1 year in metropolitan France). Foreigners holding 10-year residence cards obtained in France or in a French overseas department are exempt from visa requirements in French Polynesia. Except for nationals of the European Union and foreigners holding a 10 year residence card, all foreigners entering French Polynesia must have a return ticket.

For further information, please visit the website: www.polynesie-francaise.pref.gouv.fr

Submission of proposals

As agreed at WCPFC2, and despite Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure that requires 24 hours notice, Members are reminded of the commitment to attempt to submit draft proposals 30 days prior to the Annual Session of the Commission.

Banking

The following forms of payment are accepted: all legal bank notes, international credit cards, and traveller’s checks (an exchange commission is charged on the latter).

The international banks with foreign exchange offices on Tahiti and on the most frequently visited islands are the Banque de Tahiti, the Banque de Polynésie and Banque Socredo.

At the Tahiti-Faa’a International Airport, two foreign exchanger offices (Banque de Polynésie and Banque Socredo) are open in conjunction with international departures and arrivals.

Banks:

BANQUE DE POLYNÉSIE

B.P. 530 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti

Tel. : (689) 46.79.79 / Fax : (689) 46.66.05

www.sg-bdp.pf

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B.P. 1602 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti

Tel. : (689) 41.70.00 / Fax : (689) 42.33.76
www.banque-tahiti.pf

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B.P. 130 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel. : (689) 41.51.23 / Fax : (689) 41.52.83
www.websoc.pf

Partners and spouses

The Visitor's Bureau of French Polynesia is **GIE TAHITI TOURISME**
B.P. 65 - 98713 Papeete - Tahiti
Tel.: (689) 50.57.00 / Fax: (689) 43.66.19
tahiti-tourisme@mail.pf / info@tahiti-tourisme.pf / www.tahiti-tourisme.pf

Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee will start its third meeting at 9am 6th December 2009. The meeting room for this event will be advised in due course. A Provisional Agenda for that meeting is available for consideration by CCMs (WCPFC6-FAC3-2009/01 and WCPFC6-FAC3-2009/02). FAC3 may reconvene throughout the week of WCPFC6 as considered necessary.

Heads of Delegation meeting

It is proposed that Heads of Delegation meet for a short meeting at 5pm 6th December (venue to be advised) to review arrangements for the meeting and exchange views on making the best use of the time available for WCPFC6.

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct, economy-class airfare) of one representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat under the signature of the WCPFC Official Contact for qualifying developing country and participating territory Members by **1 November 2009**. Nominations received after 24 November will, of logistical necessity, be funded on a reimbursable basis rather than prepayment and be subject to the principle of utilization of the most direct economical route. Unfortunately any claims received after the end of the financial year may not be able to be processed.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Wright
Executive Director

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR VISIT TO FRENCH POLYNESIA

A TROPICAL CLIMATE

The French Polynesian islands enjoy a tropical climate; the maximum number of hours of sunshine is close to 3000 per year in the Tuamotu islands ! The temperature, which is always pleasant, is cooled by the trade winds of the Pacific that blow throughout the year.

The average ambient temperature is 27° C, and the waters of the lagoons are a fairly constant 26° C. While further away from the equator, the archipelagos down south, (the Austral and Gambier), enjoy cooler temperatures.

Average temperature

January	27°C / 80.6F
February	27.1°C / 80.8F
March	27.4°C / 81.3F
April	27.1°C / 80.8F
May	26.4°C / 79.5F
June	25.2°C / 77.4F
July	24.7°C / 76.5F
August	24.6°C / 76.3F
September	25°C / 77F
October	25.6°C / 78.1F
November	26.3°C / 79.3F
December	26.6°C / 79.9F

PREPARING YOUR TRIP

What is the time difference?

Tahiti and her Islands are 10 hours different from GMT. This is a 12-hour summertime or 11 hour wintertime difference from Paris, 2 hour different from the United States Pacific Coast, 6 hour from Santiago de Chile, 19 hour from Tokyo and Sydney and 22 hour different from Auckland.

SOME PRATICAL DETAILS

Current currency exchange/Buy rates

1 Euro =	119,33 F CFP
1 USD =	84 FCFP
1 NZD =	58 FCFP
1 AUD =	70 FCFP

1 FJD =.....	42 FCFP
1 CNY =.....	12 FCFP
100 Yen =.....	88 FCFP
100 KRW =.....	7 FCFP

(Foreign exchange rates as at 01.09.2009).

The following forms of payment are accepted: all legal bank notes, international credit cards, and traveler's checks (an exchange commission is charged on the latter).

The international banks with foreign exchange offices on Tahiti and on the most frequently visited islands are the Banque de Tahiti, the Banque de Polynésie and Banque Socredo. International hotels also provide this service but a word of warning: some atolls and islands in the Austral and Gambier group have no banking facilities. At the Tahiti-Faa'a International Airport, two foreign exchanger offices (Banque de Polynésie and Banque Socredo) are open in conjunction with international departures and arrivals.

Customs

Customs declarations: Upon arrival in French Polynesia, you must declare all goods you are carrying with you and pay the relevant duties and taxes to the Customs Office. However, it is possible to be exempted from paying duties and taxes on goods listed below (purchases or gifts).

<i>Various items and supplies (*)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Tobacco:	
Cigarettes	200 units
Cigarillos.....	100 units
Cigars	50 units
Pipe Tobacco.....	250 g
Alcoholic beverages:	
Still wines.....	2 liters
Beverages over 22°	2 liters
Beverages 22° or less	2 liters
Perfumes	50 g
Eau de toilette	1/4 l
Coffee.....	500 g
Tea.....	100 g
Other goods	price per traveler
From 15 years old and over	30 000 FCFP
Under 15 years of age	15 000 FCFP

(*) People under 17 cannot import duty-free tobacco or alcohol.

For further information, please inquire with French customs services before departure, Tel: (689) 50.55.50, or go to: www.douane.gouv.fr.

The cost of living

The following table presents the approximate prices of some basic grocery items. These prices are valid in Papeete and may vary:

Bread (French baguette).....	51 FCFP
Mineral water (1.5l)	300 FCFP
Today's special in a snack bar	approximately 900 FCFP
Today's special in a restaurant.....	approximately 1 500 FCFP
Fruit juice, soda (can)	250 FCFP
Fresh fruit juice (glass) in a bar	approximately 500 FCFP
Sandwich.....	approximately 150 FCFP
Coffee in a bar.....	from 250 FCFP
Croissant and other pastries	150 FCFP
Carrots (per kilo).....	200 FCFP
Bananas (per kilo)	around 220 FCFP
Fresh tuna - white meat (per kilo).....	from 1 000 FCFP
Fresh tuna - red meat (per kilo).....	from 1 400 FCFP
A pack of 4 Pineapples (per kilo)	around 700 FCFP
Local beer (bottle of 33cl, shop).....	200 FCFP

What to pack?

Bring summer clothes, beachwear, sports wear and boat wear, all preferably in cotton. Have something warm available for the evenings which are sometimes cooler (lagoon side, boat trips and in the mountains). Footwear: sandals, sneakers, boat shoes.

Essential: swimming costumes, sunglasses, hat, sunblock creams (intense reflection of the lagoons) and a powerful anti-mosquito lotion (useful in the islands in certain seasons).

Business Hours

Shops are open from Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am and from 1:30 pm to 5 pm/6 pm. Saturdays from 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

Some shops are also open afternoons. Most places are closed on Sunday including many restaurants except for the Papeete market, which is very busy from 5 in the morning.

There you can find a wide variety of flowers, food, pareos, hats, mother of pearl, art objects and a variety of souvenirs.

Postal and telecommunication services

Papeete's Central Post Office, located near the yacht wharf and Bougainville Park, is open weekdays from 7 am to 6 pm and on Saturdays from 8 am to 11 am. There is a philatelic center at the Post Office. There are many international card-operated phone booths throughout most of the islands.

Water and electricity

Tap water in Papeete and Bora Bora is safe to drink; enquire locally on the other islands. If in doubt, use mineral water in sealed bottles.

Electricity: 110 or 220 volts (60Hz) depending on the island and type of accommodation. Check before plugging in.

Health

No vaccines are required except for passengers from high-risk countries (this information can be obtained from your airline). On the island of Tahiti, good sanitary facilities and health services are available. The cities of Papeete, Taravao (peninsula of Tahiti) and Uturoa (Raiatea) have fully equipped hospitals. Other tourist islands at least possess a hospital or a clinic.

Which language?

While the official language is French, the indigenous languages, such as Tahitian, are still widely practiced in each archipelago. English is also widely spoken particularly in tourist areas.

Glossary

Ahima'a: traditional Tahitian oven

Aita: no

A ori !: dance!

E: yes

Faraoa: bread

Fare: house

Himene: song

Ia ora na: good morning!

Ma'a: food

Maeva: welcome

Maita'i ? : how are you?

Marae: holy religious site

Mauruuru: thank you !

Motu: island

Nana, Parahi: goodbye!

Orero: oratorical art

Ori Tahiti: traditional dance

Paepae: stone platform
Pahu: drum
Pape: water
Pareu: pareo
Penu: pestle
Pe'ue: Pandanus mat
Po'e: fruit compote
Tama'a !: let's eat!
Tamure: couple dance
Tiare Tahiti: flower, emblem of Tahiti and her Islands
Tifaifai: patchwork bedspread
Tiki: stone statue
To'ere: Polynesian percussion instrument
Ukulele: Polynesian guitar
Umete: fruit bowl
Va'a: pirogue
Vivo: nasal flute

TAHITI AND HER ISLANDS AT A GLANCE

IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Tahiti and her Islands are located approximately 17100 km from Metropolitan France. These islands cover a huge ocean surface of some 4 million square kilometers, which is the same area as Europe.

The island of Tahiti in the Society Islands group, is 17° 32 S and 149° 34 W, situated half way between California (6200 km) and Australia (5700 km).

Tahiti is 8800 km from Tokyo and 7500 km from Santiago, Chile.

118 ISLANDS IN 5 ARCHIPELAGOES

Tahiti's 118 fabulous islands are scattered across five far-flung archipelagoes, each with their own particular character and whose inhabitants have adapted the ancient rhythms of the ocean and the sun to the 21st century.

The Society Islands (made up of the Leeward Islands and the Windward Islands), is a group of high tropical islands encircled by coral reefs and lagoons.

The main one of which is Tahiti, the largest of the Polynesian islands, with Papeete as its administrative capital.

Tahiti is composed of two majestic volcanic mountain ranges topped by clouds. Their highest points being Mount Orohena (more than 2000 feet) on Tahiti Nui and Mount

Mairenui (around 1300 feet) the smaller volcano, in the heart of Tahiti Iti, Tahiti's peninsula.

The two islands are linked by the isthmus of Taravao.

The Society islands: this group also includes the famous islands of Moorea, the magical island, separated from her sister island Tahiti by only a 17 km channel, Huahine, the garden of Eden, a wild island situated 175 km Northwest of Tahiti which still maintains a very lively, traditional culture, Raiatea and Tahaa, two sacred islands with lush vegetation, enclosed in the same lagoon and offering perfect sailing conditions, famous Bora Bora, the romantic island with her breathtaking lagoon and beaches fringed with coconut trees, and finally Maupiti, the forgotten island, nestled in a jade lagoon, the smallest, and the most authentic island of the archipelago.

The Tuamotu group is a collection of low islands or atolls. A very special world, situated between sky and sea.

Each island encircles its own lagoon with a ring of coral and beneath the crystal-clear waters of each are spectacular underwater gardens and fish of every imaginable size, shape and color.

It rarely rains and is a perfect environment for pearl farming. Rangiroa, Tikehau, Manihi, Fakarava are the most frequently visited atolls and provide classified hotel accommodation.

The Marquesas, “Enua Enana” or “Land of Men”, are a group of high islands near the equator, 1500 km away from Tahiti, whose steep mountains are inhabited by wild horses, goats and pigs.

The most well-known are Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, Ua Pou and Ua Huka which offer the tourist, among many other points of interest, a magnificent arboretum.

The Austral Archipelago, situated far to the south, is also made up of high islands: Rurutu, Tubuai, Rimatara, Raivavae and Rapa.

Last inhabited islands of the South Pacific, these ancient volcanoes with soft relief are far off the beaten track.

With their “marae”, ancient sacred places, and majestic centuries old stone “tiki”, these mysterious islands still have not revealed all of their secrets.

There are a variety of tropical plants and plants from temperate regions also.

This environment is favorable for farming, and the Australs provide the other islands with many different vegetables.

A special attraction on the Austral Islands occurs every year from June to October when the whales meet in the warm, shallow waters.

The Gambier Archipelago, rarely visited, consisting of the high island of Mangareva and its fringe of islands which are the eroded remains of its former gigantic crater, is situated in the far eastern corner of French Polynesia.

OUR CULTURE

TATTOO AND DANCE: THE CULTURAL REVIVAL

As early as the 18th European navigators indicated the existence of tattooing in Tahiti. Tattooing was prohibited at the time of the missionaries, but it didn't disappear completely.

For Polynesians, tattooing is a means of asserting their ma'ohi cultural identity and it favours the use of black colour to the detriment of others. Inspired from vegetal or animal geometry, most of the time a tattoo has a symbolic meaning.

Men and women display the tattoo like jewelry. Thus, contrary to the “occidental intimist” approach, the tattoo was first meant to be seen at first.

For several years now, there has existed a new generation of particularly gifted tattoo artists in Tahiti and her Islands whose talents are more and more solicited by the passing tourists.

In addition, these tattoo artists now export their art by participating in various shows abroad.

Artistic expression can also be seen in woodcarving, the prerogative of men. For this they carve, as the mood inspires them, ancestral graphic and symbolic designs in precious woods such as “tou”, a local variety of purple wood, and “miro” or rosewood.

Marquesans excel in this area and produce superb pieces, spears, war clubs and “umete” or fruit bowls, which can be used as a large dish. They also employ volcanic stone, coral and even bone to fashion hundreds of decorative and useful items such as “penu”, food pounders.

And lastly, the re-development of the mother of pearl industry has made available the subtle iridescence of these polished shells. The fascinating changing colors have been incorporated to embellish dance costumes and in the making of shimmering jewelry.

USEFUL ADDRESSES AND CONTACTS

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Brigade de Faa'a

Tel : (689) 80.36.05

Brigade de Punaauia

Tel : (689) 50.76.05

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HILTON TAHITI

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Hilton (closest to downtown Papeete and the only one capable of hosting a meeting of 300 participants or more). 140 rooms available 53 of which can be twin share. Rate CFP12,000+13% tax (including breakfast). Large conference room (600 people – can be divided), numerous break out rooms

MANAVA SUITE RESORT TAHITI

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A new apartment hotel (the only one in Papeete). Affiliated with the Hilton. About 20 minutes from the Hilton in non-peak traffic periods. 40-50 rooms available varying between twin share to 4 occupants. Same rate as Hilton. Has a small meeting room estimated to be able to accommodate 30 participants in a board room arrangement.

SOFITEL TAHITI

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About 15 minutes from the Hilton. Two good meeting rooms (60 and 30 participants) and the only Japanese restaurant in Papeete.

INTERCONTINENTAL TAHITI

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About 10 minutes from the Hilton. One large meeting room that can be subdivided into 2 – one smaller (around 50-60 participants) and a larger room (80-100) – but with concrete columns running down the centre of the room). Another small board room capable of holding 25-20.

East Coast

RADISSON

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About 45 minutes to an hour to the Hilton in peak hour (in the bay where Cook first landed on Tahiti). Nice hotel – nice rooms starting at twin share standard of CFP14,000+. Large meeting room which would be ideal for a SC or TCC – but too small for a Commission meeting. Four break out/delegation rooms 15/25/30/50 participants. Nice restaurant and bar area. Two shuttles a day to town.

Most of the hotels offer discount rates for resorts on other islands for their guests.

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