



**NINTH REGULAR SESSION
MANILA, PHILIPPINES
2-6 December 2012**

REVISED NOTICE OF MEETING

**WCPFC9-2012-01_rev1¹
15 October 2012**

Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) are invited to attend the Ninth Regular Session of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC9).

With logistical and administrative support from the Government of the Philippines, WCPFC9 will take place in Manila, Philippines from 2pm Sunday, 2 December to Thursday, 6 December 2012, with Saturday, 1 December reserved to start the Sixth Session of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC6) and the Heads of Delegation meeting. The meeting venue will be the Philippines International Convention Centre (PICC) in Metro Manila (<http://www.picc.gov.ph/>).

The Management Objectives Workshop will be held in Manila on Wednesday, 28 and Thursday, 29 November. The terms of reference for this workshop are as approved during WCPFC8. Further advice on this meeting will be forthcoming in due course.

Preliminary Meeting Documents

The preliminary documents for the meeting will be updated in due course; mindful of the 30-day deadline for papers.

In consultation with the WCPFC Chair, the Secretariat will very shortly be circulating the provisional agenda for WCPFC9.

Submission of proposals

CCMs should note from 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):

30. Concern was expressed over the short time frames available for consideration of draft resolutions. The Commission agreed in good faith that, despite Rule 20 of the

¹ Updated to reflect advice on revised meeting dates which was provided in WCPFC Circular 2012/75 sent on 1 October 2012

Rules of Procedure that requires 24 hours notice, Members would try to submit draft proposals 30 days prior to the Annual Session of the Commission in order to allow all Members adequate time for consideration and consultation.

Further, so as to keep the WCPFC9 agenda focused and prioritized, we propose that Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure is applied to any new items or proposals that are received later than 30 days before WCPFC9 (after 2 November 2012).

WCPFC9 Meeting Documents

All meeting documents will be made available on the website. Please advise Lucille Martinez (meetings.wcpfc@wcpfc.int) of any difficulties with downloading meeting papers.

Delegations and participants

In accordance with Rules 6 and 36 of the Rules of Procedure for the Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members, Participating Territories, Observers and others desiring to participate in WCPFC9 are respectfully requested to advise the Secretariat of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers at the earliest opportunity.

All related enquiries about the WCPFC9 meeting should be addressed to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander (aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int).

Registration

All participants are requested to register electronically through the WCPFC website. Separate online registration for the Management Objectives Workshop is via <http://www.wcpfc.int/ONLINE-REGISTRATION-WCPFC-Management-Objectives-Workshop> . If that is not possible, please print and return the completed registration form to Lucille Martinez, preferably by email to Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int or meetings.wcpfc@wcpfc.int or by facsimile (+691 320 -1108) as soon as possible. For delegations with multiple participants, the Commission kindly requests that registrations be submitted in one batch by a key contact for each delegation.

Meeting Venue

The meeting venue will be at the Philippines International Convention Centre (PICC), Metro Manila (<http://www.picc.gov.ph/>). .

Delegation Rooms and Breakout Rooms

If delegations require their own delegation rooms, delegates will need to make arrangements as appropriate. Delegation rooms will not be available through the Secretariat. A limited number of breakout rooms may be reserved for delegations during the period 2-6 December when not in use by the Commission. Scheduling the use of breakout rooms should be made through the Secretariat.

Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee will start its meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday 1st December 2012. The provisional agenda will be posted on the website and a meeting room for this event will be advised.

Heads of Delegation meeting

It is proposed that the Heads of Delegation meet for a short meeting at 3:30 pm on Saturday, 1st December (venue to be advised) to review arrangements for the meeting and exchange views on making the best use of the time available for WCPFC9.

Currency in the Republic of the Philippines

The currency in Philippines is the Peso and indicative exchange rates can be found at www.xe.com.

Visas

For information on visa requirements for entering the Philippines, please visit http://immigration.gov.ph/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=80.

Accommodation

Participants are asked to make their own accommodation arrangements. Advice on accommodation options was provided to CCMs through Circular 2012-75 (attached), and WCPFC9 participants are encouraged to book early as it is the holiday season.

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

As usual, the Commission will provide support to assist the participation of one formally nominated representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission in the form of a daily subsistence allowance and best economy airfare utilizing the most direct economical route available. Please submit nominations no later than **22 October**.

We request that countries make every effort to advise the WCPFC Secretariat as soon as it is known who will be attending as the earlier we can book airfares we can achieve better rates. Late changes to booking are unlikely to be accommodated as they add significantly to the cost of bookings.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Glenn Hurry
Executive Director,
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission



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

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Date: 1 October 2012
No. pages: 7

RE: Meeting arrangements for Manila

Dear All

I now have confirmation from the Philippines that meeting rooms are available at the Philippines International Conference Centre from the 28th of November until the 6th of December. Therefore the following meeting dates and arrangements can now be confirmed.

Meeting	Dates	Venue
Management Options Workshop	Wednesday/Thursday 28/29 November 2012	Philippines International Conference Centre (PICC)
Finance and Administration	Saturday 1 December 2012	PICC
Heads of Delegations	Saturday 1 December 2012	PICC
Annual Session of the Commission	Sunday 2pm 2 December 2012 until Thursday night 6 December 2012.	PICC

There are a number of hotels that have been prepared to provide rooms at a reduced rate through BFAR. For help booking hotels at the special rate listed below, please contact BFAR at wcpfc9_ph@yahoo.com. The closest hotel to the PICC is the Sofitel, however it already has heavy booking and has advised that only suites are available. Please be sure to book other hotels early as there is a high demand for hotel rooms around the holiday season. BFAR has asked that all booking arrangements be made on or before October 15, 2012.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Hurry", is positioned below the text "Many thanks,".

Professor Glenn Hurry
Executive Director

List of Recommended Hotels

No.	Hotels & Contact Details	Room Types	Special Room Rates (Php)	Amenities & Room Inclusions	Distance from Venue
1	<p>Sofitel Philippine Plaza Manila CCP Complex Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, 1300 Metro Manila, Philippines</p> <p>Contact Person: Ms. Bingbing Lingao - Director of Sales Tel. No. +63-2-8326925 Fax No. +63-2-5515621 e-mail address: H6308-SL@sofitel.com website: www.sofitel.com</p>	<p>Luxury Room (single/double)</p>	<p>7,300 +++/7,800 +++</p>	<p>* Buffet Breakfast * Complimentary use of swimming pool * Complimentary access to SoFit and LeSpa * Two bottles of mineral water (replenished daily) * Daily newspaper * Complimentary shuttle to SM Mall of Asia * Rate subject to 12% VAT, 10% service charge & 0.825% government tax</p> <p>* Personalized check-in and check-out at the 10th floor Lounge * Complimentary food and beverage services (a la Carte Breakfast, Afternoon snack, cocktails & scheduled wine tasting, & all day refreshments) good for 2 adults & 1 child below 12 years old * Complimentary daily international newspaper * Complimentary use of conference room for 8 persons for 2 hours per day * Complimentary 24-hour internet access in the room and at the Lounge * Complimentary rental of DVDs, CDs, Books, Newspapers & magazines * Complimentary rental of electronic and family board games to be used in the Lounge * Complimentary pressing of 1 set of suit (jacket & trousers/skirt) or dress upon arrival and 20% discount on laundry * Complimentary access to SoFit * Complimentary shoe shine services daily * Complimentary local landline calls * late check-out until 4:00PM with no additional charge depending on the room's availability * Rate subject to 12% VAT, 10% service charge & 0.825% government tax</p>	<p>400 meters; 2 minutes by car; 5 minutes by foot</p>
		<p>Luxury Club Room (single/double)</p>	<p>8,200 +++/8,700 +++</p>		

Traders Hotel by Shangri-la
 3001 Roxas Boulevard Manila
 3000 Philippines

2	Contact Person: Jose Miguel L. Zozobrado - Business Development Manager Tel. No. +63-2-8142550 Fax No. +63-2-8142545 e-mail address: nso-philippines@shangri-la.com website: www.shangri-la.com	Superior (Single)	4,800 nett	
		De Luxe (Single)	5,300 nett	
		Traders Club (Single)	7,000 nett	

- * **Inclusive of buffet breakfast**
- * Inclusive of 10% service charge, 12% VAT, & 0.85% local tax
- * **Complimentary use of broadband internet access in the room and to all wi-fi hot spots**
- * **Complimentary transfers to PICC**
- * Complimentary Access to T Lounge for all Traders Club Rooms
- * Complimentary use of the swimming pool & Fitness Center
- * Complimentary bottle of mineral water daily in the room
- * In-room safety deposit box
- * Coffee/Tea making facility
- * 20% discount of business center service
- * 20% discount on NDD/IDD calls
- * 20% discount at Latitude for lunch and dinner buffet (not in conjunction with other promotions)
- * 10% discount on laundry services

1.2 km; 5 minutes by car; 15 minutes by foot

3	G Hotel Manila by Waterfront 2090 Roxas Boulevard, Malate, Manila 1004 Philippines Contact Person: Ms. Janice Guadayo Tel. No. +63-2-5250880 loc. 6808 Fax No. +63-2-4000876 e-mail address: j.guadayo@waterfronthotels.net website: www.g-hotel.com.ph	De Luxe Room (single/double)	3,700 nett	
		De Luxe Suite (single/double)	4,700 nett	
		Extra bed	2,000 nett	

- * **Buffet breakfast at Café Noir**
- * **Transfers to and from PICC**
- * **wi-fi service**
- * Complimentary bottled water
- * complimentary coffee and tea
- * bathroom amenities
- * free use of swimming pool
- * Government taxes and service charge
- * Rates applicable for group blockings, minimum of 10 rooms and above per night

1.8 km; 7minutes by car

Diamond Hotel Philippines
 Roxas Boulevard corner Dr. J. Quintos St. Manila 1000 Philippines

4	Contact Person: Edwina Basia	Superior Rooms (single/double occupancy)	6,800/7,800 NN	
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- * **Complimentary Buffet breakfast at Corniche from 6AM to 10AM**
- * **Complimentary scheduled roundtrip shuttle to the events venue (PICC)**
- * Welcome fruit platter

2.4 km; 7 minutes by car

Contact Person: Cogaroo Bern

- Business Development
Manager

Tel. No. +63-2-5283000

Fax No. +63-2-5262255

e-mail address:

bizcenter@diamondhotel.com

website:

http://www.diamondhotel.com

De Luxe Rooms
(single/double occupancy) 7,800/8,800 NN

Executive Suite
(single/double occupancy) 14,300 NN

* welcome fruit platter

* Welcome mini-bar

* **Complementary 3 hours in-room internet access per day**

* Complementary wi-fi access in the public areas

* International direct dialing facilities

* Use of exercise room, Spa at the Diamond Spa, swimming pool & outdoor jacuzzi

* Safety Deposit box in the room

* Daily local newspaper

Aloha Hotel

2150 Roxas Boulevard corner
Quirino Avenue, Malate,
Manila 1004 Philippines

Cityside Room
(single/twin) 3,000/3,300 nett

2.5 km; 8 minutes by car

Contact Person: Mr. Manolo

Villanueva - Manager

Tel. No. +63-2-5268088

Fax No. +63-2-5215328

e-mail address:

alohahotel@eastern.com.ph

website:

http://www.alohahotel.net.ph

Bayside (single/twin) 3,500/3,800 nett

* **Free buffet breakfast**

* **Free roundtrip shuttle service from hotel to PICC**

* **Free hotelwide wi-fi access**

* Free local calls

* Free newspaper daily

* Best Sunset view (Manila Bay)

Hyatt Hotel and Casino Manila

1588 Pedro Gil corner M.H. Del
Pilar, Manila 1004 Philippines

Guestroom (single/double)

6000

* **Includes buffet breakfasts served in the Market Café**

* **Scheduled drop-off and pick-up at PICC during the convention dates**

* **Free internet access**

* Inclusive to 10% service charge and the prevailing government tax.

2.7 km; 7 minutes by car

Contact Person: Ms. Lala

Quilantang - Director of Sales

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Fax No. +63-2-247 8624

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lala.quilantang@hyatt.com

website:

manila.casino.hyatt.com

City Bay (single/double)

6500

<p>7 Alejandra Hotel 5841 Zobel Roxas St. Palanan Makati City 1035 Philippines</p> <p>Contact Person: Ms. Monina Timbalopez - Chief Operating Officer Tel. No. +63-2-8361455 to 58 Fax No. +63-2-8040737 e-mail address: monina@alejandrahotel.com website: www.alejandrahotel.com</p>	<p>Suite Room Grand (King size bed) Suite Room Premiere (2 De Luxe Private (1 Queen size bed) Standard Room (1 Queen size bed) Family Bunk Room (2 bunk beds, single bed) Family Room 1 (1 single bed & 1 Queen size bed) Family Room 2 (2 single size bed) Extra bed (standard) Extra bed (suite)</p>	<p>5500 3500 * Rooms rates also applies for double occupancy * Free breakfast for 2 3000 * free wi-fi * free international calling to the USA (using Magic 2500 Jack) * No "service charge" policy 3000 * No charge for children ages 12 years and below * 12% VAT/BIR/taxes are not included * free airport transfers for minimum of 8 room 3250 bookings * free transport to and from PICC for minimum of 8 room bookings 3250 * with Japanese speaking staff 750 1050</p>	<p>2.7 km; 10 minutes by car</p>
<p>Bayview Park Hotel Manila 1118 Roxas Boulevard corner United Nations Avenue, 8 Ermita, Manila 1000 Philippines</p> <p>Contact Person: Ms. Anna Camille M. Reyes - Sales Account Executive Tel. No. +63-2-5261538 Fax No. +63-2-5211285 e-mail address: annacamillereyes@bayviewpar khotel.com</p>	<p>Single 3,300 nett Double/Twin 3,500 nett Triple 4,500 nett</p>	<p>* Overnight hotel accommodation in a Superior Room * with Buffet Breakfast * Complimentary Wi-fi Connection inside the room * Complimentary scheduled shuttle drop-off and pick-up service * Coffee & Tea making facility * Personal hair dryer facility * Complimentary Safety deposit box * Daily local newspaper * Complimentary bottle of mineral water per day * Complimentary use of swimming pool and Fitness Gym * 10% Discount at the Business Center</p>	<p>3.2 km; 8 minutes by car</p>
<p>9 City Garden Suites 1158 A. Mabini St. Ermita, Manila 1000 Philippines</p> <p>Contact Person: Ms. Mary Hazzie Paliza - Account Manager Tel. No. +63-2-5361451 Fax No. +63-2-5244844 e-mail address: am1@citygardensuites.com website:</p>	<p>One Bedroom Suite (Quadruple sharing) 3,400 Nett One Bedroom Suite (Triple sharing) 3,300 Nett One Bedroom Suite (Double Occupancy) 3,500 Nett De Luxe Room (Quadruple sharing) 3,000 Nett De Luxe Room (Triple sharing) 3,000 Nett De Luxe Room (Double Occupancy) 3,100 Nett</p>	<p>* Buffet Breakfast * Free transfer to PICC * Wi-fi connectivity in the room and hotelwide * ISO certified * Mini fitness Gym * Daily newspaper * Safety deposit box at the front office & the room * Cable TV/32" LCD TV * In-room coffee/tea making facility</p>	<p>3.4 km; 9 minutes by car</p>

www.citygardensuites.com Superior Room (Double Occupancy) 2,700 Nett
 Superior Room (Single Occupancy) 2,400 Nett

* Hot & cold shower/Rooms with bathtub

Waterfront Manila Pavilion Hotel and Casino

10 United Nations Avenue, Superior Room (single/double occupancy) 3300
 Ermita, Manila 1000 Philippines

3.8 km; 9 minutes by car

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 Ona - Sales Account Manager
Tel No. +63-2-526 12 12 Loc 2414
Fax No. +63-2-523 21 14
e-mail address: c.ona@waterfronthotels.net
website: www.waterfronthotels.com.ph

* **Buffet breakfast at Seasons Coffee Shop**
 * Complimentary bottled water
 * Free use of the swimming pool
 * **Free WiFi in the Guest Rooms, lobby, restaurants and function rooms**
 * **Shuttle service to and from PICC**

De Luxe Room (single/double occupancy) 3600

Midas Hotel and Casino
 2702 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City 1300 Philippines

Contact Person: Ms. Cezca P. Estrada - Sales Account Manager - Corporate Division
Tel. No. +63-2-9020100
Fax No. +63-2-6595750
e-mail address: info@midashotelandcasino.com
website: midashotelandcasino.com

* **Buffet breakfast for 2 at Midas Café**
 * **Complementary wi-fi access**
 * Scheduled shuttle service going to Mall of Asia
 * **Shuttle Service going to and from PICC**
 * Daily newspaper
 * NDD/IDD facilities in the room
 * Complimentary 2 bottles of mineral water
 * Cable channels hooked up in a television set
 * Safety Deposit box in the room

Deluxe Room (single/double occupancy) 4500

4.3 km; 8 minutes by car

Heritage Hotel Manila

Roxas Boulevard corner EDSA

12 Pasay City, 1300 Philippines Single occupancy

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Delos Santos - Sales Manager
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Fax No. +63-2-8548689

e-mail address:

marvi.delossantos@heritageho Twin occupancy
telmanila.com

website:

www.heritagehotelmanila.com

- 4000 * **Buffet breakfast at the Café Riviera** 5.2 km; 8 minutes by car
* Complimentary scheduled shuttle to SM Mall of Asia
* **Complimentary drop-off and pick-up to PICC**
* **Complimentary internet connection in guest rooms**
* individual Safety deposit box
* Complimentary use of swimming pool
4500 * Complimentary use of in-house gym facilities
* Inclusive of 10% service charge & government tax