



Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles

7th Conference of the Parties of the IAC
June 24-26, 2015, Mexico City

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Dear IAC COP7 Delegates and Observers:

Welcome to Mexico City, home of the 7th Conference of the Parties of the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles. We wish you a pleasant stay. Our host is the Government of Mexico through the National Commission of the Natural Protected Areas of Mexico (CONANP). This document provides basic information for planning your trip to the meeting. If you require additional information please contact us.

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The IAC will cover the lodging expenses in single room with breakfast included for delegates who requested assistance with the travel fund. We remind other delegates must make their own reservations with the hotel and provide the name of the group “COP 7 CIT CONANP” in order to get the special discounted rate of US\$104/night. Check in time is 3:00 p.m.



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MEETING VENUE

The sessions of the 7th Conference of the Parties will be held at the meeting hall Salón Sol, located at the Hotel Camino Real Pedregal.

Start time: 8:30 a.m.

End time: 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will have simultaneous English/Spanish translation. At the registration table you will receive a transmitter, for which you must provide a copy of your ID.

CONANP will kindly provide refreshments during the meeting. Also, they will provide lunch only to the official delegates from the IAC member countries and IAC Secretariat staff.

Dress code: The first day of the meeting there will be a formal welcome ceremony, we kindly ask participants to wear business casual attire. In Mexico, jacket and tie is customary.

DOCUMENTS

The working and informative documents for the meeting are available in the IAC website:

<http://www.iacseaturtle.org/cop7cit-eng.htm>

Every participant should bring a digital copy of the documents in a personal electronic device, or if you prefer, you should bring your own printed copy. Note that we will not provide printouts.

TRANSPORTATION AIRPORT / HOTEL - HOTEL / AIRPORT

Upon arrival at the Benito Juarez International Airport in Mexico City, you will find taxi services. The approximate cost is US\$25 (one way). We advise you to ask for prices at the airport. The distance between the airport and the hotel is approximately 16 miles. Without traffic, transportation time is about 40 minutes.

VISA AND VACCINATIONS

To travel to Mexico, you must have a valid passport and a certificate of yellow fever vaccine to date at least 15 days before traveling to Mexico (it applies to some countries only). It is the responsibility of each delegate to make inquiries about vaccines and visa requirements with the Mexican Consulate in their own country. Nationals of the



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following countries need a visa to enter Mexico: Ecuador, Guatemala, and Honduras. If you need a letter of invitation from the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* please let us know.

WEATHER

The weather of Mexico City in late June is expected to be between 11-25°C (55-77°F). The average monthly precipitation is 6.28 in.

LOCAL CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

Local currency: Mexican Pesos

The exchange rate for one US dollar –as of June 1th 2015- is 15.48 pesos. This value changes daily. Many businesses take credit and debit cards and some shopping centers will take cash payments in US dollars. We recommend you exchange some dollars to pesos at the airport or in banks and authorized offices.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity is 110 - 127V, 60Hz and the receivers are sockets for type A o B.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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Safe travels!