

**INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION  
ORGANIZATION ASIA AND PACIFIC OFFICE**  
**THE THIRD MEETING OF ICAO ASIA/PACIFIC SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK  
FORCE (APSAR/TF/3)**

*(Maldives, 25 – 29 January 2015)*

## **MEETING BULLETIN**

### **1. Dates and Meeting Venue**

**1.1** The Third Meeting of the ICAO Asia/Pacific Search and Rescue Task Force (APSARTF/3) will be held at Hulhule Island Hotel (HIH) in Maldives from Sunday, 25-29 January 2015. The meeting will start at 0900am each day. Hulhule Island Hotel is a hotel located at the Ibrahim Nasir International Airport.

### **2. Registration of Delegates**

**2.1** Delegates are requested to register at the Registration Desk located at the entrance of the conference hall between 0830 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the Meeting.

**2.2** Designated badges will be issued to delegates after registration. Delegates are required to wear the badges throughout the period of the Meeting for easy identification.

### **3. Useful travel information**

#### **3.1 Visa and Entry Requirements for Maldives**

To enter Maldives no pre-arrival visa is required.

A 30-day free visa is issued on arrival for all Nationalities, provided the following conditions are met:

- Should possess a valid passport; and
- Have a valid ticket to continue the journey out of Maldives; and
- Have a confirmed reservation in a tourist resort, hotel or a guest house and enough funds to cover the expense for the stay.

For more detail information on Entry requirements please visit [http://www.immigration.gov.mv/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&id=86](http://www.immigration.gov.mv/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&id=86)

#### **3.2 Currency and Credit Cards**

The Maldivian Rufiya (MRF) is the official local currency and is equivalent to the US Dollar at the rate of MRF15.42 to US\$1.

Use only authorized money changers, a bank or requests your hotel for money exchange and always obtains a receipt.

Credit cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa, Master, etc. are accepted at hotels, most of the shops and restaurants.

ATM network is available at the airport and in the capital island Male' and are connected to international banking networks.

### **3.3 Language**

The official language is Dhivehi and English is widely spoken in the service industry.

### **3.4 Weather**

Maldives enjoys warm tropical weather with little variation throughout the year. Average day time temperature is 30°C dropping down to 26° C at night time. Light weight summer clothing is recommended.

Weather information including 7-day forecast can be obtained from the website: <http://www.meteorology.gov.mv/met/>

### **3.5 Electricity**

Electricity is 230 volts, 50Hz. Most sockets accept rectangular blade plugs (UK style).

### **3.6 Water**

Water from public mains meets international health standards. Electric kettles are available in most hotels. Bottled water is readily available in local convenient stores and supermarkets.

### **3.7 Telephone**

SIM cards for mobile phones can be purchased at the airport and from convenience stores.

Country code for Maldives: +960

#### **Some important numbers that you may need in Maldives**

110 Local directory assistance

102 Ambulance service

118 Fire brigade

119 Police assistance

191 Search and Rescue (Coast Guard)

3313553 ADK Hospital at Male' City

3336658 Indhira Gandhi Memorial Hospital at Male' City

### **3.8 Time Zone**

Maldives is five hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +5).

### **3.9 Other Useful Information**

For useful information on Maldives, log on to: <http://www.visitmaldives.com/> or <http://www.maldivestourism.net/>

## **4 Hotel Accommodation**

Due to the high tourist season, delegates are advised to do advance booking and should arrange their hotel accommodations directly with the hotel. It is advisable to complete the hotel reservation before November 2014.

Contact details of Hulhule Island Hotel where the meeting will be held are as follows:

**Hulhule Island Hotel**

P.O Box 2118

Republic of Maldives

Telephone: +960 333 0888

Fax: +960 333 0777

Email: [sales@hih.com.mv](mailto:sales@hih.com.mv)

URL: <http://www.hih.com.mv>

Special rates for accommodation offered by the HIIH are shown in the **Attachment A** of this bulletin. Those who wish to stay at this hotel, please contact MCAA Coordinator through email for reservation. Room booking should be done before end of October.

**List of Other Recommended Hotels and their website/contact:**

1. Traders Hotel, Male' City <http://www.shangri-la.com/male/traders/reservations.thmd@tradershotels.com>
2. Nasandhura Palace Hotel, Male' City <http://www.nasandhurapalace.com/info@nasandhurapalace.com>
3. Relax Inn, Male' City <http://www.hotelrelaxinn.com/sales@hotelrelaxinn.com>
4. The Somerset Hotel <http://www.thesomerset.com.mv/reservations@thesomerset.com.mv>
5. Sala Boutique Hotel [http://salafamilymaldives.com/index\\_BoutiqueHotel.php](http://salafamilymaldives.com/index_BoutiqueHotel.php)  
info@salafamilymaldives.com
6. Marble Hotel <http://www.marble.mv/>
7. Kurumba Maldives <http://www.kurumba.com/sales@kurumba.com>
8. Bandos Island Resort & Spa <http://www.bandosmaldives.com/sales@bandos.com.mv>

Special rates for accommodation offered by the Bandos Island Resort & Spa are shown in the **Attachment A** of this bulletin.

Those who wish to stay at this hotel, please contact MCAA Coordinator through email for reservation. Room booking should be completed before end of October.

9. Airport Beach Hotel, Hulhumale' <http://airportbeachhotel.com/info@airportbeach.mv>
10. Relax Beach Inn, Hulhumale' <http://www.relaxbeachinn.com/info@relaxbeachinn.com>

## 5 Transportation

Upon arrival, delegates are requested to report to the airport information desk located near the arrival exit. MCAA official will receive the delegate and transportation arrangement between airport and the hotel will be arranged.

Hulhule Island Hotel (HIH) (Meeting venue) is located less than 5 minutes travel by bus from the airport and complimentary hotel shuttle buses are available round the clock for the convenience of the guests. The closest island Male', the capital city is 10 minutes boat ride away from the airport island.

### **For delegates staying in Male' (Capital City)**

Local boats or Dhonis are the most common means of water transport but high speed transport is also available from the Airport to the Capital city Male' which is just 10 minutes (a kilometer) from the Airport. Scheduled transfers between Airport and Male':

- By ferry boat which departs every 10 minutes (standard fare MRF 10 = US\$ 1 and takes 10 minutes)
- By speed boat which departs every 15 minutes (standard fare MRF 25 = US\$ 2 and takes 5 minutes)

For Airport ferry schedule from Male', please follow the link below:

[http://www.macl.aero/plus/library/downloads/Ferry\\_Schedule.docx](http://www.macl.aero/plus/library/downloads/Ferry_Schedule.docx)

For land transport taxi's are easily available from taxi centres and the fare is fixed Mrf.25/- for any destination.

### **For delegates staying in Resort Island Hotels mentioned in the Recommended Hotels list:**

MCAA will be arranging transfer between the Meeting venue and resort island hotel for the delegates staying at Bandos Island Resort & Spa and Kurumba Maldives Resort.

## 6 MCAA Contacts

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## 7 Further Information

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## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **Hulhule Island Hotel (Meeting Venue)**

Special rates given by Hulhule Island Hotel are shown below.

These rates also include 2 hour internet in room. Room type will depend upon availability. Room will be guaranteed on 100% advance payment.

**Inclusive of all applicable Tax and Buffet Breakfast in Uduvilaa Restaurant from 0700hrs to 1000hrs.**

ROOM TYPE	MEAL PLAN	RATE
Superior Single	BB	291
Superior Double	BB	305
Deluxe Single	BB	330
Deluxe Double	BB	350

*Room Rates are given in US Dollar.*

### **Bandos Island Resort & Spa**

Room rates offered by Bandos Island Resort & Spa are shown in the table below.

The prices given in the currency USD (US Dollar) are deemed to be per room per night for the stated categories of rooms. Rates include accommodation and meals as stated.

**All rates quoted are subject to 10% Service Charge, 12% Tourism Goods & Service Tax.**

ROOM TYPE	MEAL PLAN	RATE
Standard Room	BB	272
	HB	304
	FB	329
Deluxe Room	BB	344
	HB	376
	FB	401
Garden Villa	BB	372
	HB	404
	FB	429
Jacuzzi Beach Villa	BB	459
	HB	491
	FB	516



*Check-in time is 1400hrs. Check-out time is 1200hrs.*