



GENERAL INFORMATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. **Venue and dates**

The Eighth CAR/SAM Regional Bird/Wildlife Hazard Prevention Committee Meeting and Conference will take place in the Hotel Ramada Plaza Herradura in San José, Costa Rica, from 31 August to 3 September 2010.

2. **Coordinator**

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3. **Participants Registration**

Participants are required to register previously through the ICAO NACC Regional Office, sending the registration form as soon as possible, which may be downloaded from www.mexico.icao.int

A confirmation of delegate arrival and registration will take place on Tuesday 31 August 2010 from 8:30 to 13:30 hrs. with the registration form already completed.

There is no charge for the participation at this event and the participants are asked to wear the badge that will be given to them at the registration table at all times.

4. **Schedule**

31 May 2010:

8:30 to 12:30hrs	Internal meeting of the CARSAMPAF Committee.
12:30 hrs.	Lunch offered to all participants to the event by DGAC Costa Rica
13:30 hrs	Opening of the conference at
14:00 to 16:30 hrs.	Regional CARSAMPAF activities, elections of the new director's council

From 1 September to 3 September, the conference will take place with the participation of guest speakers.

5. **Language and documentation:**

The Meeting and the Conference will be held in Spanish with interpretation services to English.

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The average temperature is 22° C (71° F) in this season and it is common to have sunny mornings and rainy afternoons.

7. **Passports and Visa requirements**

To enter the country, normally it is required to have a valid Passport and visa, however, it is recommended to verify with the Costa Rican Consulate about this requirement, as well as any vaccination needed.

8. **Currency and credit cards**

The currency in Costa Rica is the Colon. The average exchange rate is CRC522.00 per USD1.00. Credit cards like American Express, Visa, Master Card, Diners Club, are usually accepted in hotels, restaurants and shopping malls.

9. **Local transportation and lodging**

Hotel bookings need to be requested directly to the hotel and should be made long in advance considering the high season.

At the International Juan Santamaría Airport, there are authorized taxi services, and participants are recommended to use them to get to the hotel.

10. **Accommodation information**

Following is a list of available hotels that are in the area of the event.

HOTEL	ROOM RATE
<p>HOTEL RAMADA PLAZA HERRADURA Tel. (506) 2209-9823 lbolanos@ramadaherradura.com</p>	<p>Single: US \$ 99.00 + 13% Double: US \$105.00 + 13% Executive (single or double): US \$140.00 + 13% Junior Suite (single or double): US \$205.00 + 13% Master Suite (single or double) US \$580.00 + 13% Rate includes: Buffet breakfast Wireless internet in all the hotel Transportation service Airport-Hotel-Airport (5:00am. a 09:45pm.)</p>
<p>HOTEL BEST WESTERN IRAZU Tel (506) 2290 2321 ext. 1216 Celular (506) 8334 6060 Fax (506) 2520 2487 E-mail: gsobrado@grupomarta.com Página Web: www.grupomarta.com</p>	<p>Single: US \$90 + 13.% tax Double or triple: US \$98 + 13 % tax Rate includes: Breakfast Wireless Internet Transportation service Airport-Hotel-Airport, every 20 minutes</p>
<p>HOTEL BARCELÓ PALMA REAL Tel. (506) 2290-5060 Ext 542 Fax. (506) 2290-4160 Página Web: www.barcelo.com</p>	<p>Single: US \$80+ 13.00% tax Double: US \$85+ 13.00% tax Triple: US \$20 additional to the double room fare. Esta Rate includes Buffet breakfast. Transportation service Airport-Hotel-Airport in specific schedules, previous reservation.</p>
<p>HOTEL CROWN PLAZA COROBICI Tel. (506) 2543-6000 Fax (506) 2231-6063 E-mail: paolabolanos@corobicicp.co.cr</p>	<p>Simple or double: US \$ 115.00 Rate includes: Buffet breakfast Transportation service Airport-Hotel-Airport in specific schedules, previous reservation.</p>

11. **Documentation Link**

The documentation will be posted in the ICAO SAM Regional Office Website, [http://www.mexico.icao.int./](http://www.mexico.icao.int/), *Meetings*; participants should check this website frequently to download the documentation. All participants must bring their own set of documentation to the Meeting venue (hard copy or electronically), since there will be no hard copies available for distribution.