



SPRFMO
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

7th Meeting of the Commission

The Hague, The Netherlands
23-27 January 2019

Preceded by the 6th Compliance and Technical Committee
19-21 January 2019

RELEVANT INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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Dear Colleagues

The Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands warmly welcomes all participants to the 7th meeting of the SPRFMO Commission from January 23 to 27 and the CTC meeting on 19-21 January, 2019.

This document provides preliminary information on the meetings and events as well as details on logistical and general information

- Information about the meeting including venue.
- Information about The Netherlands including weather, accommodation options, visa requirements, local currency, medical service, electricity and water supply.

We hope this information is helpful but please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Arrival in The Netherlands

The main international airport in The Netherlands is Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol ranks as the fourth largest airport in Europe, in terms of passenger numbers and cargo volume: 68.5 million passengers, 1.8 million tons of cargo. A total of 103 airlines offer direct flights from Schiphol to 322 destinations. This makes Amsterdam Airport one of five most important (hubs) in Europe with 497 flights per day compared to 476 and 474 for Paris and London.

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport is 15 kilometers southwest of the Dutch capital, Amsterdam. The airport has its own railway station and therefore easily accessible by public transport. From Amsterdam Schiphol Airport it is also easy to travel to The Hague by train. The Hague has two intercity railway stations: Den Haag Centraal (The Hague Central Station) and Den Haag Holland Spoor (The Hague Hollands Spoor), which have regular connections with many major cities such as Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris.

How to arrive to the meeting venue NH hotel Den Haag from Schiphol airport?

- **Train:** take the train from Schiphol airport trainstation to Den Haag Central Station. Depending on the day and time of day, trains run every 15/30 minutes. Follow the signs within the airport to the trainstation. Tickets are available at the ticket desk or from self-service ticket machines. After arrival at Den Haag central station, change onto the tram (Randstadrail), either line 3 (towards Zoetermeer Centrum-West) or 4 (towards Javalaan), and get out at the first stop (Beatrixkwartier) to reach the hotel. The trip by train and tram takes around an hour and costs around 10€.
- **Taxi:** It's a 30 minute trip and is around 110€.
- **By (rental) car:** The hotel's GPS Coordinates: 52.07869°N 4.3368918°E
Parking: Onsite: 22.50€ / day, Meeting attendees: 12.50€ / day.

For more information you can contact the information desk of the HTM at the railway station in The Hague. Taxis are available at both stations to take delegates to their hotels.

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Entry Formalities

Information on visa procedures including a list of countries whose citizens require a visa and the Netherlands Embassies and consulates is available on the internet site of the Netherlands' Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/travel-and-residence/visas-for-the-netherlands/short-stay-schengen-visa>

Participants are advised to contact the Embassy of the Government of The Netherlands soon, in order to allow sufficient time for the processing of visa applications.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A VISA, AT THE AIRPORTS ON ARRIVAL.

Meeting Dates & Venue

MEETING	DATE
Compliance and Technical Committee Meeting	January 19-21
SPRFMO Commission Meeting	January 23-27

Meeting Venue:

NH HOTELES

Prinses Margrietplantsoen 100,
2595 BR The Hague, The Netherlands

Phone: +31 70 381 2345

<https://www.nh-hotels.nl/hotel/nh-den-haag>

Distance:

3 km from The Hague city centre

2 km from Rail Station The Hague Centraal



The meeting will be held at the Hotel NH Den Haag. It is a 4 star hotel located in the World Trade Center in the Hague. It has a great view of the city and is a short distance from both the Government buildings as the business district. In addition, the historic city centre just 5 minutes away by public transport.

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Social functions

Daybreak tour - Tuesday 22

The EU fishing industry will organise an activity on Tuesday 22 January (break day) for delegates attending the Annual Meeting. These activities are free of charge. Some of the activities below are preliminary and have a maximum participant limit, so delegates are requested to select one morning activity and one afternoon activity, and confirm participation as soon as possible via email to Mr Rob Banning at rba@pp-group.eu. Unfortunately there are no guarantees.

Tuesday 22 - Morning

Alternative 1: Visit to Ouwehand, a herring processing plant in Katwijk (limited to a maximum of 30 people)

Alternative 2: Visit to the fishing port of IJmuiden

Tuesday 22 - Afternoon

After a noon bus trip, delegates arrive in Amsterdam and take one of the following alternatives:

Alternative 1: Visit the [House of Anne Frank](#)

Alternative 2: Visit the [Vincent van Gogh Museum](#)

Alternative 3: Visit the [Rijksmuseum](#)

Please note that only one alternative in the morning and one in the afternoon can be selected. The SPRFMO Secretariat is not involved in the preparation of these activities so please for confirmation and any other questions, send an email to Mr. Rob Banning : rba@pp-group.eu.

Welcome reception - Wednesday 23 January

On January 23 delegates are invited to attend the welcome reception, held at the meeting venue I from 18.30-20.00.

Farewell dinner - Friday 25 January

On Friday evening The Pelagic Freezer-Trawler Association (PFA) hosts a farewell dinner. Transportation to and from the location of the dinner is arranged. More information will follow.

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Official Language of the Meetings

English will be the official language for these meetings, however simultaneous interpretation English-Spanish will be provided.

Accreditation

An Accreditation desk will be installed at conference venue. Opening dates and times of the accreditation desk will be made available in due time.

Delegates can pick up their ID badges and other relevant information at the Accreditation Desk.

ID badges **should be worn at all times** and will be required for entry to all venues and meeting areas.

Accommodation options

Delegates are requested to **reserve, guarantee and arrange payment** of their rooms at the **hotels directly**.

The Organizing Committee has pre-booked a number of rooms in the **Hotel NH** with a negotiated rate for delegates. Price in Hotel NH is €135.90 per room per night, single use including breakfast and VAT, excl. city tax on the condition of availability (the pre-booked rooms expire gradually).

Link to book a room: www.nh-hotels.com/event/sprfmo

Other hotels in the area.

CATEGORY	HOTEL	WEBSITE	DISTANCE FROM CONFERENCE VENUE
****	Babylon Hotel	Babylon hotel	9 min. by public transport
****	Mercure Hotel Den Haag Central	Mercure-hotel-den-haag-central	11 min. by public transport
****	Novotel Suites Den Haag City	Novotel suites Den Haag City	8 min. by public transport
****	Novotel Den Haag City Centre	Novotel Den Haag city centre	11 min. by public transport

For more hotels in The Hague you can also check on line sites like booking.com

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Restaurants located in the venue of the meeting

Participants are responsible for procuring their own breakfast and dinner.
During meeting days, lunch will be provided (see paragraph “Meals” for more info).

In the NH hotel or in the WTC building where the hotel is (also) located:

<https://www.wtcthehague.com/en/facilities/food-drinks>.

Restaurant	Phone	Website	Speciality
Bar Brasserie Mondano	+31 70 2390 120	https://www.brasseriemondano.nl/	Contemporary restaurant/bar - Classic Italian Specialties
Mondano Kitchen	+31 70 2390 120	https://www.brasseriemondano.nl/	Selfservice restaurant
Shoku	+31 70 3350902	http://www.shoku.nl/	Noodle Bar
Coffee Company		https://coffeecompany.nl/	Coffee & Smoothie Bar
Verne (owned by NH hotel)	+3170 3812345	https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-den-haag/restaurants?_ga=2.253165705.1648191914.1539331104-608514789.1539331104	Bar/ lunchroom/ restaurant
AH To Go		https://ahtogo.nl/	Small grocery store

In the area nearby the hotel/venue of the meeting

Area of the Theresiastraat with many shops, restaurants bars, 10 minute walk from hotel

Restaurant	Phone	Website / E-mail	Speciality
La Viña	+31 70 385 5883	https://lavina.nl/	Seasonal specialties
Madame Moustache	+31 70 385 5550	http://madame-moustache.nl/ bonjour@madame-moustache.nl	Bar Bistro
Pan	+31 70-3814014	https://www.cafepan.nl	Charming Neighbourhood restaurant. Contemporary cuisine
Het Pleidooi	+31 70-3470965	http://www.hetpleidooi.nl/ info@hetpleidooi.nl	Contemporary cuisine
BLT	+31 70 326 0552	http://blt-food.nl/	Lunchroom – Take Away

Nearby supermarkets

Supermarkets	Address / Phone	Walking distance
AH to go		In the WTC
Albert Heijn	Theresiastraat 75	10 minutes

Nearby pharmacies

Pharmacy	Address / Phone / e-mailaddress
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Apotheek Theresia	Theresiastraat 125 2593 AE The Hague +31 70-3836566 info@apotheektheresia.nl www.apotheektheresia.nl
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For a complete overview of facilities inside the WTC building:
<http://wtc.bouwinvestplatform.nl/en/facilities>

Public Transportation and Taxi in The Hague

Within The Hague there is an extensive system of public transport. An OV chipcard is needed to use public transportation. This OV chipcard can be bought at the railway stations. It is also possible to take a taxi from both stations in The Hague to your hotel.

Climate

December, January and February are the winter months in The Netherlands. The average temperature in January is 3.1 degrees with potentially strong winds, rain and possibly some snow.

Meals

During meeting days, a buffet lunch with some cold and hot dishes will be provided in the hotel restaurant. Participants are responsible for procuring their own dinner in the evenings at the hotel or alternative locations in the city.

Morning and afternoon coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks will also be provided during meeting days.

Local Currency

Only the Euro will be accepted in the Netherlands. Major credit cards are accepted in most of the hotels and stores.

Time

The time in the Netherlands is GMT + 01:00 hour.

Electricity and Water Supply

Electric current in The Netherlands is 220 volts and 50 Hz.



Dutch outlet and power cords

Tap water in The Netherlands is of good quality and safe to drink.

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Phone services

Long distance calls can be made from hotel rooms and international public phones. Please note that all charges for personal phone calls made in the hotel rooms are the responsibility of delegates.

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To make international calls dial:

International code + country + phone number.		
Country/Area	International Code	Country
Australia	00	61
Bolivia	00	591
Chile	00	56
Chinese Taipei	00	886
Colombia	00	57
Cook Islands	00	682
Cuba	00	53
Curacao	00	599
Denmark	00	45
Ecuador	00	593
France	00	33
Liberia	00	231
New Zealand	00	64
Panama	00	507
People's Republic of China	00	86
Peru	00	51
The Republic of Korea	00	82
The Russian Federation	00	7
The United States of America	00	1
Tonga	00	676
Vanuatu	00	678

Health and safety

In case of medical emergency, fire or if you need immediate policy assistance call 112. This is a free call from any phone, mobile or public phone.

Tipping

A 10% tip is always appreciated.

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Tourist information: Welcome to the Netherlands!

Statistics have it, that the Dutch are among the happiest people in the world. Maybe it's because we live in the greenest urban area worldwide, with the highest bicycle use. Or, because we have the most comprehensive knowledge-based infrastructure. One thing for sure, it isn't because of the weather. Though, admittedly, we love our seasons, the wind and even the rain.



The Netherlands is best known for tulips, windmills and clogs. Kinderdijk's 19 windmills are in the World Heritage List. The Dutch flowers are well known all over the world. The scenery ranges from flat polder land in the West and North to forest and heathery land in the Middle, South and East.

Over the centuries, the Dutch had to protect themselves against water by building dikes and reclaiming land from sea, thus creating famous lowland polders and impressive water defenses. For those who are sea lovers, the Netherlands offers splendid wide beaches.



The Maeslantkering is one of the largest moving structures in the world. It closes off the waterway when water levels threaten to overflow the inland rivers. Each of its 'doors' is as tall as the Eiffel Tower (photo credits: Luca Locatelli).

A country rooted in a seafaring tradition, the Netherlands plays an important role in the international maritime industry. With its North Sea coastline punctuated by old seafaring towns and villages, fishing has been a part of the Dutch lifeblood for centuries.

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The Binnenhof in The Hague has been the location of meetings of the Dutch parliament since 1446 (photo credits: Hans Kouwenhoven).

The Hague is the seat of the Royal Family, the Government and all ministries. The legislature is formed by the two Houses of the States General (House of Representatives and the Senate) together with the Sovereign and Ministers.

The Hague plays an increasingly important role in the political environment of Europe today. The city is an important European centre for management decisions and is the headquarters of many advisory bodies and umbrella organizations. It also hosts more than 80 embassies and consulates, and is considered to be the centre of the lobby circuit where decisions in the national and international arenas are made and influenced.

The Hague has everything to make both business and festive gatherings special. The city is centrally located and has an international ambience. It also offers ample opportunities for relaxation.

More (touristic) information about The Hague will be available at: www.the-hague.info