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TO SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT OF
THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS
Isle of Vilm, Germany, 2-6 June 2014

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1. Opening and registration

The Capacity-building workshop for Europe on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets will be held from Monday, 2 June to Friday, 6 June 2014 on the Isle of Vilm, Germany.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 2 June and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the workshop venue.

Check-in will take place at the workshop venue on Sunday, 1 June 2014 as participants are expected to arrive on the evening prior to the workshop. The formal opening of the workshop will be at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 2 June at 9:00 a.m.

Cultural Event

On Wednesday evening at 20:30 a cultural event will take place at the venue. Every participant is requested to bring something from their country such as beverages or snacks to share.

Participants are required to register online at:

http://www.bfn.de/10990+M52087573ab0.html?&tx_blitzcalendar_pi1%5Bcid%5D=2640

All participants are requested to provide their arrival and departure dates and times, including flight details as soon as possible. Please confirm your participation to:

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2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

The International Academy for Nature Conservation

Isle of Vilm
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Web site: http://www.bfn.de/06_akademie_natursch+M52087573ab0.html

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English with simultaneous translation into Russian.

4. Documents

Pre-session documents will be on the Secretariat's web site as they become available at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWECCR-2014-06>

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meeting, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop.

5. General information on and access to the Isle of Vilm



The Isle of Vilm is located about 300 km from Berlin or Hamburg. Delegates to the workshop will arrive on 1 June, some will travel via Hamburg, some via Berlin. It will be necessary to travel by train to Lauterbach/Mole, the harbour village close to Vilm from either airport. From Lauterbach/Mole you must then take a ferry to the Isle of Vilm. From the Lauterbach/Mole station, you can walk to the pier where the ferry boat to the Isle of Vilm departs.

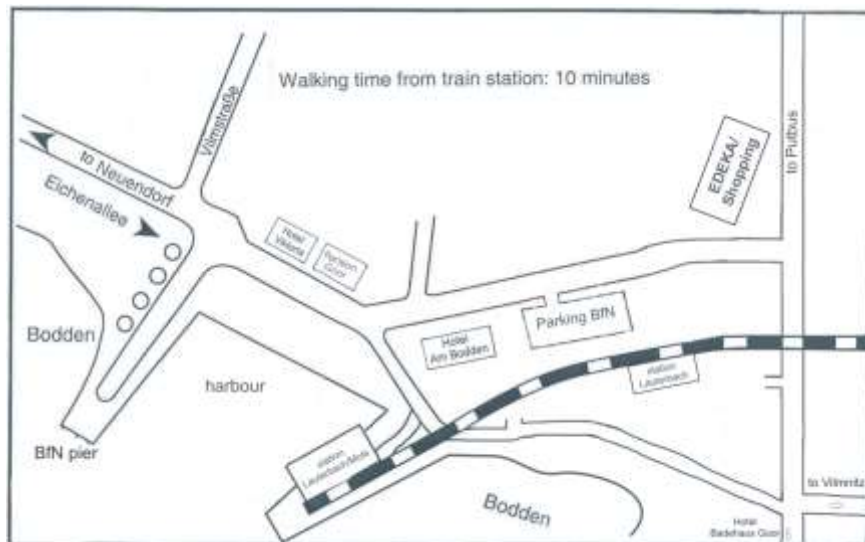
On the evening of 6 June, you will travel from Lauterbach/Mole to Berlin or Hamburg and stay there overnight to enable you to catch an early flight the next day (7 June).

Please see attached document (**Annex A**) for train connections and other transportation information to and from Berlin Tegel Airport and Hamburg Airport. In case you have to buy a train ticket though, please **do buy a return train ticket** since there is no vending machine in Lauterbach.

Ferry to Vilm

From Lauterbach/Mole you can walk to the BfN pier where the ferry boat to the Isle of Vilm leaves (see map below and the attached travel information or at the Academy's web site at http://www.bfn.de/0607_kontakt+M52087573ab0.html; please, also watch out for signposts). The ferry is free of charge.

On Sunday, the ferry runs at 13.15, 14.15, 16.10, 17.10, 18.10 and 20.10 from Lauterbach/Mole to Vilm.



Cash

Please bring some money in cash with you so that you will be able to pay necessary costs during your travel to Vilm as well as for refreshments during the workshop.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below require a Schengen entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **It should be noted that airline companies will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

A list of the German consular and diplomatic missions abroad can be accessed on the web site of the Federal Foreign Office of the Government of Germany following link:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Laenderinformationen/DtAuslandsvertretungenA-Z-Laenderauswahlseite_node.html .

Information regarding procedures for visa applications can be found on the same web site at the following link:

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html .

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information



The accommodation for the participants of the workshop has been pre-booked at the International Academy for Nature Conservation. The cost of accommodation and meals per day is as follows:

- Single room: 58.00€
- Double room: 43.00€ (price per person)
- Cost of full board (Breakfast, lunch, dinner): 24.00€
- Morning and afternoon/tea/coffee, etc.: 4,00€

Some participants may have to lodge in Lauterbach, however, ferries will run frequently (10 minutes ride). Lodging costs in Lauterbach may vary slightly. For more information about Vilm and the Academy, please go to the following link:

http://www.bfn.de/06_akademie_natursch+M52087573ab0.html (English version).

Some participants attending the previous workshop, accommodation will be booked in Lauterbach for the weekend.

8. Official languages in Germany

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

9. Weather and time zone information

In June temperatures on the Isle of Vilm usually ranges between a maximum of +18°C in the daytime and a minimum of 7°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.wetteronline.de/Deutschland/Ruegen.htm> (in German) and http://www.bfn.de/0602_wetter.html (in German, but self-explanatory).

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC + 2 hours.

10. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



11. Currency

The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 9 May 2014 is US \$1 = €0.73 and € 1 = US \$1.38 (rates are subject to change).

12. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A: Train Connections and Transportation information to the Isle of Vilm

Train connections from Berlin Hauptbahnhof (Hbf/Central Station) to the ferry to Isle of Vilm in Lauterbach/Mole:

Bahnhof/Train Station	Date	Time	Platform	Train No.	Type of train	
Berlin Hbf (ground floor)	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	13.37	7	IC	Intercity
Bergen Hbf	Sunday 25.05.2014	arrival	17.05	2 a/b		
Bergen Hbf	Sunday 25.05.2014	departure	17.40	1 a/b	PRES 1281	Commuter Train
Lauterbach Mole	Sunday 25.05.2014	arrival	17.54	1		

Bahnhof/Train Station	Date	Time	Platform	Train No.	Type of train	
Berlin Hbf (ground floor)	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	15.44	6	RE 18514	Commuter Train
Stralsund Hbf	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	18:50	3 a/b		
Stralsund Hbf	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	19:04	4 a/b	RE 13033	Commuter Train
Bergen auf Rügen	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	19:32	2		
Bergen auf Rügen	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	19:40	1	PRE81281	Commuter Train
Lauterbach Mole	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	19:54	1		

Train connections from Hamburg Hauptbahnhof (Hbf/Central Station) to the ferry to Isle of Vilm in Lauterbach/Mole:

Bahnhof/Train Station	Date	Time	Platform	Train No.	Type of train	
Hamburg Hbf	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	13.44	8	IC 2376	Intercity
Stralsund Hbf	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	16:30	4 a/b		
Stralsund Hbf	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	16.42	3	IC 2355	Intercity
Bergen auf Rügen	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	17:05	2		
Bergen auf Rügen	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	17:40	1	PRE81281	Commuter Train
Lauterbach Mole	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	17:54	1		

Bahnhof/Train Station	Date	Time	Plattform	Train No.	Type of train	
Hamburg Hbf	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	15:17	8	IC 2216	Intercity

Stralsund	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	18:11	6		Train
Stralsund	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	19:04	4	RE 13033	Commuter Train
Bergen auf Rügen	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	19:32	2		
Bergen auf Rügen	Sunday, 25.05.2014	departure	19:40	1	PRE81287	Commuter Train
Lauterbach Mole	Sunday, 25.05.2014	arrival	19:54	1		

Departure:

Train connection from Lauterbach/Mole to Berlin (Hbf/Central Station) on 6 June evening:
 Taxi from Lauterbach Mole to Bergen on Rügen, then continue by train:

Train Station	Date	Time	Plattform	Train No.	Type of Train
Bergen auf Rügen	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Departure	18:30	3	RE 13032
Stralsund Hbf	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Arrival	18:58	4 a/b	
Stralsund Hbf	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Departure	19:02	3 a/b	RE 18519
Berlin Hbf (ground floor)	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Arrival	22:15	3	

Train connection from Lauterbach/Mole to Hamburg (Hbf/Central Station) on 6 June evening:
 Taxi from Lauterbach Mole to Bergen on Rügen, then continue by train

Train Station	Date	Time	Plattform	Train No.	Type of Train
Bergen auf Rügen	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Departure	17:30	3	RE 13014
Rostock Hbf	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Arrival	18:58	3 a/b	
Rostock Hbf	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Departure	19:07	7 a/b	RE 4316
Hamburg)	Wednesday, 28.05.2014	Arrival	21:23	5	
