

**10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation and Management of Marine Turtles and their Habitats of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia**

Dusit Thani Pattaya Hotel  
Pattaya, Thailand, 31 March – 3 April 2024

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Marine Turtle MOU

## I. Thailand

Thailand (officially the Kingdom of Thailand, also known historically as Siam) is a country in Southeast Asia on the Indochinese Peninsula. Thailand shares borders with Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia. It also shares maritime borders with Vietnam, Indonesia and India. Bangkok is the nation's capital and largest city.

Known for its idyllic islands and stunning beaches, Thailand is a popular tourist destination. The country encompasses diverse landscapes and ecosystems, including the hilly forested areas of the northern frontier, the fertile rice fields of the central plains, the broad plateau of the northeast, and the rugged coasts along the narrow southern peninsula.

Located in the Indo-Burma 'biodiversity hotspot', Thailand is home to 15,000 plant species and approximately 2,300 vertebrate animals. It possesses unique coastal and marine biodiversity, with mangrove forests comprising approximately 36% of the coastline.

## II. Pattaya

Pattaya is a popular destination located less than a two-hour drive from Bangkok on the eastern coast of Thailand. This coastal city is mostly famous for its beautiful beaches, water sports, and outdoor activities. In addition, it is also teeming with culture, and visitors may enjoy a bustling nightlife, as well as explore its many sacred places and Buddhist temples.

## III. Getting to Pattaya

Thailand is well connected with numerous international flights to its capital, Bangkok. For those travelling from further afield, major international hubs that connect to Bangkok include Dubai, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Tokyo. The easiest airport to fly into for going to Pattaya is Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK).

### ➤ For participants also attending the ISTS Symposium:

The City of Pattaya has graciously agreed to provide a **FREE shuttle** from Suvarnabhumi International Airport directly to the venue, Dusit Thani Hotel. If you are also attending the ISTS Symposium, we recommend you use this service – please sign up for it via the link provided by the ISTS organizers. You can find timetables and more detailed information on the [ISTS website](#).

### ➤ For participants travelling from Don Muang International Airport or Bangkok City:

You can find further transportation options in this [document](#) prepared by ISTS.

### ➤ For participants **NOT** able to use the ISTS shuttle bus service from Suvarnabhumi International Airport **and for the return travel after AC10:**

#### ○ Airport Pattaya Bus

Tickets cost approximately 150 baht (USD 4) per person. Departure times from Suvarnabhumi airport to Pattaya are every hour, from 07:00 to 21:00. Departs from level 1, gate 8, arrival hall, and drops passengers off at Jomtien bus station in Pattaya. Same fare and timetable apply for the return service from Jomtien bus station to the airport. For more information and current ticket prices, visit the website: <https://airportpattayabus.com/>

- **Bell Travel Bus to Pattaya**  
 Tickets cost approximately 300 baht (USD 8) per person. Departure times from Suvarnabhumi airport to Pattaya are 08:30, 10:30, 14:30, and 18:00. Departs from level 1, gate 8, arrival hall, arrives at North Pattaya bus station, then passengers are shuttled to their final destination (home or hotel) by minibus. The return service from North Pattaya bus station to the airport is at 06:00, 09:00, 13:00, 15:00, 17:00 and 19:00. Please check the Bell Travel website for more information and pre-booking your ride: <https://belltravelservice.com/shared-transfer/>
- **Taxis From Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport to Pattaya**  
 Public taxis from Suvarnabhumi airport to Pattaya are available 24 hours a day at gates 4 and 7 on the first floor. The rate is a fixed rate of about (subject to change) 1,200 baht (USD 34) including motorway toll charges.

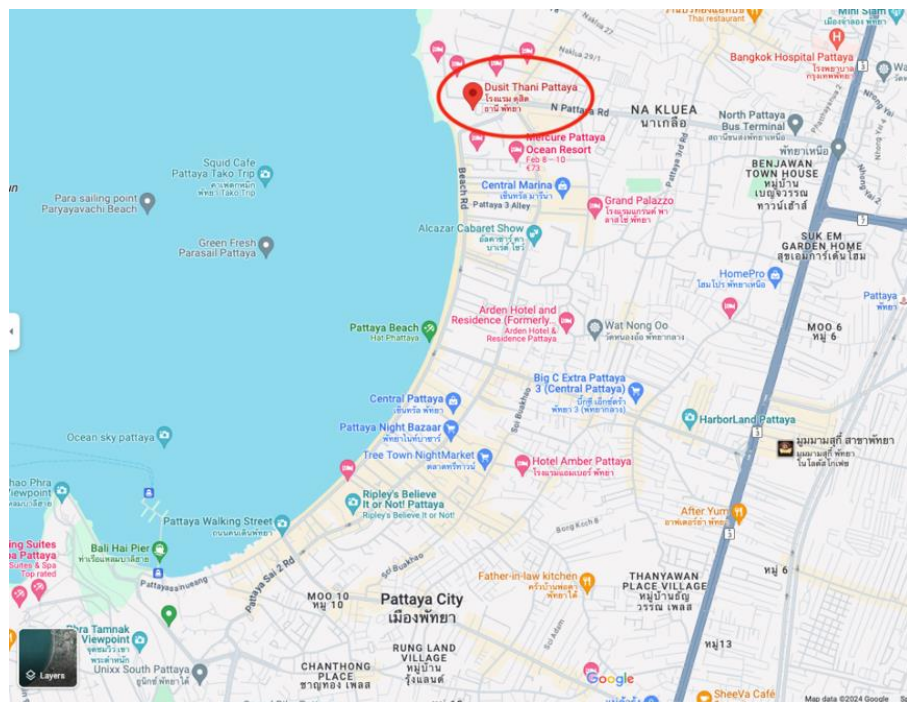
#### IV. Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the *Dusit Thani Pattaya* hotel in Pattaya.

##### **Address:**

**Dusit Thani Pattaya**  
 240/2 Pattaya Beach Road,  
 Pattaya City, Chonburi 20150  
 Thailand  
 Tel. +66 3842 5611-7  
 Website: <https://www.dusit.com/dusitthani-pattaya/>  
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The Dusit Thani Pattaya is a five-star luxury beachfront resort set on the northern end of the Gulf of Thailand. The hotel has stunning panoramic views across Pattaya Bay and direct access to two beaches. The resort features dedicated event and conference facilities, and onsite accommodation. There are a variety of onsite catering options that are suitable for different budgets.



## V. Registration

Registration will start at 08:30 on 31 March 2024 at the venue.

## VI. Hotel Accommodation

All delegates, including those funded through the Secretariat, need to make their own hotel bookings.

We recommend staying at the venue hotel, the **Dusit Thani Pattaya**, which has block-booked several rooms for AC10 participants at a special rate which includes breakfast and free WiFi. The cost per night is as follows:

- Deluxe room: THB 3,800 (approx. USD 106) per room per night including breakfast for 1 person

To make your booking please email the Sales Director, Ms Amornpen Jevprasesphant, at [amornpen.jp@dusit.com](mailto:amornpen.jp@dusit.com) . **The block booking will be available until 9 February.**

- When choosing accommodation, funded participants should please bear in mind that the daily subsistence allowance (DSA) rate for Pattaya, intended to cover accommodation, meals and local transport, is currently at approx. **USD 160 per day**. Additionally, funded participants will receive a lump sum payment of **USD 252** to cover transportation costs to and from airport, and visa related fees.
- In case of choosing other accommodation, we recommend choosing something in walking distance to the Dusit Thani.

## VII. Weather

Pattaya, located on the Gulf of Thailand, typically experiences a tropical climate with warm and humid weather throughout the year. March can experience temperatures above 30°C (86°F) and relatively low rainfall.

## VIII. Currency

The official currency of Thailand is the Thai Baht, abbreviated as THB and often represented by the symbol "฿". It has denominations in bills of 1,000 / 2,000 / 5,000 / 10,000 / 20,000 / 50,000 and 100,000; and coins of 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000.

The exchange rate of 100 Baht fluctuates between \$US2.80 and US\$3.00.

The main credit and debit cards (MasterCard, Visa) are accepted at most hotels, major restaurants, and shops.

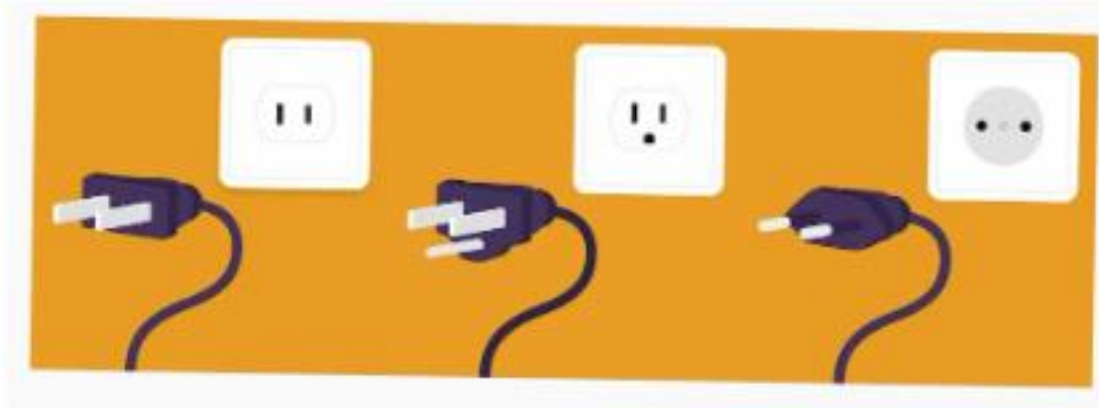
## IX. Language

The official language of Thailand is Thai; however English is spoken in hotels and main touristic places.

## **X. Voltage and type of pins**

In Thailand, the voltage of domestic AC is 220V.

Electrical sockets in Thailand are compatible with both flat parallel prongs (Type A, like in the United States and Japan) and two round pins (Type C, like in most European and Asian countries). While two-pin sockets are common in Thailand, some establishments like hotels and offices also have three-pin outlets installed (Type B, two parallel prongs with an extra prong for grounding).



## **XI. Visas**

For information regarding the visa application process for visiting Thailand, please refer [here](#). For the current list of visa-exempt countries, please refer [here](#).

If you require an invitation letter for your visa application, please let us know and we will provide one. Visas can be obtained from your nearest Thai Embassy or Consulate.

If you have any difficulties obtaining a visa, please contact the Secretariat: [iosea@un.org](mailto:iosea@un.org)

## **XII. Insurance**

All participants must take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to AC10. The IOSEA Marine Turtle MOU Secretariat will NOT take any responsibility for any participant failing to insure.

## **XIII. Working language of the meeting**

The meeting will be conducted in English.

## **XIV. Internet**

Wi-Fi will be provided free of charge in the meeting rooms and for the duration of the meeting.

## **XV. Identification badges**

All participants will receive an identification badge to access the venue. You are requested to wear this badge during your stay at the Venue.

## **XVI. Time zone**

Standard time zone in Pattaya, Thailand, is UTC/GMT +7 hours.

## **XVII. Information on Thailand**

For tourist information about Thailand please visit: <https://www.tourismthailand.org/>

## **XVIII. Useful Numbers**

Country dialling code: +66

Emergency contact numbers:

- 1155 – Tourist Police
- 191 – Police & Emergencies
- 1669 – Ambulance
- 199 – Fire Department

General Information Service: 1672

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