

# 25th meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) Gland, Switzerland 2 – 5 May 2023

## **Information for Participants**

#### **Documents**

Meeting documents will be available on the **Convention's website** in English.

Please note that the Convention has paperless meetings, so paper copies of documents will not be distributed during the meeting.

# **Visas**

For information on visa requirements for Switzerland and the Schengen area: link.

Please check if you need a visa for Switzerland, or a transit visa for any country where you might have to stop or change planes en route to Switzerland.

It can take up to four weeks to obtain a visa, so contact your nearest Swiss Embassy as early as possible.

## **Medical insurance**

Participants are requested to make sure that their medical and accident insurance covers their travel and stay in Switzerland.

The Secretariat will provide **sponsored** participants who require a Schengen Visa with insurance covering emergency medical treatment and accident. This insurance does not cover treatment for medical conditions existing before the period of the travel to Switzerland.

### Accommodation

Participants are invited to book their accommodation in Gland or the neighbouring town of Nyon.

#### Nyon

Hotel Des Alpes \*\*\*
T. +41 22 994 30 00

Email: info@alpes-nyon.ch

#### Hotel Le Rive \*\*\*\*

Tel: + 41 22 552 20 80

Email: info@hotel-le-rive.ch

#### Ambassador Boutique Hotel \*\*\*\*

T. +41 22 994 48 48

## Hotel Real \*\*\*\*

T. +41 22 365 85 85

Email: mail@hotelrealnyon.ch

To benefit from preferred prices at the hotel, please mention that you are attending a IUCN/ Convention on Wetlands meeting.

#### Hotel de l'Ange

T. +41 22 361 55 09

Email: info@hoteldelange.ch

# Base Nyon \*\*\*\*

T. +41 22 361 36 36

Email: hello@basenyon.com

#### Gland

## Hotel Glanis \*\*\*

Tel: +41 22 354 16 20

Email: hotelglanis@bluewin.ch

To benefit from preferred prices at the hotel, please mention that you are attending a IUCN/ Convention on Wetlands meeting.

## Hotel de la Plage

T. +41 22 364 10 35

Email: info@hoteldelaplage.ch

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## For more hotels, please see:

www.booking.com/city/ch/nyon.en.html

www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/nyon.html

https://www.kayak.co.uk/hotels/Nyon%2CSwitzerland-c29569/2023-05-01/2023-05-

06/2adults?sort=rank\_a

## **Travel in Switzerland**

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements, and expected to cover the cost of transport to/from the Secretariat.

## From Geneva Airport to your hotel (Nyon)

A direct train service links Geneva Airport to Nyon and Gland.

On arrival at the airport, turn left in the Arrivals Hall and walk down to the end of the Hall following the signs "Gare CFF/SBB", to the ticket hall of the railway station.

You can buy your ticket at a ticket machine with Swiss francs (CHF) or a credit/debit card. As of January 2023, a ticket to Nyon costs CHF 15 (one way, 2<sup>nd</sup>class).





You will see the timetables showing the times of the trains above the escalators leading down to the train platforms. Make sure that you take a train that stops in **Nyon**. Direct trains run at 19 and 49 minutes past every hour, arriving in Nyon 24 minutes later. Timetables are available at: <u>link</u>.

### From Nyon to Secretariat headquarters in Gland

From Nyon to Gland is a four-minute one-stop train ride. Trains leave Nyon (direction Lausanne) in the mornings at 06 and 36 minutes past every hour. In the evenings, trains leave Gland to Nyon (direction Genève) at 21 and 50 minutes past the hour.

The Secretariat headquarters are in the <u>Conservation Centre</u> shared with IUCN at Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland. It is 10 minute <u>walk</u> from Gland railway station.

#### Taxi services

Taxi Alliance T. +41 79 206 83 59 AMG Taxi T. +41 22 364 05 05 ABC Taxi T. +41 22 361 45 45 Nyon-Gland or Gland-Nyon approx. CHF 25 Gland to Geneva Airport approx. CHF 100

## Meals

Lunch will be provided for in the Conservation Centre's cafeteria. A row of tables will be reserved for this meeting. There are numerous <u>restaurants</u> in Nyon, too.

### **Currency and exchange**

The currency used in Switzerland is Swiss francs (CHF). Sponsored participants will be paid a daily substance allowance (DSA) on the first day of the meeting. Exchange services *are not* available during weekends in Nyon or Gland.

# Weather

You may wish to check the weather in Switzerland before your trip on: www.meteoswiss.ch.

# **Electric plugs and adapters**

Please note that in Switzerland the electrical currents are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz. Participants are advised to bring an adapter and/or converter to charge their electric devices. The types of sockets used in Switzerland are illustrated below:





The Secretariat wishes you a pleasant trip to Switzerland and looks forward to seeing you in the Conservation Centre.

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