

**International Seminar on Effective and Integrated Marine Geospatial Information
Management and Meetings of the
Third Expert United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management
Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information,
Thirteenth International Hydrographic Organization Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures
Working Group and
Open Geospatial Consortium Marine Domain Working Group
9 – 13 May 2022
Singapore**

Information Note

Preamble

In this information note, you will find all relevant information about the logistics for the International Seminar on Effective and Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management and Meetings of the Third Expert United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information, Thirteenth International Hydrographic Organization Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group and Open Geospatial Consortium Marine Domain Working Group, including accommodation options, venue, visa and general information about Singapore.



Dates

9 to 13 May 2022

Outline programme

The week at a glance:

| | MONDAY 9 MAY | TUESDAY 10 MAY | WEDNESDAY 11 MAY | THURSDAY 12 MAY | FRIDAY 13 MAY |
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| MORNINGS | Third expert meeting of WG-MGI; Thirteenth meeting of MSDIWG and joint meetings (by invitation only) | International Seminar on UN-GGIM with the theme 'effective and integrated marine geospatial information management' | International Seminar on UN-GGIM with the theme 'effective and integrated marine geospatial information management' | International Seminar on UN-GGIM with the theme 'effective and integrated marine geospatial information management' | Third expert meeting of WG-MGI; Thirteenth meeting of MSDIWG and joint meetings (by invitation only) |
| AFTERNOONS | Third expert meeting of WG-MGI; Thirteenth meeting of MSDIWG and joint meetings (by invitation only) | International Seminar on UN-GGIM with the theme 'effective and integrated marine geospatial information management' | Technical Visit (by invitation only) | International Seminar on UN-GGIM with the theme 'effective and integrated marine geospatial information management' | Third expert meeting of WG-MGI; Thirteenth meeting of MSDIWG and joint meetings (by invitation only) |

Language

All expert meetings and the International Seminar will be conducted in English.

Registration

Prior registration for the meetings and international seminar is required for all participants.

Third expert meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information

If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Ms. Vilma Frani (frani@un.org) as this meeting is by invitation only.

Thirteenth meeting of the Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group of the International Hydrographic Organization and Annual meeting of the Marine Domain Working Group of the Open Geospatial Consortium

IHO Online Registration Portal (<https://iho.int/en/online-registration>)

International Seminar on Effective and Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management

To be updated

FAQ to facilitate entry into Singapore

What are the current COVID-19 regulations to enter Singapore from my country of residence?

All travellers who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and children aged 12 and below will be able to enter Singapore with a pre-departure Covid-19 test from 31st March 2022, 2359H(SGT).

Please refer to this [link](#) or the for the most updated New Travel Vaccinated Framework adopted in Singapore.

Which documents are required to board the plane?

- Acceptable Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination;
- Valid negative Pre-Departure COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) or Antigen Rapid Test (ART) test result OR proof of recovery (for recovered vaccinated travellers);
- Valid visa (for visa-required visitors); and
- Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate (if applicable)
- For the full list of requirements, please refer to this [link](#).

Am I exempted from health-related measures at the border such as testing and quarantine if I am fully vaccinated?

Only **fully Vaccinated Recovered** travellers are exempted from the pre-departure and on-arrival Covid-19 Tests. Refer to the link below for the documents required:

[/https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/vaccinated-recovered](https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/vaccinated-recovered)

How do I prove that I am fully vaccinated?

Travellers may be required to be fully vaccinated with WHO Emergency Use Listing (EUL) COVID-19 vaccines in order to be eligible for certain travel lanes to travel to Singapore and domestic health measures requiring vaccinated status. Please refer to the link below for accepted COVID-19 Vaccines for Entry to Singapore and Vaccinated status for activities within Singapore:

<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/health/vtsg>

I am not fully vaccinated, am I allowed to enter Singapore?

The meetings and International seminar will only be accepting fully vaccinated in-person attendees. However, you are welcomed to participate in the live streams of the meetings and international seminar.

Where can I refer to for the most updated travel advisories?

Please refer to the Singapore ICA Website for the latest travel advisories and Safe Travel Lanes:

<https://safetravel.ica.gov.sg/>

Immigration Requirements

Passports:

Please ensure that your passport has a minimum of 6-month validity period beyond the scheduled date of entry to Singapore.

Please refer to the link below for entry requirements into Singapore.

https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-depart/entry_requirements

Visas:

An entry visa is required for certain countries. Attendees of the meeting and International seminar should visit the Singapore ICA website at https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-depart/entry_requirements/visa_requirements to determine whether a visa is required and for further information.

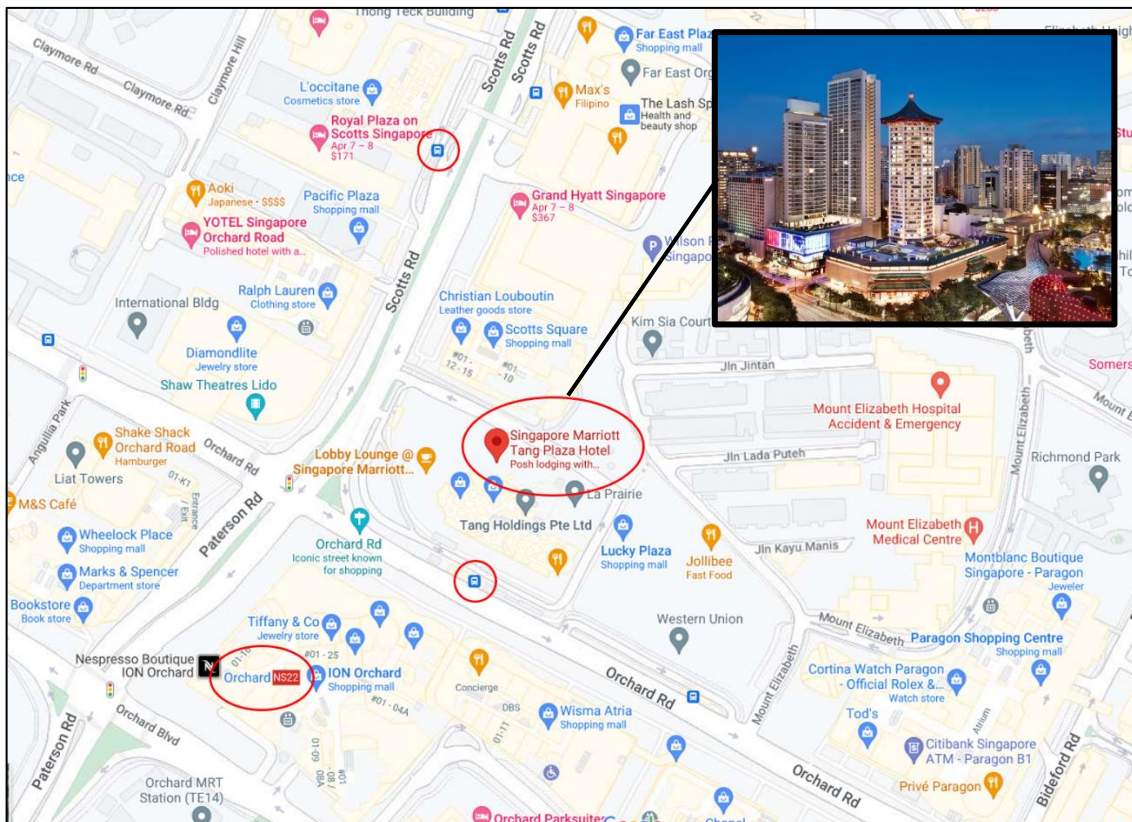
Singapore Changi Airport

Transportation from the airport:

Travellers are to take private transportation, taxi, or private hire car (e.g. GrabSHN, Go-Jek, Ryde, MVL(TADA), via the respective providers' applications) from the airport to their declared place of accommodation.

Venue

The meetings and international seminar are held at Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel, 320 Orchard Road, Singapore 238865. The meeting and the international seminar will be held at Ballrooms I, II and III that are located on the third level of Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel.



Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza hotel is located opposite Orchard MRT Station (NS22, an underground train station along the North South Line). Nearby bus stops available are Orchard Stn/Tang Plaza (Bus stop ID 09047), Royal Plaza on Scotts (Bus stop ID 09212).

Accommodation options

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. It is strongly recommended to place your hotel booking at your earliest convenience. Below is a selection of hotels in the vicinities of Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel.

Recommended Accommodation: Sheraton Towers Singapore Hotel

As the rooms at our main event venue (Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel) are undergoing renovation, we have partnered with their counterpart at Sheraton Towers Singapore, at 39 Scotts Rd, Singapore 228230, to provide affordable accommodation during your stay.

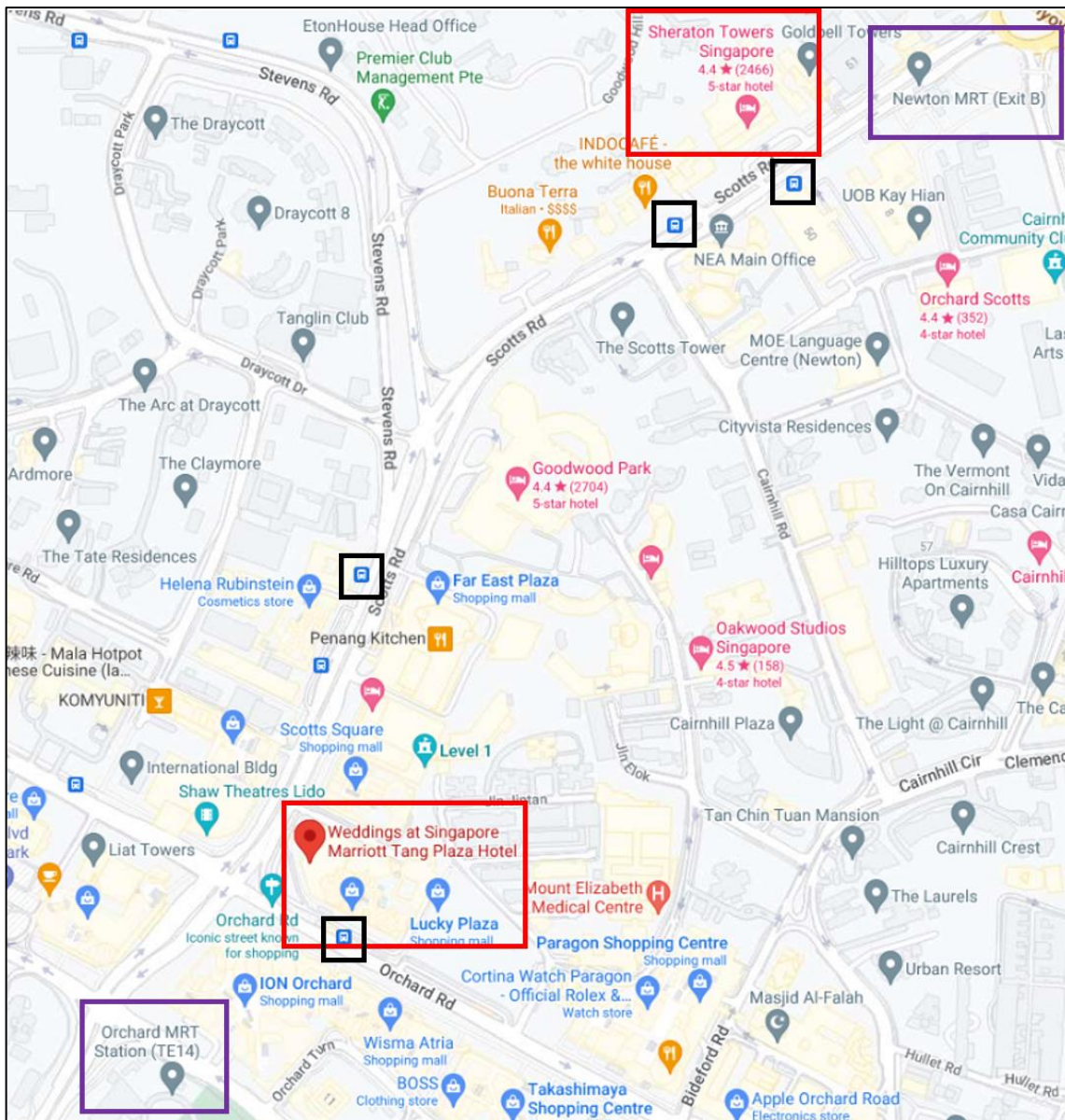
| Room Type | Price |
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| Deluxe Room with breakfast and Internet (Single Occupancy) | S\$280.00++ per night |
| Deluxe Room with Internet (Single/Double Occupancy) | S\$260.00++ per night |

To reserve your rooms for the stay during the event, please contact Ms Joanne Leong (joanne.leong@sheratonsingapore.com) and indicate the event name “International Seminar on Effective and Integrated Marine Geospatial Information Management and Meetings of the Third Expert United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information, Thirteenth International Hydrographic Organization Marine Spatial Data Infrastructures Working Group and Open Geospatial Consortium Marine Domain Working Group”. For more information on Sheraton Towers Singapore, you may visit their website: www.sheratontowerssingapore.com

Transport Available between Sheraton Hotel and Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel

Public Transport available between Sheraton hotel and Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel:

- 1 MRT station away on the North South Line (Orchard to Newton), including walking, estimated 15 minutes travelling time.
- 1 Bus stop including walking, Buses: 124, 143, 162, 5, 54, estimated 10 minutes travelling time.



Map Key: Red – Hotels, Purple – MRT Stations, Black – Bus Stops

Other hotels in the vicinity of Singapore Marriott Tang Plaza Hotel:

Orchard Hotel Singapore

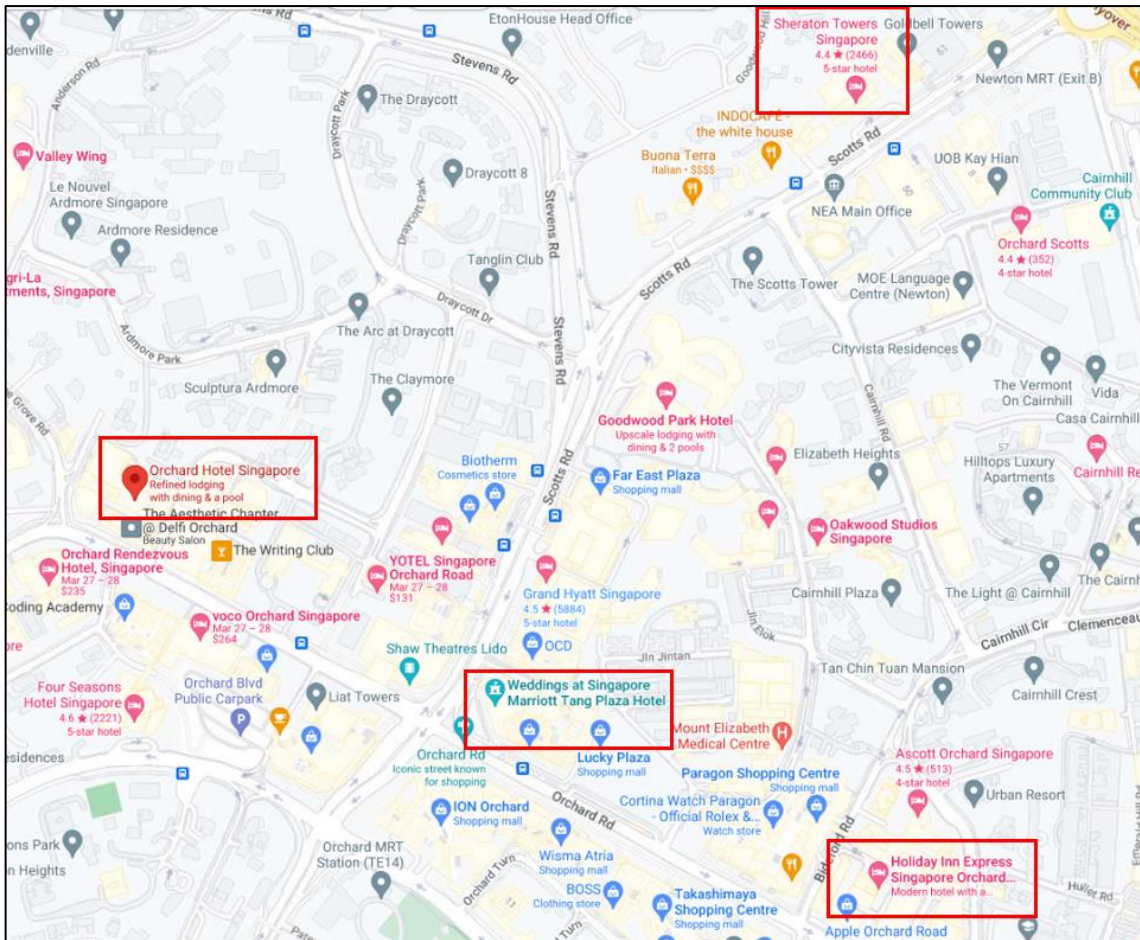
www.millenniumhotels.com

Approximately S\$235 per night.

Holiday Inn Express Singapore Orchard Road

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/singapore/sinex/hoteldetail>

Approximately S\$291 per night.



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Access by Public Transportation:

Getting around Singapore is simple by Public Transport, Active Mobility, Taxis & Private Hire Cars and Driving. More information can be found here:

https://www.lta.gov.sg/content/ltagov/en/getting_around.html.

Currency and Exchange

The Singapore dollar (SGD) is the official currency of Singapore. Currency converter:

<https://finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter/>.

Electricity

In Singapore the power plugs and sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



Time Zone

To check the time difference between Singapore and your country, please refer to <https://24timezones.com/difference>

Weather

Singapore has a tropical climate, sunny with abundant rainfall, high and uniform temperatures, and high humidity all year round. Visitors are recommended to carry umbrellas as they not only provide protection from the sun, but also from the thunderstorms that can occur at any time of the day throughout the year. Singapore weather is warm, with temperatures averaging around 32°C during the day and 25°C at night from December to January while the rest of the year averages around 33°C during the day and 26°C at night.

Health, safety and security onsite

Travellers are to remain vigilant for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and to adhere to public health and social measures at all times, including by using masks appropriately, respecting physical distancing, following good respiratory etiquette and avoiding crowded and poorly ventilated spaces.

Please refer to the Ministry of Health webpage for the most updated Covid-19 Advisories: <https://www.moh.gov.sg/covid-19-phase-advisory>

Monitor your health status. Travellers are advised to defer travel if you have onset of COVID-19 symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, loss of taste or smell) within the last 7 days before departure.

Travellers who test positive for COVID-19 must abide by relevant COVID-19 recovery protocol immediately. Please refer to this site for the COVID-19 recovery protocols for travellers. <https://www.covid.gov.sg/travellers>

Enquiries

For questions related to the meeting arrangements and in particular, logistical arrangements, please contact Ms Liling Kok (Liling_kok@mpa.gov.sg).