



International Workshop on ‘Strengthening Collaboration and Capacity-Building in Small-scale Fisheries’

23 February to 27 February 2025

Colombo, Sri Lanka

INFORMATION NOTE

1. ACCOMMODATION and VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP

Air-conditioned twin sharing room accommodation has been arranged for you at the **Tamarind Tree Garden Resort** with complimentary breakfast.

ICSF will take care of your food, board and lodging for the duration of the Workshop. All other expenses, including telephone, laundry and additional refreshment bills, will be the personal responsibility of the participant.

Internet facility: Wifi facilities available

WIFI User Name: **wifi**

WIFI Password: **Dialog@team123**

The Tamarind Tree Garden Resort will also be the venue of the workshop. The address is given below:

Tamarind Tree Garden & Ayurveda Resort

No. 01, **Andiambalama Estate**, Yatiyana

Minuwangoda

Sri Lanka

Tel.: +94 11 2 253 802 / +94 11 2 254 297

Mob: +94 718 440 195

E-Mail: mice@tamarindtree.lk

Website: <https://tamarindresort.com/>

Front Office Contact: 100 or 205

In-Room Dining Contact: 666

FOOD TIMING

BREAKFAST: 07:00 AM to 09:30 AM

LUNCH: 12:30 PM to 02:30 PM

DINNER: 07:30 PM to 9:30 PM

2. HOW TO REACH HOTEL

Airport: You will arrive at the Colombo Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) <https://www.airport.lk/>

Currency exchange: https://www.airport.lk/services/bank_money_exchange; there are quite a few money exchange places outside the arrival terminal. Commercial Bank at shop No. 10 is reportedly good(IUSD= 294 LKR and 1EUR= 307 LKR)

Travel to hotel: Limited taxi pick up counters like Uber, Pick me, Kangaroo and Airport taxi services are located in the arrival lobby and arrival porch of Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. More details are in the link below:

https://www.airport.lk/passenger_guide/getting_around/to_&_from_airport

Please download Uber/ PickMe in your phone for ease of use.

Airport taxi services can be booked here:

https://www.airport.lk/passenger_guide/getting_around/taxi_service.php

From Colombo Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) to Tamarind Tree Garden Resort, No. 01, Andiambalama Estate, Yatiyana via B208, it is about 10 min (4.9 km) by car.

For the best route in current traffic visit

https://maps.app.goo.gl/v5Qvwpkn7XCQ991G7?g_st=awb

3. PRINT DOCUMENTS TO CARRY

- Ticket, Passport with Valid visa (ETA Approval Notice)
- Visa fee payment receipt
- Travel Insurance
- Workshop Invitation Letter and Concept Note

4. REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

Please bring with you ALL **original bills/receipts** for expenses incurred in connection with your travel for reimbursement.

- **Visa fee** reimbursement: Keep the print copy of the receipt
- **Travel insurance** claim for 15 days: Keep the payment receipt and a copy of the insurance letter to hand over to ICSF office
- **Local conveyance** reimbursement: Keep electronic receipt for handing over to ICSF office

5. WEATHER IN SRI LANKA

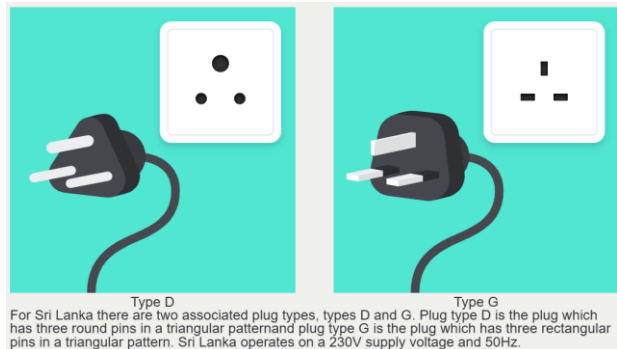
The expected weather during this period is hot days and balmy evenings, so visitors should pack light and cool clothing. The day-time temperature may range 23°C and 33°C with patchy or light rain.

There are likely to be mosquitoes are there in the outside garden. But not in the room and Hall. It is advisable to carry Mosquito repellent if you are allergic to mosquito bites.

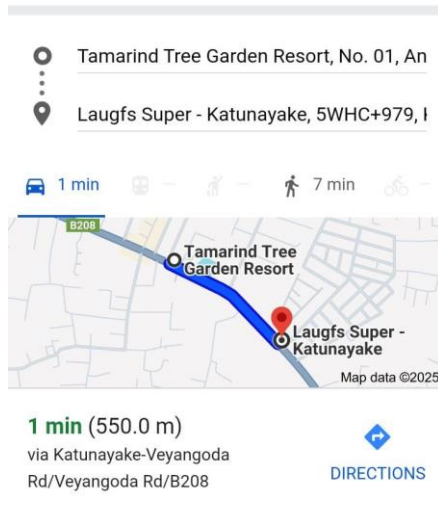
6. USEFUL DETAILS

Travel Adapter

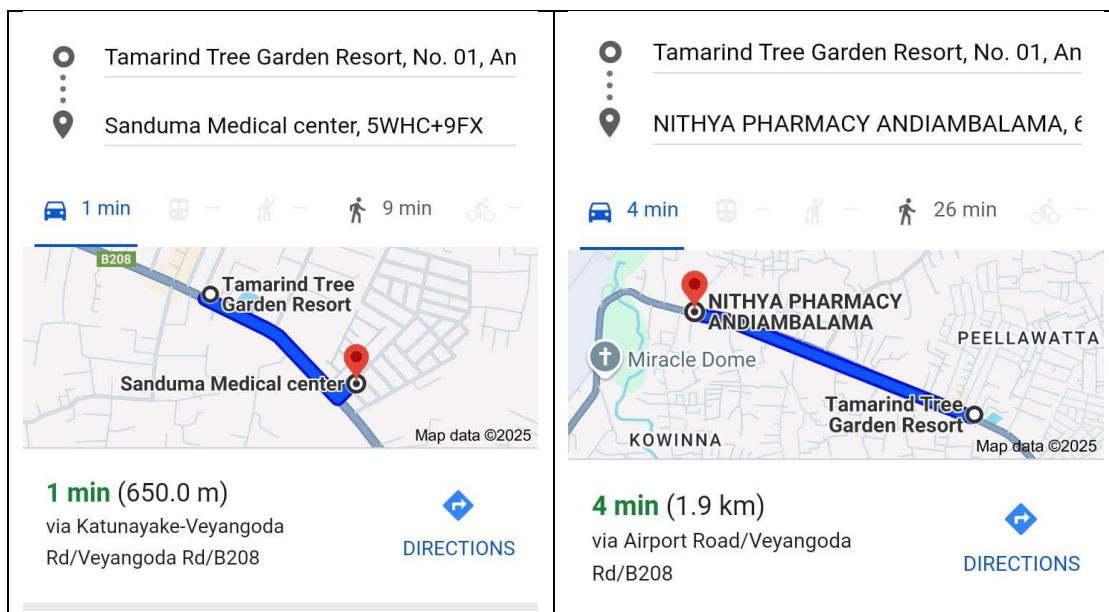
When traveling to Sri Lanka, you will need a travel adapter as the country primarily uses **Type G plugs** (three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern), with some areas also having Type D plugs (three round pins in a triangular pattern); the standard voltage is 230V and 50Hz frequency, so check your electronics are compatible before plugging in.



The nearest Supermarket is the **Laugfs supermarket**

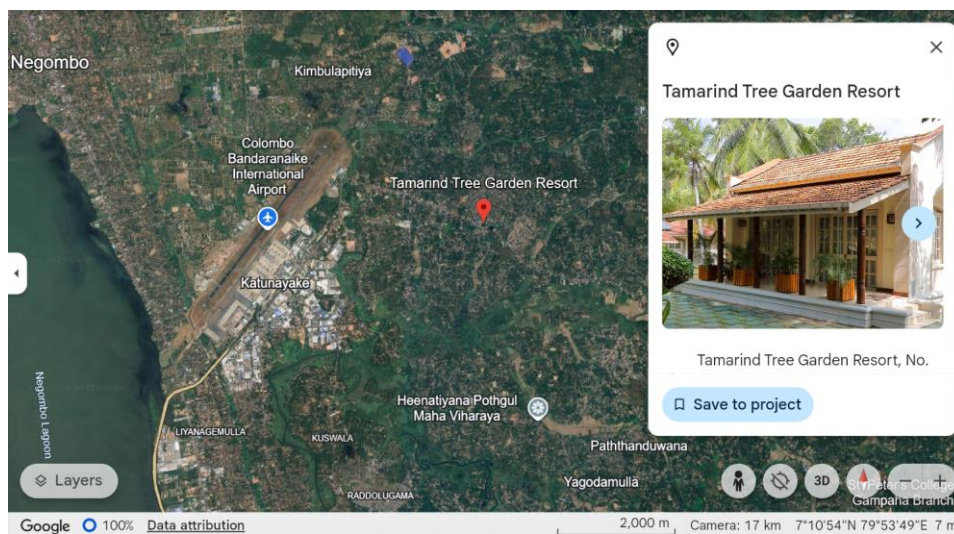


For medical emergencies, the maps to the nearest **medical centre** and **pharmacy** are given below:



7. FIELD TRIP: NEGOMBO LAGOON

Negombo Lagoon is a large estuarine lagoon in Negombo, south-west Sri Lanka, known for its fishing activity. It is 12 km in length from south to north and 3.75 km at its widest point, and about 1.2 m deep. It is one of the most productive and sensitive ecosystems in Sri Lanka with fresh water input from the rivers Dandugam Oya and Ja-ela. The lagoon and its coastal environment have been known for fish production. Altogether 89 species of benthic invertebrates, 29 mangrove species, seven sea grass species and 140 species of fish have been recorded. The lagoon and the adjacent reef areas function as the major nursery, refuge and feeding grounds for most of shrimp species.



8. CONTACT NUMBERS OVER WHATSAPP

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