



Integrated meetings of IOGOOS and its projects and programs

IOGOOS (21st major meeting)

IIOE-2 Steering Committee (9th major meeting)

IORP (22nd major meeting)

IRF (18th major meeting)

SIBER (18th major meeting)

KUDOS Workshop

ECSN Workshop

Information Booklet for Participants



Haeundae Central Hotel, Haeundae, Busan, South Korea

Hosted by

Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology (KIOST) South Korea

March 16 – 20, 2026



1. Preamble

The Integrated annual meetings of the Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (IOGOOS) and its allied programs such as the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2), Sustained Indian Ocean Bio-geochemical and Ecological Research (SIBER), IndoOOS Resource Forum (IRF) and Indian Ocean Regional Panel (IORP), along with the Korea-US Indian Ocean Science (KUDOS) and Early Career Scientist Network (ECSN) workshop will take place during 16-20 March 2026 at Haeundae Central Hotel, Haeundae, Busan, South Korea. These integrated meetings aim to review the progress and scientific knowledge gained due to the concerted efforts of these regional bodies and to plan and discuss the action plans to address the issues leading to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

These integrated meetings and workshops bring members and secretariats of IOGOOS, IIOE-2, SIBER, IORP and IRF and to meet again together in an integrated collegiate format at Haeundae Central Hotel, Haeundae, Busan, South Korea.

IOGOOS - Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (a GOOS Regional Alliance)

IIOE-2 - Second International Indian Ocean Expedition

SIBER - Sustained Indian Ocean Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research IORP - Indian Ocean Region Panel of CLIVAR/IOC-GOOS

IRF - Indian Ocean Observing System Resources Forum of IOGOOS The meeting updates, and relevant documents are available at: <https://incois.gov.in/IIW/IOGOOS/iogoosXXI.jsp>

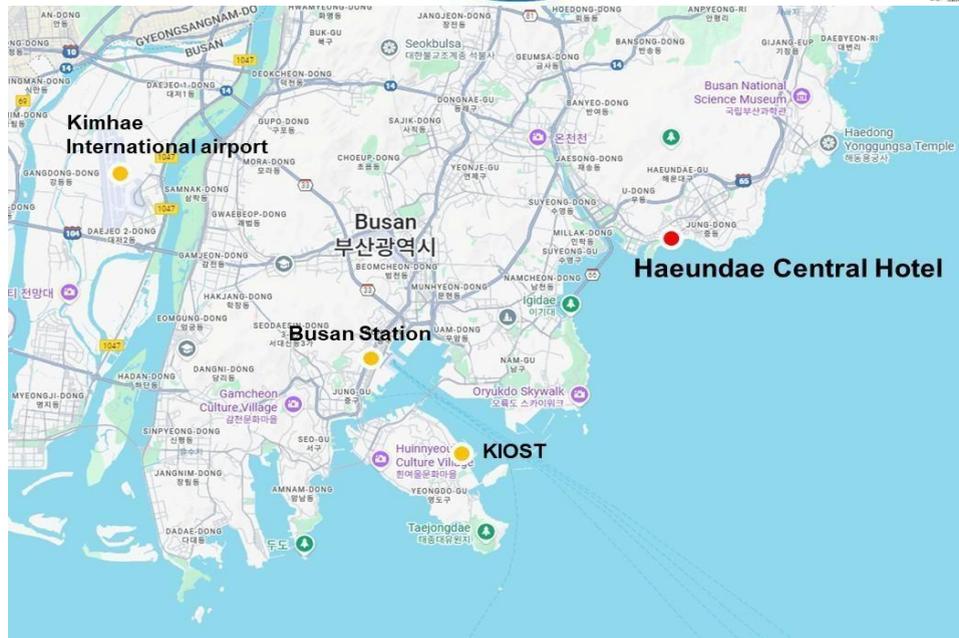
<https://iioe-2.incois.gov.in/IIOE-2/SC9.jsp>

2. Hosts and Conference Venue

The conference is being hosted by “Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology”



The venue for the integrated meetings is situated in ‘Haeundae Central Hotel’ Haeundae, Busan, South Korea.



Map coordinates: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zU6prKMCUKQCL65T6>

3. Principal Coordinators

- **Local Organizer**

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- **IOGOOS Secretariat**

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4. Meeting Schedules & Agenda

Time ¹ (KST)	16 Mar (Mon)	17 Mar (Tue)	18 Mar (Wed)	19 Mar (Thu)	20 Mar (Fri)
09:30 – 10:00	Registration	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 SC Meeting	IRF Business Meeting	KUDOS Workshop
10:00 – 10:30	Inaugural				
10:30 – 11:00	Tea / Coffee / Comfort Break				
11:00 – 13:00	Plenary Science Talks	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 SC Meeting	IORP – SIBER Joint Session	KUDOS Workshop
		IIOE-2 Working Group Report			
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break				
14:30 – 15:30	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 Science Theme Report	Visit the KIOST South Sea Research Institute (41 Jangmok 1- gil, Jangmok- myeon, Geoje-si, Gyeongsangnam- do) for a tour of the R/V ISABU	Parallel Session	
				SIBER Business Meeting	IORP Business Meeting
15:30 – 16:00	Tea / Coffee / Comfort Break			Tea / Coffee / Comfort Break	
16:00 – 17:00	IIOE-2 National Committee Report	IIOE-2 Science Theme Report		IOGOOS Annual General Body Meeting	ECSN Workshop
		Banquet by KIOST			

Click on the link to join the meetings virtually:

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/4251766116467?p=RP5HEdF4Jdl0FE7TaY>

Meeting ID: 425 176 611 646 7

Passcode: 4sd77m4d

¹ Note: The actual timing may vary. Kindly refer to the detail agenda.

5. Agenda and Presentations

The detailed agenda for all meetings will be circulated to participants via the respective group secretariats of IIOE-2, IOGOOS, IORP, IRF and SIBER responsible for their own meetings. Refer to the questions on the agenda to the relevant co-chairs/secretariats.

Please note that all co-chairs/secretariats will be required to provide laptops to run their meetings.

Please note that it is intended that all presentations given at the conference will be made available to participants (in PDF format) following the conclusion of the conference and subject to the approval of the authors.

It is intended, as customary, for these meetings to be a fully in-person conference. However, the possibility will be explored for virtual participation.

6. Registration

- **Registration Fee**

- KRW 25,000 per day (for a total of KRW 125,000 (approximately US\$90) for 5 days, no daily registration available).
- The registration fee covers the conference venue and lunch expenses.
- All other costs will be covered by the national host.

- **Payment Methods**

- On-site Payment

Credit/debit card payment (Visa, MasterCard, JCB, Union Pay) will also be available at the registration desk during the event.

A reception desk will be set-up in the lobby on the ground floor of Haeundae Central Hotel, building and be staffed on 16th March 2026 during 09:00 to 10:30 hrs.

7. Conference Facilities

- **Venue Information**

- Venue Name: Haeundae Central Hotel
- Address: 33 Haeundaehaebyeon-ro 298beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan

- **Main Meeting Room**

- Capacity: 100 persons
- Description: This is the primary meeting room equipped to accommodate up to 100 individuals for various gatherings, conferences, or events.

- **Small Meeting Rooms**
 - Capacity: 50persons
 - Description: This room is suitable for smaller group meetings, discussions, or breakout sessions.
- **Banquet by KIOST**

Date and Time: 17th March 2026, 18:00 hrs KST

Restaurant name: Yeije

Address: 29 Haeundaehaebyeon-ro 298beon-gil, Haeundae-gu, Busan (Please refer to the map below.)



8. Power

- South Korea uses **220V / 60Hz** Electricity.
- The standard plug type is Type F (two round pins with grounding), with round pins of about 4.7~4.8mm in diameter.
- While Type C and Type F Plugs from Europe generally fit, some European plugs may not be fully compatible.,
- International Participants are advised to bring a **universal power adapter**



9. Wi-Fi

- Availability: Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel (guest rooms, lobby and all conference facilities)
- Speed: South Korea is known for one of the world's fastest and most reliable internet networks.
- Access: Hotel Wi-Fi network name and password will be provided at check-in or at the conference room.
- Support: If you experience any connectivity issues, please contact the hotel front desk or the conference registration desk for assistance

10. Accommodation

The organizers do not arrange hotel reservations and transportation to and from the airport. Anything else is outside our responsibility. Participants can book hotels and airport transportation through internet searches. However, information to assist in hotel and airport transportation reservations is provided below:

Hotel Name	Features / Strengths	Price	Website
Haeundae Central Hotel (Venue) Main Venue Hotel	Walking distance to Haeundae beach. <u>*Special rates are available by applying the discount code.</u>	~70 USD	http://www.centralhotel.kr/#
Haeundae Marianne Hotel	5-10 min by walking Excellent accessibility: Bus stop located directly in front of the hotel. <u>*Special rates are available by applying the discount code</u>	~42 USD	http://www.mariannehotel.co.kr/#

Paradise Hotel Busan	1-2 min by walking A 5-Star luxury hotel featuring direct beach access. Ocean view-spa, and a foreigner- only casino.	~205 USD	https://www.busanparadisehotel.co.kr/front
Ramada Encore by Wyndham Haeundae	10-15 min by walking International Brand Near subway station	~70 USD	https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ko-kr/ramada
Grand Josun Busan	3-5 min by walking 5-star luxury hotel with direct beach access Walking distance to Haeundae beach. Features modern facilities, an infinity pool, and premium dining.	~165 USD	https://gjb.josunhotel.com/main.do
Felix by STX Hotel & Suite	10-15 min by walking Near subway station	~70 USD	https://www.felixbystx.com/
Shilla Stay Haeundae	15 min by walking 4-star business hotel Walking distance to Haeundae beach	~95 USD	https://www.shillahotels.com/mbl/index.do
Busan Yeongmu Parade Hotel Haeundae Beach	5 min by walking Pet friendly Walking distance to Haeundae beach	~265 USD	https://ymparade.kr
Toyoko Inn Busan Haeundae	15 min by walking 5-7 mins walk to Haeundae Beach Budget-friendly Japanese chain hotel	~55 USD	https://www.toyoko-inn.com/korea/search/detail/00256/



- **Accommodation Reservation Guide for IIOE-2 special rates**

Special rates are available for conference participants at **Haeundae Central Hotel** and **Marianne Hotel**. Please use the specific link and promotion code below to make a reservation.

You need to check dates starting from **15th, March to see the discounted rates.*



RESERVATION

- **Hotel Information and Reservation Links**

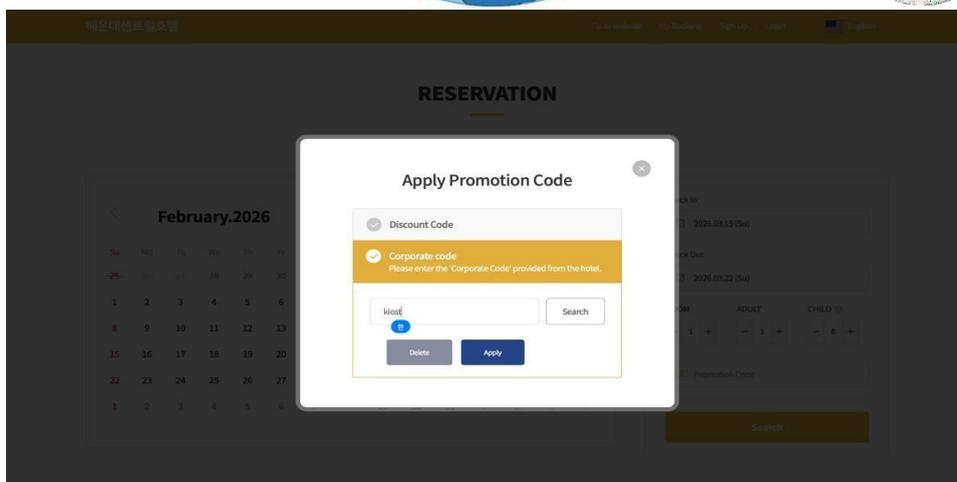
Haeundae Central Hotel (Main):

Central Hotel reservation page → Click Here
<https://be4.wingsbooking.com/MARIANNEC1111>

Haeundae Marianne Hotel : Haeundae Marianne Hotel reservation page → Click Here
<https://be4.wingsbooking.com/HMA1>

- **How to book (Special Rate)**

- ① **Access the Link** : Visit the reservation link and change the language setting to English.
- ② **Select Options**: Choose your reservation dates and the number of rooms.
- ③ **Input Code**: Click "Promotion Code→Corporate code" and enter the promotion code [kiost]
- ④ **Apply**: Click Search, then select Apply to proceed with the special rate.
- ⑤ **Complete Reservation**: Follow the instructions to finalize your booking.
- ⑥ **Payment**: Credit cards accepted.



11. Transport

Suggested travel routes from Incheon International Airport (ICN) to Haeundae, Busan.
(The prices are subject to change without notice)

Airport Name	Note
Incheon International Airport (ICN)	The main international airport in South Korea, where most international flights arrive.
Gimpo International Airport (GMP)	Located closer to downtown Seoul, mainly serving domestic flights (including flights to Busan) and a few short-haul international routes.
Gimhae International Airport (PUS)	The main airport for Busan and the southeastern region of Korea, handling both domestic and international flights. It is the closest airport to Haeundae, about 1 hour by bus or taxi.

- **Option 1: Domestic Flight via Gimpo Airport**

Route	Transportation	Duration/Fare
Incheon Airport (ICN) Gimpo Airport (PUS)	Airport Limousine Bus or AREX Airport Express Train	Approx. 40 minutes / Around KRW 5,000 – 10,000
Gimpo Airport (GMP) Gimhae Airport(PUS)	Domestic flight	Approx. 1 hour / Around KRW 50,000 – 120,000 *Depending on airline and

		booking time
Gimhae Airport (PUS) Haeundae, Busan	Limousine bus (Haeundae hot spring sageori station), Busan subway (Line 2, Haeundae station), or taxi	Approx. 60 minutes / Bus: KRW 7,000 – 10,000 Taxi: KRW 30,000 – 40,000

- **Option 2: High-speed Train (KTX)**

Route	Transportation	Duration/Fare
Incheon Airport (ICN) Seoul Station	Airport Limousine Bus or AREX Airport Express Train	Approx. 60 minutes / Around KRW 9,500 – 10,000
Seoul Station Busan Station	KTX high-speed train	Approx. 3 hour / Around KRW 60,000 – 80,000 *KORAIL official mobile app (“Korail Talk” or “Korail App”) KORAIL website: www.letskorail.com
Busan Station Haeundae, Busan	Subway (Line 1→2) / Taxi	Approx. 4~50 minutes / Subway: KRW 1,500 – 2,000 Taxi: KRW 20,000 – 30,000

- **Useful Tips for First Time visitors to South Korea**

- **Transportation Card:** You can use rechargeable transportation cards such as **T-money or Cashbee**, which are valid on almost all buses and subways nationwide. Cash and **credit cards** are also accepted, but transportation cards are the most convenient option
- **Taxi Tips**
Most taxis accept credit cards, and the Kakao & T-map app is the easiest way.
- **Name and address in Korean**
Show below Korean address to your taxi driver or when asking for directions.

- Venue name in Korean: 해운대 센트럴 호텔
- Venue address in Korean: 부산 해운대구 해운대해변로 298번길 33
- Subway station name near venue in Korean: 해운대역
- Limousine bus station name near venue in Korean: 해운대 온천 사거리역

Map (Limousine bus station to the venue)



Map (Haeundae subway station to the venue)



12. Invitation Letter

The delegates who require an invitation letter for visa purposes are kindly requested to contact the local organizer at the email address below.

Dr. Sujin Kang (KIOST): sjkang@kiost.ac.kr

13. Exchange rates

On January 10, 2026, 1 USD = ~ 1,457.33 South Korean Won (SKW)

14. Visa

Visa Requirements for Entry to the Republic of Korea.

15. Visa-Free Entry

Nationals from 112 Countries may enter Korea without a visa for short-term visits (usually up to 90 days), depending on their nationality.

- **K-ETA (Korea Electronic Travel Authorization)**

Travelers from visa-waiver countries must apply for K-ETA before

- Apply online at www.k-eta.go.kr
- Processing time: usually within 24 hours
- Fee: KRW 10,000 (approx. USD 9-10)
- Validity: 2 years (multiple entry)

- **Visa Required**

Nationals of countries not eligible for visa-free entry of K-ETA must apply for a visa at the Korean Embassy or Consulate in their home country before traveling.

Required documents typically include an invitation letter from the local organization.

- **Important Notes**

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry.

No	K-ETA	Country	Allow period of Stay
1	○	Albania	30 Days
2	○	Andorra	
3		Angola	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
4	○	Antigua & Barbuda	30 Days
5	○	Argentina	30 Days

6	<input type="radio"/>	Armenia	30 Days
7	<input type="radio"/>	Australia	
8	<input type="radio"/>	Austria	30 Days
9		Azerbaijan	30 Days
10	<input type="radio"/>	Bahamas	
11	<input type="radio"/>	Bahrain	30 Days
12		Bangladesh	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
13	<input type="radio"/>	Barbados	
14		Belarus	30 Days
15	<input type="radio"/>	Belgium	90 Days
16	<input type="radio"/>	Bosnia and Herzegovina	90 Days
17	<input type="radio"/>	Botswana	
18	<input type="radio"/>	Brazil	90 Days
19	<input type="radio"/>	Brunei Darussalam	30 Days
20	<input type="radio"/>	Bulgaria	90 Days
21		Burundi	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
22		Cambodia	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
23	<input type="radio"/>	Canada	
24	<input type="radio"/>	Chile	90 Days
25		China	Visa Required (Short-term visa needed, some exceptions for diplomatic/service passport)
26		Colombia (Diplomatic passport, Duty, Regular)	Visa Required (for ordinary passport), Exempt for diplomatic/service passports
27	<input type="radio"/>	Costa Rica	90 Days
28	<input type="radio"/>	Croatia	90 Days
29		Cuba	Visa Required (C-3 up to 90 Days)
30	<input type="radio"/>	Cyprus	
31	<input type="radio"/>	Czech	90 Days
32	<input type="radio"/>	Denmark	
33	<input type="radio"/>	Dominica	

34	<input type="radio"/>	Ecuador	90 Days
35		Egypt	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
36	<input type="radio"/>	El Salvador	90 Days
37		England (Diplomatic passport)	90 Days
38	<input type="radio"/>	Estonia	
39	<input type="radio"/>	Eswatini	
40		Ethiopia	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
41	<input type="radio"/>	Fiji	120 Days
42		Filipina	30 Days
43	<input type="radio"/>	Finland	90 Days
44	<input type="radio"/>	France	90 Days
45		Georgia	60 Days
46	<input type="radio"/>	Germany	
47	<input type="radio"/>	Greece	90 Days
48	<input type="radio"/>	Grenada	
49	<input type="radio"/>	Guam	
50	<input type="radio"/>	Guatemala	
51		Guinea Equatorial	Visa Required
52	<input type="radio"/>	Guyana	90 Days
53	<input type="radio"/>	Haiti	
54	<input type="radio"/>	Holy See	
55	<input type="radio"/>	Honduras	
56	<input type="radio"/>	Hongkong	
57	<input type="radio"/>	Hungarian	90 Days
58	<input type="radio"/>	Iceland	
59		India	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
60		Iran	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
61	<input type="radio"/>	Ireland	
62	<input type="radio"/>	Israel	
63	<input type="radio"/>	Italia	90 Days

64	<input type="radio"/>	Jamaica	
65	<input type="radio"/>	Japan	90 Days
66		Jordan	30 Days
67	<input type="radio"/>	Kazakhstan	30 Days
68	<input type="radio"/>	Kiribati	
69	<input type="radio"/>	Kuwait	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
70		Kyrgyzstan	30 Days
71		Laos	30 Days
72	<input type="radio"/>	Latvia	
73	<input type="radio"/>	Lesotho	
74	<input type="radio"/>	Liechtenstein	
75	<input type="radio"/>	Lithuania	90 Days
76	<input type="radio"/>	Luxemburg	90 Days
77	<input type="radio"/>	Macau	
78		Makedonia	90 Days
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80	<input type="radio"/>	Marchall Island	
81	<input type="radio"/>	Mauritius	
82	<input type="radio"/>	Melta	
83	<input type="radio"/>	Mexico	90 Days
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85		Moldova	90 Days
86	<input type="radio"/>	Monaco	
87		Mongolia	90 Days
88	<input type="radio"/>	Montenegro	90 Days
89	<input type="radio"/>	Morocco	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
90		Mozambique	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
91		Myanmar	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
92	<input type="radio"/>	Nauru	
93	<input type="radio"/>	Netherland	90 Days

94	<input type="radio"/>	New caledonia	
95	<input type="radio"/>	New Zealand	
96	<input type="radio"/>	Nicaragua	90 Days
97		Niger	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
98		North Korea	Visa Required
99	<input type="radio"/>	Norway	90 Days
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101		Pakistan	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
102	<input type="radio"/>	Palau	
103	<input type="radio"/>	Panama	90 Days
104	<input type="radio"/>	Paraguay	90 Days
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107	<input type="radio"/>	Portugal	90 Days
108	<input type="radio"/>	Qatar	30 Days
109		Republic of Mauritius	90 Days
110	<input type="radio"/>	Romania	90 Days
111	<input type="radio"/>	Russia	60 Days (within 90 days)
112	<input type="radio"/>	Saint Kitts & Nevis	30 Days
113	<input type="radio"/>	Saint Lucia	
114	<input type="radio"/>	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
115	<input type="radio"/>	San marino	
116	<input type="radio"/>	Saudi Arabia	
117		Senegal	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
118	<input type="radio"/>	Serbia	90 Days
119	<input type="radio"/>	Seychelles	
120	<input type="radio"/>	Singapore	90 Days
121	<input type="radio"/>	Slovakia	90 Days
122	<input type="radio"/>	Slovenia	90 Days

123	<input type="radio"/>	Solomon Islands	30 Days
124	<input type="radio"/>	South Africa	30 Days
125	<input type="radio"/>	Spain	
126		Sri Lanka	90 Days
127	<input type="radio"/>	Suriname (paspor diplomatik, dinas, biasa)	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
128	<input type="radio"/>	Sweden	
129	<input type="radio"/>	Swiss	90 Days
130	<input type="radio"/>	Taiwan	
131		Tajikistan	Visa Required (up to 90 Days with C-3 Visa)
132	<input type="radio"/>	Thailand	90 Days
133		Timor Leste	30 Days
134	<input type="radio"/>	Tonga	
135	<input type="radio"/>	Trinidad and Tobago	
136	<input type="radio"/>	Tunisia	
137		Tunisia	90 Days
138	<input type="radio"/>	Turkey	90 Days
139	<input type="radio"/>	Tuvalu	
140		Ukraine	90 Days
141	<input type="radio"/>	United Arab Emirates	90 Days
142	<input type="radio"/>	United Kingdom	
143	<input type="radio"/>	Uruguay	90 Days
144	<input type="radio"/>	Venezuela	90 Days
145		Vietnam	90 Days

16. Other general information:

Weather: General Info on the Weather Conditions may be obtained through the web