



13TH MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

(Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th June 2019)

Batumi, Adjara Region, (Georgia)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



VENUE

Address of the meeting venue:

Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University

Ninoshvili/Rustaveli str. 35/32

6010 BATUMI / Georgia



WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language will be English.

REGISTRATION

Participants are requested to return the participation form by 31st May 2019 for the attention of:

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VISA

All participants must hold a valid passport or ID to enter Georgia. Here is the list of countries whose citizens may enter Georgia without visa:

 EU States	 Botswana	 Holy See	 Moldova	 Seychelles
 Albania	 Brazil	 Honduras	 Monaco	 Singapore
 Andorra	 British Dependent Territories ⁽¹⁾	 Iceland	 Montenegro	 South Africa
 Antigua and Barbuda	 British Overseas Territories ⁽²⁾	 Iran (45 days)	 Netherlands Territories ⁽³⁾	 South Korea
 Argentina	 Brunei	 Israel	 New Zealand	 Switzerland
 Armenia	 Canada	 Japan	 Norway	 Tajikistan
 Australia	 Chile (90/180 days)	 Kazakhstan	 Oman	 Thailand
 Azerbaijan	 Colombia	 Kuwait	 Panama	 Turkey
 Bahamas	 Costa Rica	 Kyrgyzstan	 Qatar	 Turkmenistan
 Bahrain	 Denmark Territories ⁽³⁾	 Lebanon	 Russia	 Ukraine
 Barbados	 Dominican Republic	 Liechtenstein	 Saint Vincent and Grenadines	 United Arab Emirates
 Belarus	 Ecuador	 Malaysia	 San Marino	 United States of America
 Belize	 El Salvador	 Mauritius	 Saudi Arabia	 Uruguay (90days)
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	 French Republic Territories ⁽⁴⁾	 Mexico	 Serbia	 Uzbekistan
 Jordan				

Detailed information about visa requirements can be found at: <https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/en/visaInformation>. If you need a visa, please visit the e-visa portal: <https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

TRANSPORTATION

Batumi airport is the most suitable one for reaching Batumi. It is located about 8 km from the meeting venue.

➤ Taxi:

The city taxi rank is located outside the arrival lounge, it will cost around 15-25 GEL (about 6-9 €) from airport to the hotel.

➤ Bus:

Batumi municipal bus No10 has a fixed route: Airport-Batumi Centre. Bus stop is in front of the terminal and it takes 20 minute for a bus to get to the city centre. The travel fee is about 1 Gel.

ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATION

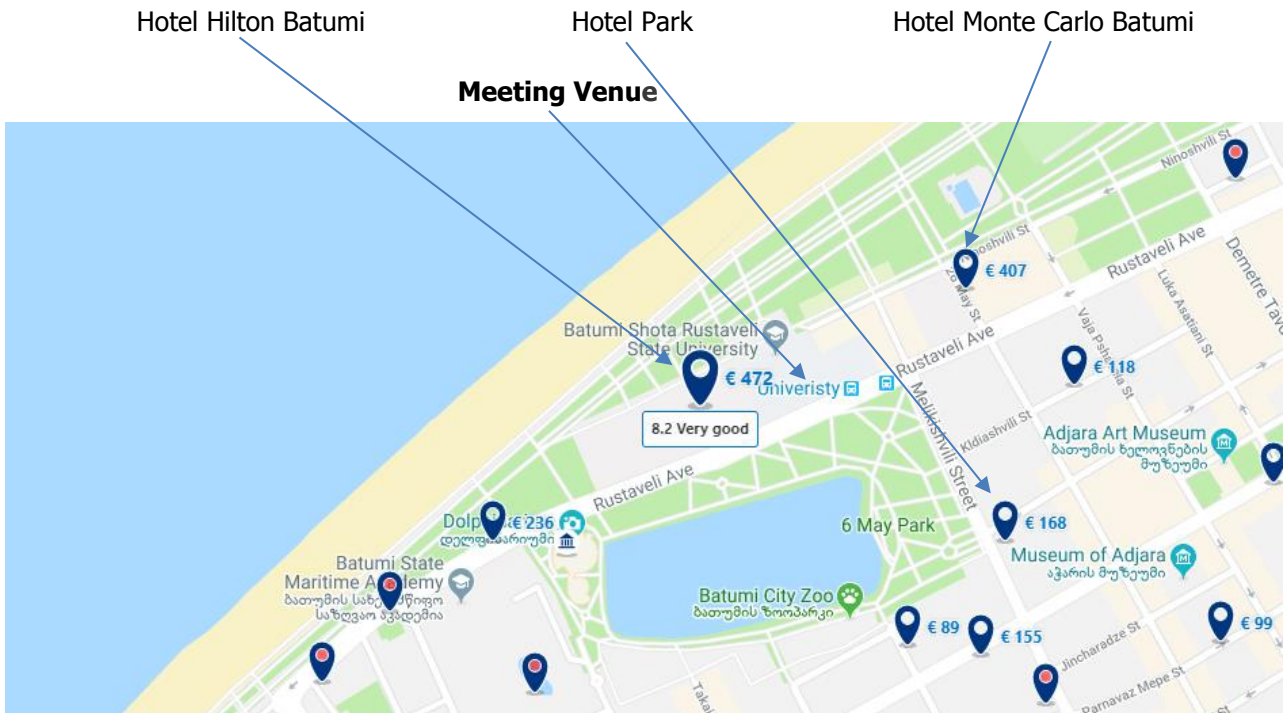
There are a few hotels located near the meeting venue The following hotels are suggested:

➤ Hotel Hilton Batumi

40, Rustaveli Avenue, 6010 BATUMI, Georgia

Tel: +995-422-222299. Website: <https://www3.hilton.com>

- Hotel Monte Carlo Batumi
Ninoshvili Avenue 23A, 6000 BATUMI, Georgia
Website: [here](#)
- Hotel Park
Melikishvili Street 31, 6001 BATUMI, Georgia
Website: [here](#)



CURRENCY

The Georgian Lari (GEL) is the currency of Georgia. The present change rate is
1 GEL = 0.33 €.

FIELD TRIP

A field trip will take place in the afternoon of Tuesday 25th June 2019. Departure is foreseen after the closure of the meeting (after lunch) on 25 June and a return around 7pm.

Participants can choose between the two field trip options kindly proposed by the host country. Participants are kindly requested to indicate, at the time of registration at the meeting, the field trip they choose to attend, in order to facilitate organisational work:

Option 1: Mtirala National Park

Mtirala National Park is located in the south-western part of Caucasus, Lesser Caucasus, the extreme western part of Achara-Imereti range, on Kobuleti-Chaqvi range near the Black Sea. Its total area is 15698.8 ha. Mtirala NP is located between Municipalities of Kobuleti, Khelvachauri and Qeda. There are exhibition and presentation halls in visitors center where visitors have the opportunity to become familiar with the specifics of the National Park, services, tariffs and chose the desired option. The rich flora and fauna, but also landscape features of the place should not be missed.



Option 2: Kobuleti Managed Reserve

Kobuleti Protected Areas (Kobuleti State Reserve and Managed Reserve) was established to save the unique waterfowl habitat wetland ecosystems of international importance, as natural heritage of high values, which have been recognized by the Ramsar Convention. The mentioned wetlands are located in Achara autonomous republic and include north-eastern part of Kobuleti coastal plain and are distinguished by diversity of birds and plants.

Kobuleti Protected Areas is an important habitat for migrating, nesting and wintering water bird species. Existing species are great interest of botanists: the white sphagnum moss and carnivorous drosera.

Kobuleti Protected Areas include sphagnum peat of Ispani 1 - and Ispani, with arranged trails where visitors can carry out educational-scientific tours. Visitors center is combined into administrative building. It is also possible to rent skis and walk along sphagnum peat.

