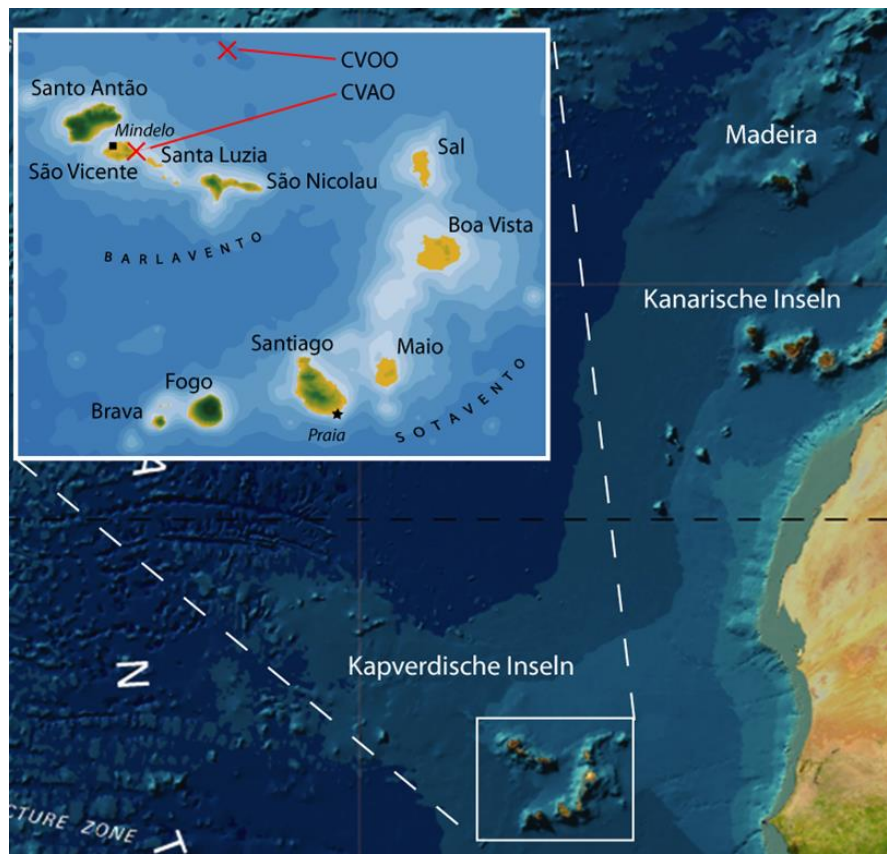




## TRAVEL INFORMATION SHEET

### MINDELO – CABO VERDE



#### LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

##### **Currency:**

The Cabo Verdean Escudo (CVE) is the official national currency with coupled fixed exchange rate with the Euro (1 € = 110,265 \$). For other foreign currencies, please look up the current exchange rates. VISA and MASTERS credit cards are accepted in many places in Cabo Verde and where displayed with an emblem at the entrance. There are various ATMs at the airport and distributed over city centre.

##### **Visa:**

Please note that a visa is required for entering Cabo Verde. ECOWAS member country citizens do not need a visa. Your passport must have a validity of six months subsequent to the day of departure. If this is not the case, please renew your passport as quickly as possible as this may take several weeks. For detailed information, please get into contact with your nearest or local Consulate or Embassy of the Republic of Cape Verde. GEOMAR or CAU participants may please get back to Ms. Cordula Zenk [czenk@geomar.de](mailto:czenk@geomar.de)



### **Arriving by plane:**

- If you receive funding from GEOMAR/INDP for your air fare, the organizers will take care of your bookings. If you travel independently and on your own funds please find the following information:
- Airport destination: Cesária Evora International Airport (VXE) on the Island of São Vicente, Rep. of Cabo Verde: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ces%C3%A1ria\\_%C3%89vora\\_Airport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ces%C3%A1ria_%C3%89vora_Airport)
- General note: Direct flight connections to the Island of São Vicente do exist but not daily. Best connections are available via Lisbon with TAP, Amsterdam with KLM or Paris with TACV (Cabo Verdean Airline). Sometimes, a further stopover via Praia (Capital, Island of Santiago) or Sal (most northeastern island) is included. From Dakar, there are connections three times a week to the capital of Praia. From the Canary Islands, the airline Binter CV offers direct flights on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.
- With TAP, direct flights from Lisbon to Mindelo are available on Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. and Sat. in the morning (09:25-12:45), outgoing again from Mindelo to Lisbon on the same days in the afternoon (13:35 - 18:30). Connections to and from Lisbon need to be studied depending of point of departure/arrival. An overnight stay in Lisbon may sometimes be necessary.
- Fares can differ a lot depending from the country of departure. From Africa and Europe, flights range from about € 600.00 to € 1,300.00, from North or South America fares range between 1,200 to 2,000 euros.

### **Transportation:**

- For the majority of participants arriving in groups at Cesária Int. Airport, pick-up services will be provided. If you want to stay independent of other groups, please follow further information given:
- Hotel pick-up service from/to airport: Most hotels offer a pick-up service from and to the airport. Please contact the reservation desk at your chosen hotel.
- Public transportation to and from the airport is not given, but taxis are a common means and easy accessible.
- Taxis: easily recognizable by their white color. The daily fare for a taxi ride is 150 CVE, the nightly fare is 180 CVE independent from the distances you take as long as you remain in the city of Mindelo. A taxi fare at daytime or nighttime from or to the airport is 1000 CVE. Euros are accepted in bills, for small amounts people appreciate exact change in the local currency CVE.
- Public transport: Public transport, consisting of small busses, is available and very cheap but usually limited to Mindelo. Only during weekends in the summer busses will go to Calhau and Baía das Gatas.
- Aluguer: For trips over the Island, minibuses or communal taxis called “Aluguer” can be booked with up to 8 people. Prices depend on the time and distances and need to be fixed with the driver before beginning the tour. Aluguers can be found at Praça Estrela in Mindelo:  
<https://www.openstreetmap.org/search?query=praca%20estrela%20mindelo%20cabo%20verde#map=19/16.88362/-24.98915>



### **Accommodation:**

- Hotel accommodation will be taken care of by the organizers for participants receiving funding via GEOMAR/INDP, ICAWA or PREFACE. Group bookings have been made at different locations.
- For participants arriving independently and on own funds, we provide a choice of hotels with a favorable discount.

**For this purpose, please proceed with your bookings under the reservation code: “International Marine & Atmospheric Workshop” (first come first serve):**

- **Casa Café Mindelo:** <http://www.casacafemindelo.com/>; Contact, e-mail: [casacafemindelo@gmail.com](mailto:casacafemindelo@gmail.com); Tel.: (+238) 5952676 / 2313735 / 9715457
    - 1 double standard room: Single use: CVE 4,000.00 (€ 36.30); Double use: CVE 5,500.00 (€ 49.90), + € 2.00 tourist tax per night, breakfast included
    - 1 king deluxe room for up to 3 people. Single use: CVE 4,500.00 (€ 40.80); Double use: 7,500.00 (€ 68.00); triple use: CVE 9,000.00 (€ 81.60), + € 2.00 tourist tax per night, , breakfast included
    - 2 deluxe double rooms: Single use: CVE 4,750.00 (€ 43.00); Double use: 6500.00 (€ 59.00), + € 2.00 tourist tax per night, , breakfast included
  - **Café Royal Suites;** Contact: Vicente Alonso: [vicentealons007@yahoo.es](mailto:vicentealons007@yahoo.es)
    - 5 double apartments (double or single use), € 40.00 + € 2.00 tourist tax = 42.00 €, breakfast included
    - 5 double bedrooms (double or single use), € 45.00 + € 2.00 tourist tax = 47.00 €, breakfast included
  - **Residencial Alto Fortim:** <http://www.altofortim.com/>; Contact: Mr. Didier Jeanne, Tel.: (+238) 232 69 38, E-mail: [altofortim@hotmail.com](mailto:altofortim@hotmail.com)
    - 2 single rooms with bath room and ocean view. Single or double use, € 33.00 + € 2.00 tourist tax + € 4.00 breakfast (€39,00)
    - 2 triple bedrooms, equipped with a double bed and a single bed, bath room and ocean view. Single, double or triple use, € 43.00 + € 2.00 tourist tax + € 4.00 breakfast (€ 49,00)
    - 1 triple bedroom with 3 single beds, bathroom and balcony. Single, double or triple use € 53.00 + € 2.00 tourist tax + € 4.00 breakfast (€ 59,00)
  - **Residencial Beleza:** <http://rsbeleza.com/>; Contact: Ana Tolentino: [reservations@rsbeleza.com](mailto:reservations@rsbeleza.com); Tel.: (+238) 232- 4094 or - 4096
    - 10 standard rooms “Laginha”: CVE 2.900 + CVE 220 tourist tax (€ 28,30), breakfast included
    - 5 Apartments “Monte”: CVE 4.100 + 220 tourist tax, single or double use (€39,20), breakfast included
- If any questions or problems with the above offered selections do occur, please do not hesitate to contact the organizers: [int.workshop@oscm.cv](mailto:int.workshop@oscm.cv)





- Apart from the offered hotels, you may find further charming and reasonably priced pensions or private accommodation in the city centre of Mindelo (max. 15-20 min walking distance from the OSCM). Please search common online travel sites for Mindelo, Cabo Verde.
- Standards in hotels are quite high and often European standard.
- The hotel rates usually include breakfast. Tourist tax is 2.00 € per person per night.

### **Meals:**

If not provided for during the conference, please find the following information:

- Breakfast is usually included with your hotel reservation. There are some places that already open in the morning hours around 09:00 am that also offer breakfast (i.e. Café Mindelo, Dokas etc.).
- For lunch, you'll find some smaller restaurants close by or a good variety in the city centre.
- For dinner, we recommend various restaurants in Mindelo. Food is fresh and not very costly (approx. 10.00 EUR).

## **OSCM Conference & Meeting Room Facilities**

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### **Conference / Seminar Rooms**

The OSCM provides a larger conference room with technical equipment which can be split up into two smaller units. Each unit is made for 30 people, and 60 in total. The partner INDP has a large auditorium for a max. of 120 people and an additional seminar room.

### **Office Space**

The OSCM offers several offices, with 14 extra desks. In the offices you will find internet connection, but no PCs nor laptops, so please bring your own.

### **Poster Stands/Exhibition Space**

Poster stands will be available at the OSCM. The OSCM has a large entrance corridor where exhibits and posters can be presented. Conference rooms or the main central hall can be used likewise.

### **Social Room & Lounge**

The OSCM has a social area and a lounge where a small kitchenette for self-service can be found as well as internet access.



## **INDP Conference & Meeting Room Facilities**

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### **Auditorium**

The INDP offers a large auditorium for up to 100 + 20 people, equipped with beamer, screen and audio technique.

### **Seminar Room**

In addition, a seminar room is available for up to 35 people, also offering the possibility for presentations and discussion rounds.

### **Library**

Upon request, INDP can provide a library where you can also find good internet access. The room offers seats for up to 15 people.

## **Health Issues**

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General information on health issues can be accessed via:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/cape-verde>

Or at the German Federal Foreign Office:

<http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/00-SiHi/CaboVerdeSicherheit.html>

### **Vaccination:**

Most vaccinations for Cabo Verde are not obligatory, however vaccinations or an update of the usual childhood-diseases and hepatitis are recommended. If travelling from a yellow fever country, a certificate is required.

### **Hygiene and water-borne diseases:**

Standards in hotels are quite high and often European like. However, when travelling the first time, it is recommended to stick to the following basic rules when touring Mindelo or visiting restaurants:

- Wash hands
- Cook it or peel it
- Buy sealed bottled water for drinking
- Carry a small travel pharmacy against gastrointestinal disorders



**Site visits in Mindelo and on and from the Island of São Vicente**

A field trip with site visits to the Atmospheric Observatory and the RV Islandia will be offered during the International Workshop.

Please find a summary of interesting places in and around Mindelo and the Island of Sao Vicente, if you like to head out on your own:



**City of Mindelo**



Fish market in Mindelo



Porto Grande Harbor and RV Islândia



CVAO - Atmospheric Site at Calhau

**Islands of São Vicente:**



Monte Verde Mountain, 750 m high, with a view to neighboring islands



Shrimp Farm in Calhau (Inauguration in 2017)





### **Santo Antão:**



The neighboring Island of Santo Antão can be reached by ferry daily with a 50 minutes trip back and forth. The island is very attractive for hiking along the crater “Cova”.

### **Further Information**

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#### **Climate:**

The archipelago has a semi-desert, sub-tropical mix of climates. The weather in Mindelo is generally dry and mild. In November the average day/night temperatures are 25°C/22°C (77°F/72°F).

#### **Voltage:**

In Cabo Verde the standard voltage is 230 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets used are European standard (Type C/F).

### **Contact Information**

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