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With a grant from the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service, WIDECAST has digitized the databases and proceedings of the **Western Atlantic Turtle Symposium (WATS)** with the hope that the revitalized documents might provide a useful historical context for contemporary sea turtle management and conservation efforts in the Western Atlantic Region.

With the stated objective of serving “as a starting point for the identification of critical areas where it will be necessary to concentrate all efforts in the future”, the first Western Atlantic Turtle Symposium convened in Costa Rica (17-22 July 1983), and the second in Puerto Rico four years later (12-16 October 1987). WATS I featured National Reports from 43 political jurisdictions; 37 presented at WATS II.

WATS I opened with these words: “The talks which we started today have the multiple purpose of bringing our knowledge up to date about the biological peculiarities of the marine turtle populations of the western Atlantic; to know and analyse the scope of the National Reports prepared by the scientific and technical personnel of more than thirty nations of the region; to consider options for the orderly management of marine turtle populations; and in general to provide an adequate forum for the exchange of experiences among scientists, administrators, and individuals interested in making contributions for the preservation of this important natural resource.”

A quarter-century has passed, and the results of these historic meetings have been lost to science and to a new generation of managers and conservationists. Their unique importance in providing baseline data remains unrecognized, and their potential as a “starting point” is neither known nor appreciated.

The proceedings document what was known at the time concerning the status and distribution of nesting and foraging habitat, population size and trend, mortality factors, official statistics on exploitation and trade, estimated incidental catch, employment dependent on turtles, mariculture operations, public and private institutions concerned with conservation and use, legal aspects (e.g. regulations, enforcement, protected areas), and active research projects. In most cases it was the first time a national sea turtle assessment had been conducted.

Despite the potential value of this information to agencies responsible for conducting stock assessments, monitoring recovery trends, and safeguarding critical habitat in the 21st century, the hand-written National Reports, largely illegible in the published proceedings, have slipped into obscurity. To help ensure the legacy of these symposia, we have digitized the entire proceedings, including the National Reports, plenary presentations and panels, and annotated bibliographies of both meetings, and posted them online at <http://www.widecast.org/What/RegionalPrograms.html>.

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## COUNTRY: HAITI

TABLE 1. GEOGRAPHIC INVENTORY	
Length of Coastline*	1,535 Km
Km <sup>2</sup> of Continental Shelf Area	5,000 Km
Seaward Extent of Jurisdictions	
Territorial Sea	
Extended Economic Zone	
Fisheries Jurisdiction	
Other (Describe)	
* Coastline length is the measurement of the national seaward boundary of a country; i.e., the distance from border to border for a coastal country and the distance around an island country.	

TABLE 3. NESTING BEACH INVENTORY			
List beaches in geographic sequence. Provide additional information on following page.			
Name of Beach	Length In Km	Species Nesting (use abbreviations)*	Months of Recorded Nesting
1. Anse-A-Pitre-Belle Anse	27	Cc; Cm; E	May 1981
2. Cayes Jacmel-Raymond	5	Cc; Cm	July 1981
3. Mayette-Côtes de Fer	2.5	Cm; E	July 1981
4. Côtes de Fer-Monillage	5	Cc; Cm	July-August
5. Les Cayes-St. Jean	10	Cc; E	August-September
6. Anse du Diable	4	Cc	July-August
7. Pointe A Gravois-Port Salut	5	Cc; E	August 1981
8. Baie de Caracol	6	Cm	July-August
9. Petite Anse	2	Cc; Cm	July-August
10. Anse à Chouchou	2	Cm; E	July-August
11. Foud Lagrange	4	Cc; Cm	July-August
Species*	Abbreviation		
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Cc		
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Cm		
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	D		
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E		
<i>Lepidochelys kempfi</i>	Lk		
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Lo		

TABLE 7. FORAGING AREAS INVENTORY			
Name of Area (or give coordinates)	Approx. Area (Km <sup>2</sup> )	Species Foraging (use abbreviations & approx. numbers)	Nature of Evidence (observation, fishery, incidental catch)
1. Caye Jacmel - Raymond	10	Cc; Cm	Fishery
2. Caye Jacmel - Raymond	10	Cc; Cm	Fishery
3. Pte a Gravois- Port Salut	10	Cc; E	Observation

Species	Abbreviation
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Cc
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Cm
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	D
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E
<i>Lepidochelys kempfi</i>	Lk
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Lo

Species	Month												Months of Greatest Activity
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
<i>Caretta caretta</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				July-August
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				July-August
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>													
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				July-August
<i>Lepidochelys kempfi</i>													
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>													

Name of Port or Site	Species Landed (use abbrev)	Fishing Gear Used	Months of Landings	Numbers & Weights (estimate)
1. Côtes de Fer	Cc; Cm	Nets	July-August	
2. Coridon	Cc	Trammel	June-July	
3. Raymond Les Bains	Cm; E	Nets,	July-August	
4. Port Salut	Cc; E	Nets, trammel	July-August	
Species	Abbreviation			
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Cc			
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Cm			
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	D			
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	E			
<i>Lepidochelys kempfi</i>	Lk			
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Lo			

<b>TABLE 12. TOTAL ANNUAL TURTLE LANDINGS IN NUMBERS</b>				
Do not include turtles caught incidental to other fishing operations (e.g., shrimp trawling)				
Species	1982	1981	1980	Method of Determination
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	328	382.02	72.45	Exportation of carapace
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	250.2	128	50	Exportation of carapace
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>				
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	241.6	70.20	64.45	Exportation of carapace
<i>Lepidochelys kempfi</i>				
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>				

<b>TABLE 19. SANCTUARIES AND REFUGES</b>			
Name and Location	Area Km <sup>2</sup>	Reason(s) for Protection	Type and effectiveness of Enforcement
Mayette-Fouquette		Over-exploitation	Coast Guard

<b>TABLE 20. REGULATORY AUTHORITY</b>			
Indicate all entities with statutory responsibilities (e.g., Fisheries Departments and Ministries, Police, Coast Guard, etc.)			
Name and Address of Organization	Budget Allocation to Turtles	No. of Staff Assigned to Turtles	Comments on Levels of Enforcement
DARNDR Damien Port au Prince Haiti		2	

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Country HAITI

Length of Coastline\* 1535 km

sq of Continental Shelf Area 5000 km

Seaward Extent of Jurisdiction:

Territorial Sea \_\_\_\_\_ km

Extended Economic Zone \_\_\_\_\_ km

Fisheries Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_ km

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_ km

TABLE 1. GEOMORPHIC INVENTORY

\* Coastline length is the measurement of the (median) seaward boundary of a country (i.e., the distance from border to border for a coastal country and the distance around an island country).

NAME OF BEACH	LENGTH IN KM	SPECIES NESTING (Use abbreviations)*	MONTHS OF RECORDED NESTING
1. <u>Beau de Dieu</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Cm</u>	<u>July - August</u>
2. <u>Petit Anse</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Ce, Cm</u>	<u>July - August</u>
3. <u>Anse aux Chèvres</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>E, Cm</u>	<u>July - August</u>
4. <u>Grand Largeage</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Cm, Ce</u>	<u>July - August</u>
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____

TABLE 2. NESTING BEACH INVENTORY  
List beaches in geographic sequence. Provide additional information on following page.

Species Abbreviations:  
Cc  
Ce  
Cm  
E  
Lc  
Ls

NAME OF BEACH	LENGTH IN KM	SPECIES NESTING (Use abbreviations)*	MONTHS OF RECORDED NESTING
1. <u>Anse à Pêche - Belle Anse</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>Ce, E, Cm</u>	<u>May 1981</u>
2. <u>Cayon-Juan-Peyronet</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Ce, Cm</u>	<u>July 1981</u>
3. <u>Houffte - Côté de l'Anse</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>Cm, E</u>	<u>July 1981</u>
4. <u>Côte de l'Anse - Miniville</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Cm, Ce</u>	<u>July - August</u>
5. <u>La Caye - St-Jean</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>E, Ce</u>	<u>August - September</u>
6. <u>Anse du Diabole</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>Ce</u>	<u>July - August</u>
7. <u>Plage de l'Anse - Port-Salé</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>E, Ce</u>	<u>August - 1981</u>
8. _____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____

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NAME OF BEACH (or give coordinates)	LENGTH IN KM	SPECIES NESTING (Use abbreviations approx. numbers)	NATURE OF EVIDENCE (Observation, fishery, incidental catch)
1. <u>Cayon-Juan-Peyronet</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Cm, Ce</u>	<u>Fishing</u>
2. <u>Côte de l'Anse - Miniville</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Cm, Ce</u>	<u>fishing</u>
3. <u>Pl. de l'Anse - Port-Salé</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>E, Ce</u>	<u>Observation</u>
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

Species Abbreviations:  
Cc  
Ce  
Cm  
E  
Lc  
Ls

TABLE 7. FRAGGING AREAS INVENTORY



SPECIES	MONTH												MONTHS OF GREATEST ACTIVITY
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
<i>Caretta caretta</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				July - August
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				July - August
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				July - August
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
<i>Lepidochelys kemel</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

TABLE 8. TURTLE SPECIES PRESENT ON FISHING AREAS. Please complete one of these tables for each of the areas identified in Table 7. Number each table as enumerated in Table 7 (7-1, 7-2, etc.).

NAME OF PORT OR SITE	SPECIES L'NOSED (Use abbrev.)	FISHING GEAR USED	MONTHS OF LANDINGS	NUMBERS & WEIGHTS (Estimate)
1. Cbs de fer	C, Ce	nets	Jul-Aug	
2. Coudon	Ce	trammels	Jun-Jul	
3. Poyard la baie	Cm, E	Nets	Jul-Aug	
4. Port-Salut	E, Ce	Nets, trammels	Jul-Aug	
5.				
6.				
7.				
8.				

TABLE 11. LANDING SITES FOR TURTLES & TURTLE PRODUCTS

Species Abbreviations:  
 Cc *Caretta caretta*  
 Cm *Chelonia mydas*  
 Ce *Eretmochelys imbricata*  
 Dc *Dermochelys coriacea*  
 E *Eretmochelys imbricata*  
 Lk *Lepidochelys kemel*  
 Lo *Lepidochelys olivacea*

NAME AND LOCATION	AREA km <sup>2</sup>	REASON (S) FOR PROTECTION	TYPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ENFORCEMENT
Mayotte - Fouquet		Deer Exploitation	Cont. Guard

TABLE 19. SANCTUARIES AND REFUGES

SPECIES	YEAR				METHOD OF DETERMINATION
	1982	1981	1980	1979	
<i>Caretta caretta</i>	320	382.82	72.45		Extrapolation of surface
<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	290.2	120	50		" "
<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>					" "
<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	241.6	70.2	64.45		" "
<i>Lepidochelys kemel</i>					" "
<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>					" "

TABLE 12. TOTAL ANNUAL TURTLE LANDINGS IN NUMBERS AND WEIGHTS (kg). Do not include turtles caught incidentally to other fishing operations (e.g., shrimp trawling).

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION	BUDGET ALLOCATION TO TURTLES	NO. OF STAFF ASSIGNED TO TURTLES	COMMENTS ON LEVELS OF ENFORCEMENT
DANIDA Division Port-au-Prince, HAITI		2	

TABLE 20. REGULATORY AUTHORITY. Indicate all entities with statutory responsibilities (e.g., Fisheries Departments and Ministries, Police, Coast Guard, etc.)