

**- 2008 Annual General Meeting -
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

**Meeting Room: 'LEATHERBACK SALON, Room 301'
La Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS)
Loreto, Baja California Sur, México
21-22 January 2008**

AGENDA

Monday, 21 January 2008

Session I: Welcome

09:00 Opening Remarks - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

09:10 Introductions

09:20 Announcements

- Meeting Secretary
- List of Participants
- Accommodations, transportation, meals
- Symposium registration / Other

Session II: Executive Director's Report

09:30 Executive Director's Report - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

10:00 **Session III: Country Reports**

Belize - *Linda Searle, Belize Sea Turtle Conservation Network*

British Virgin Islands - *Mervin Hastings, Marine Biologist, Conserv. Fisheries Dept.*

10:30 ~ Coffee Break ~

11:00 **St. Kitts-Nevis** - *Kimberly Stewart, Ross University*

Martinique - *Jean François Maillard, National Hunting and Wildlife Agency (ONCFS)*

Session IV: Invited Updates - Regional Programmes

11:30 **International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)** - *Kelvin Alie, Sea Turtle Team Leader, Wildlife and Habitat Protection Department*

11:45 **Mapping Seagrass and Assessing Seagrass Habitat's Level of Inclusion in Caribbean MPAs** - *Colette Wabnitz, University of British Columbia*

12:00 ~ **LUNCH** ~ [catered to the meeting room]

Special Interactive Presentation: Using OBIS-SEAMAP (Ocean Biogeographic Information System - Spatial Ecological Analysis of Megavertebrate Populations: <http://seamap.env.duke.edu/>), an Interactive Management Tool - *Wendy Dow, WIDECAST Staff Biologist*

13:30 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

Session V: Financing Conservation

14:00 **Developing and Submitting a Project Proposal** - *Michelle Pico and Thomas Barry, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation* *see attached schedule

15:30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

17:00 **Open Forum, New Business**

18:00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**



Thank you for joining us! Enjoy your evening 😊

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Tuesday, 22 January 2008

08:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

08:40 Introductions

08:50 Announcements

- Meeting Secretary
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Session VI: Country Reports

09:00 **French Guiana** - *Guillaume Feuillet, Association Kwata*

Guyana - *Michelle Kalamandeen, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*

09:30 **A New Approach to Evaluating the Effectiveness of Actions Taken to Protect Sea Turtle Nesting Grounds in Brazil** - *Gustave Lopez - Coordinator (Bahia), Fundação Pró-TAMAR*

10:00 **A New Sea Turtle Era in Cuba** - *Félix Moncada G., Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras (CIP)*

10:30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

11:00 **Creating Wealth and Supporting Conservation: Community Handicrafts in Costa Rica** - *Didiher Chacón C., WIDECAST Latin American Programme*

11:20 **Protecting Critical Habitat in Barbados: New Regulations for Needham's Point** -
Julia Horrocks, Barbados Sea Turtle Project

11:40 **Bycatch Reduction in the Coastal Gillnet Fishery in Trinidad** - *Scott Eckert,*
WIDECAST

12:00 ~ **LUNCH** ~ [catered to the meeting room]

**Special Interactive Presentation: "SCOUT" and the Development of
Conservation
Media for Youth** - *Dominique Vissenberg, Sint Maarten Nature Foundation*

13:30 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

Session VII: Regional Initiatives - Progress and Updates

14:00 **Sea Turtle Nest Predators in the Caribbean: Results of a Regional
Survey** - *Patrick Leighton and Donald Kramer, McGill University and Julia
Horrocks, University of the West Indies*

14:15 **Climate Change and Caribbean Sea Turtles** - *Scott Eckert, WIDECAST*

14:30 **Project GLoBAL: Caribbean Bycatch Assessment** - *Rhema Kerr Bjorkland, Center
for Marine Conservation, Duke University*

14:45 **STTRC: 'Sea Turtle Trauma Response Corps'** - *Kimberly Stewart, Ross University*

Session VIII: Working Groups - 2008-2009 Workplan Priorities

15:00 **Introduction and Objectives** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST*

15:15 - 16:45 **Working Groups** * *see attached list*

15:30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

17:00 **Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations**

17:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

*Thank you for joining us!
Enjoy the Symposium ☺*

WIDECAST Sea Turtle Project Planning

A Presentation by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

- 14:00 **Intro to NFWF and Sea Turtle Program**
- *Funding Cycle*
 - *History of Successful Projects*
- 14:15 **Importance of Project Planning**
- *Define your goals and potential threats to achieving your goals*
 - *What are the immediate project objectives to mitigate perceived threats to your goals?*
 - *What are key activities for implementation to achieve the objectives and goals you determined?*
 - *Walk-through exercise of strategies, threats, targets, goals and indicators*
- 15:15 **Outlining / 'Selling' your Plan [The Proposal]**
- *Establishing the conservation need/urgency/uniqueness of your project site*
 - *Reaching out to the funder (i.e. how does your project 'fit' with their conservation goals?)*
 - *Measuring and monitoring your progress (i.e. how do you intend on demonstrating progress / successful achievement of your objectives?)*
 - *Developing an overall (long-term) strategy*
 - *Budgeting*
 - *Determining who's on your team*
 - *Doing your homework (e.g. what are other groups doing, and how does your project relate to the conservation plans of other groups doing similar work?)*
 - *Communicating your results*
 - *Preparing to submit (i.e. proofreading proposal; save, copy and distribute [to other, different funders])*
- 15:45 **The NFWF Application [LogFrame]**
- *Application components; how they relate to topics above*
 - *What happens after submission*
 - *Things to consider 'post-award'*
- 16:45 **Wrap-Up and Questions**
- *Open Forum (Q&A)*
 - *Resources: Funding finders like Foundation Center (foundationcenter.org) can help by providing access to extensive databases of grantmakers and their priorities, as well as funding trends to provide the best opportunity for being successfully funded.*

2008 WIDECAST Annual General Meeting WORKING GROUPS

Working Group I: International Hawksbill Trade

Chair: José Urteaga, FFI, Nicaragua

Members: Felix Moncada G. (Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras, Cuba); Marydele Donnelly (Caribbean Conservation Corporation, USA)

Working Group II: Outreach and Education

Chair: Dominique Vissenberg (Nature Foundation, Sint Maarten)

Members: Janice Blumenthal (Department of Environment, Cayman Islands); Patrick Leighton (McGill University / Barbados); Anand Ramanathan (IFAW International); Joana Hancock (WIDECAST - Costa Rica); Mark Outerbridge (Bermuda Turtle Project)

Working Group III: "Turtle Watching" - Promoting Best Practices

Chair: Karen Eckert, WIDECAST

Members: Julia Horrocks (Barbados Sea Turtle Project); Linda Searle (Belize Sea Turtle Conservation Network); Emma Harrison (Caribbean Conservation Corporation, Costa Rica); Seth Stapleton (RoSTI, Dominica); Rhema Kerr Bjorkland (Project GloBAL, Jamaica); Cathi Campbell (Wildlife Conservation Society, Nicaragua); Kimberly Stewart (St Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network); Angela Ramsey (Tobago House of Assembly, Trinidad and Tobago)

Working Group IV: Alternative Livelihoods

Chair: Didiher Chacon, WIDECAST

Members: Michelle Kalamandeen, Romeo DeFreitas and Audley James (Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society); Marie-Louise Felix (WWF-Guianas); Mabel Nava (Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire); Peter Pritchard (Chelonian Research Institute, USA); Stephen Dunbar (ProTECTOR, Honduras)

Working Group V: Index Beach Monitoring

Chair: Wendy Dow, WIDECAST

Members: Claudio Quesada (WIDECAST Costa Rica); Barry Krueger (Barbados Sea Turtle Project); Gustavo Lopez (TAMAR, Brazil); Julia Azanza R. (Universidad de la Habana); Yolanda León, Universidad INTEC, D.R.); Blanca González (CINVESTAV-IPN, Mexico), Alberto Abreu (UNAM, Mexico); Cynthia Lagueux (Wildlife Conservation Society, Nicaragua); Cristina Ordoñez E. (CCC, Panama); Carlos Diez (DNER, Puerto Rico)