

2002 Annual General Meeting
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)
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Executive Director's Report



Member Countries of WIDECAST

- 29 Sovereign states
- Territories and Departments of U.K., U.S., France and The Netherlands

WIDECAST Country Coordinators are drawn from Government and non – Governmental sectors

WIDECAST's MISSION

“Our collective goal is to realize a future where all inhabitants of the Wider Caribbean Region, human and sea turtle alike, can live together in balance”

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WIDECAST NETWORK ARE INTERLINKED WITH INTERNATIONAL / DOMESTIC AND LOCAL SEA TURTLE MANAGEMENT

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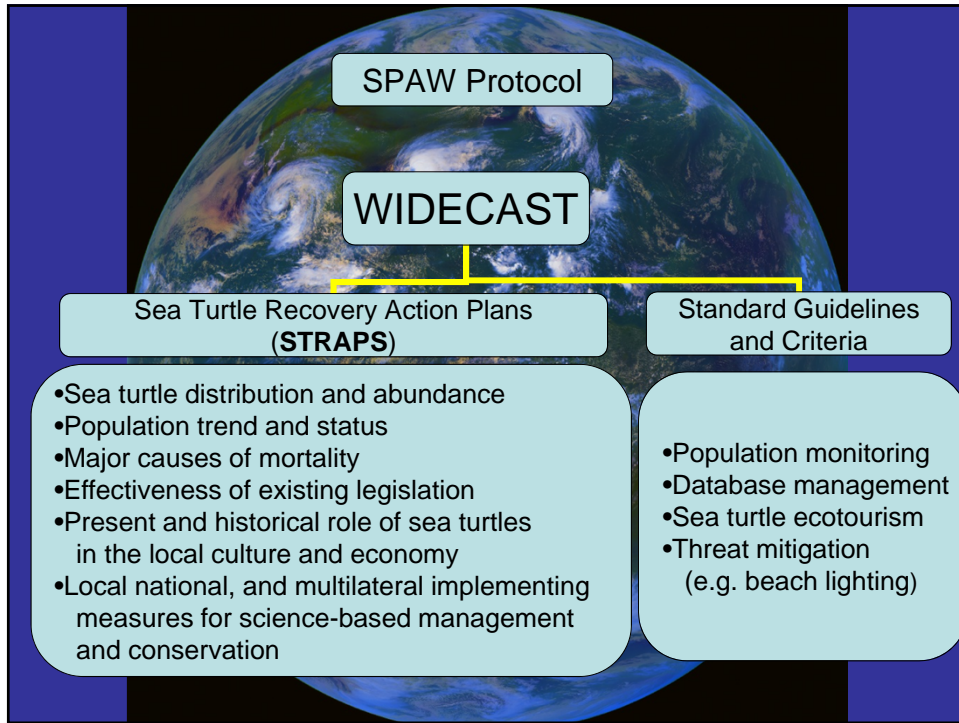


United Nations Environment Programme
(**UNEP**)

Caribbean Environment Programme
(**CEP**)

Convention for the Protection and Development
of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region
(**Cartagena Convention**)

Protocol for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife
(**SPAW Protocol**)



WIDECAST ACTIVITIES

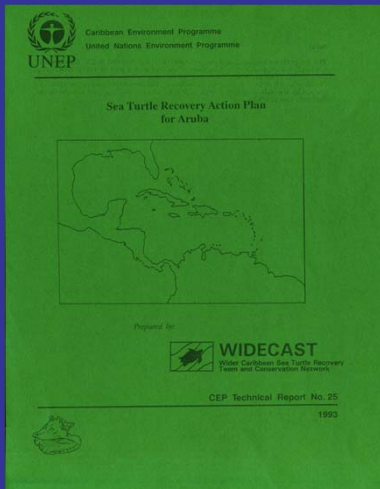
- Field research and conservation
- Management / policy
 - Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plans
 - Recommendations (national, regional)
 - ‘Best Practices’ / standard guidelines
- Training and capacity building
- Environmental ed / public awareness
- Fund-raising

Field research and conservation

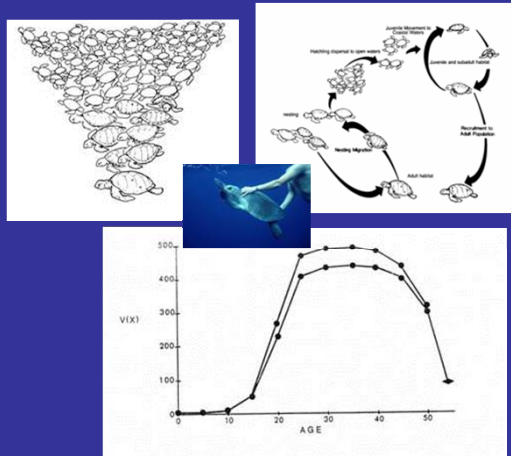


Resource management

Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plans (STRAPs)



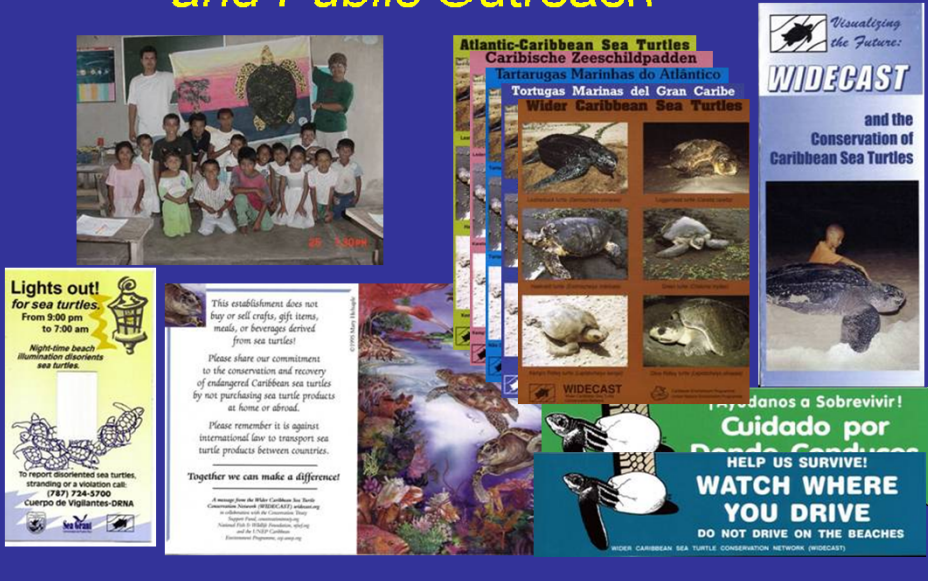
Recommendations and guidelines for management policy



Training Programs



Environmental Education and Public Outreach



Fundraising

Since 1997, WIDECAS**T** has raised more than \$1,000,000 in direct grants for sea turtle research and conservation projects throughout the Wider Caribbean region.



“WIDECAS**T** is rooted in the belief that conservation must be nurtured from within, it cannot be commanded from outside. Our programs emphasize information-sharing, thus encouraging a technical understanding of sea turtle biology and organizations.”

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Caribbean Environment Programme
United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP

Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan
for Aruba

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WIDECAST
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Recovery
Team and Conservation Network
CEP Technical Report No. 25

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