

**- 2002 Annual General Meeting -
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

" Orange Bowl Longview Meeting Room "
Renaissance Miami - Biscayne Bay Hotel
2 - 3 April 2002

**AGENDA
Tuesday, 2 April**

08:00 *Juice and Pastries* outside the Meeting Room (please, only for those who signed up)

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

09:10 Introductions

09:30 Announcements

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

Session I: 2001 Executive Director's Report

09:40 Executive Director's Report – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

10:30 Coffee Break

Session II: Country Reports (12-15 min each)

11:00 Martinique & Guadeloupe - *Johan Chevalier, Chargé de mission Tortues marines dans les Départements Français d'Amérique, DIREN Martinique*

Guyana – *Shyam Nokta & Romeo De Frietas, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*

St. Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles – *Kay Lynn Plummer, Parks Manager, St. Eustatius National Parks Foundation*

Venezuela (Aves Island) – *Vicente Vera, Geographer, MARN*

British Virgin Islands – *Mervin Hastings, Marine Biologist, Conservation and Fisheries Department*

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Open Room – Displays and Sharing

Session III: Conventions and International Issues

14:00 Introductory Remarks: Migratory Turtles and the Imperative of Regional Planning – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

14:10 An Update on the SPAW Protocol to the UNEP ‘Cartagena Convention’ – *Alessandra Vanzella-Khouri, SPAW Programme Officer, UNEP Caribbean Environment Programme*

14:40 An Update on the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles – *Jack Frazier, Research Associate, Smithsonian Institution*

15:00 CITES Regional Hawksbill Workshops (México, May 2001; Cayman Islands, May 2002): Update on the Status and Biology of the Caribbean Hawksbill -- *Alberto Abreu G., Chair, IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group*

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Hawksbill Monitoring Workshop (USA, March 2002): Overview and Recommendations – *Julia Horrocks, CITES Scientific Authority, Barbados*

16:15 Population Monitoring on Foraging Grounds: New Techniques, Old Challenges – *Alberto Abreu G., Chair, IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group*

Session IV: Conclusions

16:45 Open Forum

- Q/A
- Resolutions
- Decisions of the Meeting

17:30 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

*Thank You for Joining Us -
Have a Relaxing Evening!*

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- Others

Session V: Country Reports (12-15 min each)

09:00 Costa Rica (Gandoca-Manzanillo Wildlife Refuge) - *Didiher Chacón C., Coordinador, Proyecto de Conservación de las Tortugas Marinas, Asociación ANAI*
Colombia – *Diego Amorocho & Fabián Andrés Sánchez, Asociación WIDECAST-Colombia*
Nicaragua – *Cynthia Lagueux & William McCoy, Miskito Cays Hawksbill Project*
Venezuela – *Hedelvy Guada, WIDECAST Coordinadora para Sur America y las Antillas Mayores y Directora, CICTMAR*

10:30 Coffee Break

Session VI: Regional WIDECAST Initiatives

Introductory Remarks – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

11:00 Caribbean Marine Turtle Tagging Centre – *Julia Horrocks, Director, Barbados Sea Turtle Project and Coordinator, Caribbean Marine Turtle Tagging Centre*

11:15 Regional Sea Turtle Conservation Program and Action Plan for the Guianas – *Henk Reichart, WIDECAST Guayana Shield Program Officer*

11:30 Central American Sea Turtle Product Use and Trade Study (w/ Certification) - *Didiher Chacón C., WIDECAST Coordinador Nacional de Costa Rica*

12:00 Open Forum/Resolutions

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Open Room - Displays and Sharing

Session VII: Public Awareness and Educational Tools

13:45 A Synergetic Approach to Marine Education Program Activities – *Argelis Ruiz, Marine Education Specialist, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panamá*

14:30 Research and Education Initiatives in Puerto Rico - *Lesbia Montero, Marine Educator, Sea Grant College Program, University of Puerto Rico*

15:00 Coffee Break

Session VIII: Research and Management Tools

15:30 Leatherback Population Modeling: Bridging Biology and Policy - *Milani Chaloupka, Research Consultant, CRC (Coastal), University of Queensland*

16:15 Principles of Mortality Investigations on Wildlife - *Thierry M. Work, DVM, Wildlife Disease Specialist, USGS National Wildlife Health Center*

16:45 Performing a Sea Turtle Necropsy - *Thierry M. Work, DVM, Wildlife Disease Specialist, USGS National Wildlife Health Center*

Session IX: Conclusions

17:00 Open Forum

- Q/A
- 2002 – 2003 Work Plan
- Decisions of the Meeting

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Thank You for Joining Us - Enjoy the Sea Turtle Symposium!