

**- 2004 Annual General Meeting -
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

**"Bouganvillea Ballroom"
Hotel Herradura and International Conference Center
San José, Costa Rica
21-22 February 2004**

AGENDA

Saturday, 21 February 2004

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: 2002-2003 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 *Dominica – Rowan Byrne, Project Manager, Rosalie Sea Turtle Initiative (RoSTI) & Stephen Durand, Conservation Officer, Forestry and Wildlife Division*

Aruba – Richard and Edith Van der Wal, Directors, Turtugaruba Foundation

Bonaire – Robert van Dam, Project Director, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB)

Trinidad – Stephen Poon, Forester 1, Wildlife Section-Forestry Division

Tobago – Wendy Herron & Tanya Clovis, SOS Tobago

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 Open Room – Displays and Sharing

Session III: WIDECAST Marine Turtle Tagging Centre (MTTC)

Introductory Remarks – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

14:00 Regional Marine Turtle Tagging Database! – *Scott Eckert, Director of Science, WIDECAST*

14:45 Barbados Sea Turtle Project and the MTTC – *Julia Horrocks, Director, Barbados Sea Turtle Project and MTTC Coordinator*

15:00 * Coffee Break *

Session IV: New Partnerships and Opportunities

16:00 Regional Trauma Response Network – *Chris Johnson, Project Coordinator, Marinelife Center of Juno Beach (Florida)*

Open Forum - Objectives, Priorities, Resources, Leadership, Partnerships: Where to start?

16:30 TNC Marine Planning Initiative - *Raquel Seybert, Community Development Officer, The Nature Conservancy (Eastern Caribbean Program)*

16:45 “State of the World’s Turtles” (SWoT) – *Rod Mast, Conservation International & Colette Wabnitz, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia*

Session V: Conclusions

17:00 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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Sunday, 22 February 2004

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

08:40 Introductions

08:50 Announcements

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

09:00 French Guiana - *Benoit de Thoisy, Association Kwata*

Suriname - *Maartje Hilterman & Edo Goverse, Netherlands Committee for IUCN*

Belize – *Lincoln McSweeney, Gales Pt Wildlife Sanctuary Management Committee*

Guyana – *Annette Arjoon & Romeo de Frietas, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*

10:00 * Coffee Break *

Session VII: Treaties and Legislation - Updates

10:30 Satellite-tracking “Caribbean” Leatherbacks (or, Show me again why Treaties are Important?) –
Scott Eckert, WIDECAST Director of Science & Mike James, Dalhousie University

11:00 Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles - *Marco Solano, Secretaría Pro-tempore, Convención Interamericana para la Conservación y Protección de las Tortugas Marinas*

11:30 CITES Review of Exploitation, Trade and Management of the Marine Turtles of the Lesser

Antilles, Central America, Colombia and Venezuela – *Amie Bräutigam, Threatened Marine Species Director, Perry Institute for Marine Science*

11:45 UNEP/Caribbean Environment Programme & SPAW Protocol – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST*

12:00 Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 – *Earl Possardt, International Sea Turtle Specialist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*

12:15 LUNCH

13:15 Open Room - Displays and Sharing

Session VIII: Involving the Public in Sea Turtle Survival

13:30 Sea Turtle Activity Guide for Teachers & WIDECAST: A New Symbiosis? - *Dave Gulko, Author, “Sea Turtles: An Ecological Guide” (2004)*

14:00 Interactive DVD on Marine Turtles: An Educational and Research Tool – *Katy Garland, Director of Science Education, Environmental Media*

14:30 * Coffee Break *

Session IX: Working Groups

15:00 Working Group I – Sea Turtle Ecotourism “Certification” Program

Working Group II – Sea Turtle Activity Guide for Teachers

Working Group III – Interactive DVD on Marine Turtles

Working Group IV – Regional Trauma Response Network

Session X: Conclusions

16:30 Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations

17:00 Open Forum

- Q/A
- 2004 – 2005 Work Plan: Final Thoughts
- Decisions of the Meeting

17:30 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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