

**- 2005 Annual General Meeting -
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

**"Regency Ballroom Sections D-E-F"
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, Georgia USA
17-18 January 2005**

AGENDA

Monday, 17 January 2005

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

08:40 Introductions

09:00 Announcements

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

Session I: 2002-2003 Executive Director's Report

09:10 Executive Director's Report – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

10:00 * Coffee Break *

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

10:30 Antigua and Barbuda – *James Richardson, Scientific Director, Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project*
Cayman Islands – *Janice Blumenthal (Biologist) and Joni Solomon (Research Officer),
Department of Environment*

Grenada – *Rebecca King and Carl Lloyd, Directors, Ocean Spirits*

Montserrat – *John Jeffers, Chief Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries*

Panama - *Cristina Ordoñez Espinosa (Research Coordinator) and Emma Harrison (Field
Coordinator), Caribbean Conservation Corporation*

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 Open Room – Displays and Sharing

Session III: Remote Technologies and the Study of Sea Turtle Behavior

- 13:30 A Primer on Electronic Tagging - *Melinda Braun (Technical Director & Chief Operations Officer) and Roger Hill (President), Wildlife Computers*
- 14:00 A Primer on Electronic Tagging Part II: “Location, location, location” - *Roger Hill (President) and Melinda Braun (Technical Director & Chief Operations Officer), Wildlife Computers*
- 15:00 Notes from the Field: What Have we Learned about Leatherbacks? - *Scott Eckert, Director of Science, WIDECAST*
- 15:15 Designing and Implementing a Field Study: Cayman Islands’ Experience - *Janice Blumenthal, Biologist, Department of Environment, Cayman Islands*
- 15:30 * Coffee Break *

Session IV: WIDECAST Regional Initiatives - New Partnerships and Opportunities!

- 16:00 Recommendations of the 2004 WIDECAST AGM: A Year of Progress – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
- 16:15 Regional Trauma Response Network: Costa Rica’s Experience – *Didiher Chacón, Research Associate, Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre, Parque Marino de Puntarenas*
- 16:45 Regional Trauma Response Network: Marine Turtle Veterinary Resource Guide – *Nancy Mettee, Veterinarian, Marinelife Center of Juno Beach*
- 17:00 A Teacher’s Manual for “Sea Turtles: An Ecological Guide” - *Dave Gulko and Karen Eckert, Co-Authors, “Sea Turtles: An Ecological Guide”*
- 17:15 TNC Marine Planning Initiative - *Raquel Seybert, Community Development Officer (Eastern Caribbean Program) and Phil Kramer, Director, Caribbean Marine Program, The Nature Conservancy*
- 17:30 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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

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09:00 Puerto Rico – *Carlos Diez, Endangered Species Program, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources*

Saba - *David Kooistra, Manager, Saba Marine Park/Saba*

St. Maarten – *Andy Caballero, Manager, Sint Maarten Marine Park*

St. Lucia – *Dawn Pierre-Nathoniël, Fisheries Biologist, Department of Fisheries*

10:00 Kenya – *Simmons Nzuki, Program Coordinator, Kenya Sea Turtle Conservation Committee (KESCOM) & Gladys Moragwa Okemwa, Research Scientist, Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research*

10:30 * Coffee Break *

Session VI: Treaty Related Updates

11:00 IAC COP2 – *Didiher Chacón, Asociación ANAI*

11:15 CITES: Preventing Illegal Trade in Caribbean Marine Turtle Products - *Maria Perez, Conservation Biology Program, University of Minnesota*

Session VII: Training and Outreach

- 11:30 Overview – *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
- 11:45 Pew Fellowship in Marine Conservation - *Julia Horrocks, Director, Barbados Sea Turtle Project*
- 12:00 Hotel-based Sea Turtle Workshops: Maui Workshop as a Model? - *Dave Gulko and Karen Eckert, Co-Authors, “Sea Turtles: An Ecological Guide”*
- 12:15 DCNA and the “RARE Pride” Campaign in the Netherlands Antilles - *Andy Caballero, Manager, Sint Maarten Marine Park*
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 13:15 Open Room - Displays and Sharing

Session VIII: Using Genetic Tools in Sea Turtle Research and Management

- 13:30 A Genetics Primer: How and Why are Genetic Tools Useful? - *Alberto Abreu G., UNAM Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología, Mazatlán, México*
- 14:00 A Case Study: Caribbean Hawksbills – *Alberto Abreu G., UNAM Instituto de Ciencias del Mar y Limnología, Mazatlán, México*
- 14:30 Notes from the Field: Sampling, Training and Capacity-building in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean - *Darren Browne (M.Phil. Student) Department of Chemical and Biological Sciences, University of the West Indies, Barbados*
- 14:45 * Coffee Break *

Session IX: (Possible) Working Groups

- 15:00 Working Group I – Sea Turtle Activity Guides for Teachers/ Educator’s website?
Working Group II – Wildlife Computers Q&A
- 16:00 Working Group III – Afro-Caribbean Community Exchanges
Working Group IV – Five-year Plan for WIDECAST’s Science Office

Session X: Conclusions

- 17:00 Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations
- 17:30 Open Forum
- 2005 – 2006 Work Plan: Final Thoughts
 - Decisions/Resolutions of the Meeting
- 18:00 Closing Remarks and Adjourn – *Thank you for joining us! Enjoy the Symposium ☺*