

**- 2006 Annual General Meeting -
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

"Room: EROFILLI"
Capis Beach Hotel, Aghia Pelaghia, Heraklion, Crete (Greece)
3-4 April 2006

**AGENDA
Monday, 3 April 2006**

Session I: Welcome

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

09:10 **Introductions**

09:30 **Announcements**

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

Session II: Executive Director's Report

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

10:30 ~ **BREAK** ~

Session III: Country Reports (15-20 min each)

11:00 **Guadeloupe** - *Eric Delcroix, Animateur Réseau Tortues Marines Guadeloupe, Association Kap'Natirel*

San Andrés, Colombia - *Zunilda Baldonado Hudgson, Marine Biologist, CORALINA*

Venezuela - *Hedelvy Guada, Directora, Centro de Investigación y Conservación de Tortugas Marinas (CICTMAR)*

12:30 ~ LUNCH ~

13:30 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**
"Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire" (video)

Session IV: Population Monitoring and Stock Assessment

NOTE: The format of the WIDECAS^T meeting will be a bit different this year, in that because of the European meeting site we will have a very small attendance. In discussing with you the most efficient way in which to spend our time, given that we will not achieve a quorum, the consensus has been that we should engage in more in-depth discussions of current and planned WIDECAS^T projects ... focusing on the design, implementation and maintenance of a regional network of Index Population Monitoring Sites; how we can integrate the Index program into a spatial database of critical habitat and population status (remember the TNC questionnaire of 2003?); establishment and training for the regional Sea Turtle Trauma Response Corps (STTRC); and updates on our Marine Turtle Tagging Centre (MTTC), including the database software. Along the way we'll also talk about new opportunities (see 'GBAP')! The discussion will be hugely helpful in refining these projects to best meet grassroots needs, and also for my purposes in terms of convening meetings, organizing training, fund-raising, etc. Safe travels, see you soon!

~ Karen

14:00 **Implementing Priority Recommendations of WIDECAS^T / UNEP Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plans: Assessing Long-term Trends in WCR Sea Turtle Populations**

Informing Policy and Enabling Conservation Action: A Project to Create the First Spatial Database of Essential Nesting Habitat for Caribbean Sea Turtles

15:30 ~ BREAK ~

16:00 **Global Bycatch Assessment Project (GBAP): Caribbean Region**

17:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

Have a Relaxing Evening ☺

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Tuesday, 4 April 2006**

Session V: Welcome

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

08:40 **Introductions**

08:50 **Announcements**

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Session VI: Capacity Building

09:00 **Sea Turtle Trauma Response Corps (STTRC)**

10:30 ~ **BREAK** ~

11:00 **Marine Turtle Tagging Centre: Database Management and Reporting**

12:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

~ **LUNCH** ~

Enjoy the Symposium ☺