AGENDA
Thursday, 18 December 2008

SPECIAL SEMINAR - Sea Turtle Medicine

13:00 Welcome - Karen Eckert, Ph.D., WIDECAST Executive Director

13:15 Sea Turtle Health Assessment in St. Kitts - Kimberly Stewart, D.V.M., Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

14:00 Sea Turtle Rehabilitation - Terry Norton, D.V.M., Georgia Sea Turtle Center

14:45 ~ Coffee Break ~

15:15 Fibropapillomatosis in Sea Turtles - Mike Walsh, D.V.M., University of Florida

16:00 Sea Turtle Necropsy and Mortality Event Management - Terry Norton, D.V.M., Georgia Sea Turtle Center

18:00 ~ DINNER ~

Special Dinner Performance: Saint Christopher Choral Society Christmas Concert
~ 2009 Annual General Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST)

Meeting Room: Auditorium
Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine
Basseterre, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Eastern Caribbean
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Friday, 19 December 2008

Session I: Welcome

08:00 ~ BREAKFAST ~

09:00 Welcome - Randolph Hamilton, Manager, Product Development & Cruise, St. Kitts Tourism Authority

09:15 Welcome - David DeYoung, Dean, School of Veterinary Medicine, Ross University

09:30 Opening Remarks - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

09:40 Introductions

09:50 Announcements
- Meeting Secretary
- List of Participants
- Accommodations, transportation, meals

Session II: Executive Director's Report

10:00 Executive Director's Report - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director
Session III: Country Reports

10:30  Anguilla - Rhon Connor, Anguilla National Trust and James Gumbs, Director, Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources  
Antigua - Mykl Clovis, Jepson Prince and Junior Prosper, Environmental Awareness Group

11:00 ~ Coffee Break ~

11:30  Dominica - Errol Harris and Marcella Harris, Dominica Sea Turtle Conservation Organisation (DomSeTCO)  
Dominican Republic - Yolanda León, Universidad INTEC, Dominican Republic  
Guadeloupe - Sophie Bedel, Association Kap Natirel/ Réseau Tortues Marines Guadeloupe

12:30 ~ LUNCH ~  [catered to the meeting room]

Special Interactive Presentation: Using OBIS-SEAMAP (Ocean Biogeographic Information System - Spatial Ecological Analysis of Megavertebrate Populations: http://seamap.env.duke.edu/), an Interactive Management Tool - Andrew DiMatteo, Associate in Research / SWOT Database Manager, Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab, Duke University

Session IV: Bycatch Assessments and Mitigation Programs

14:30  Bycatch Reduction in the Coastal Gillnet Fishery in Trinidad - Scott Eckert, Director of Science, WIDECAST

14:50  Impact of Artisanal Coastal Fisheries on Marine Turtles in the French West Indies - Laurent Louis-Jean, Observatoire du Milieu Marin Martiniquais

Session V: Outreach and Capacity Building

15:10  Public Awareness and Outreach Programme in Guyana - Michelle Kalamandeen, Project Coordinator, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society

15:30  Public Awareness and Outreach Programme in Guadeloupe - Sophie Bedel, Association Kap Natirel/ Réseau Tortues Marines Guadeloupe
16:00  ~ Coffee Break ~

17:00  Dutch Caribbean Sea Turtle Training Course - Mabel Nava, Manager, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire

17:20  Green Stepping Stone: Grant Writing Assistance - Dominique Vissenberg, Coordinator, Green Stepping Stone

   **Session VI: Achieving Conservation Success - Case Study: Brazil**

17:40  The Role of Science, Conservation and Community Development in the Recovery of Sea Turtles in Brazil - Neca Marcovaldi, Presidente, Fundações Pró-TAMAR

18:10  Closing Remarks and Adjourn

18:30  ~ Reception with Live Entertainment ~

19:30  ~ DINNER ~
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Saturday, 20 December 2008

Session VII: Welcome

08:00 ~ BREAKFAST ~
08:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director
09:00 Introductions and Announcements

Session VIII: Sea Turtle Conservation in St. Kitts and Nevis

09:15 Sea Turtle Conservation in St. Kitts: History and Future - Ralph Wilkins, Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries (St. Kitts)

09:30 Sea Turtle Program of Ross University - Kimberly Stewart, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

09:45 Man and the Biosphere Project: Protecting Sea Turtle Habitat in St. Kitts - Austin Jay Farier, Physical Planner, Department of Physical Planning and the Environment, St. Kitts

10:00 Youth and Sea Turtles in St. Kitts - Azilla Clarke, President, St. Kitts National Youth Parliament Association (SKNYPa)

10:15 Sea Turtle Conservation in Nevis - Emile Pemberton, Department of Fisheries (Nevis) and Patrice Pemberton, Nevis Turtle Group

10:30 ~ Coffee Break ~
Session IX: “Big Picture” Conservation


12:00  WWF Guianas’ Regional Marine Turtle Conservation Programme - Marie-Louise Felix, Marine Turtle Coordinator, WWF Guianas Programme (Suriname)

12:15  Hawksbill Genetic Studies in the Eastern Caribbean - Darren Browne, Barbados Sea Turtle Project, University of the West Indies

12:30  ~ LUNCH ~

13:30  Open Room - Displays and Sharing

Didiher Chacón, Director of WIDECAST’s Latin American Program, will be on hand to display and share information about THREAD and WEAVING FOR NATURE, two innovative community handicraft revenue programs in Central America

Session X: Working Groups – 2009-2010 Workplan Priorities

14:00  Introduction and Objectives - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

14:15 - 16:45  Working Groups  * see attached list

15:30  ~ Coffee Break ~

17:00  Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations

17:30  Closing Remarks and Adjourn

18:30  ~ DINNER ~ (your choice in town)

Thank You so Much for Joining Us!
Safe Travels, and Happy Holidays!
These are the Working Group topics that have been requested so far. Others may be suggested at the Meeting. Working Groups provide a forum for discussing topics of interest with colleagues and experts. Working Groups often develop recommendations for new programmatic directions that we can focus on as a WIDECAST family. The regional tagging centre in Barbados, the comprehensive nesting atlas, our database management software, attention to bycatch issues, models of eco-tourism and community crafting, and building capacity for responding to sick and injured sea turtles, among many other initiatives, all emerged from recommendations made by Working Groups convened at an annual meeting. Working Groups might also convene simply as an informal venue for discussion on a topic of shared interest.

**Working Group I**
**“Certification” for Turtle-Friendly Tourism Businesses**
Chair: Kimberly Stewart, WIDECAST Country Coordinator in St. Kitts

**Working Group II**
**GIS Conservation Tools**
Chair: Andrew DiMatteo, Duke University Marine Spatial Ecology Lab

**Working Group III**
**Health, Disease, and Veterinary Care**
Chair: Terry Norton, Director of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center

**Working Group IV**
**Monitoring Sea Turtle Populations: Data Collection and Analysis**
Chair: Scott Eckert, WIDECAST Director of Science

**Working Group V**
**Trash to Treasure: Community-Based Eco-Crafting**
Chair: Didiher Chacón, WIDECAST Director of Latin American Programs