

~ 2010 Annual Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)

Karibea Resort Sainte-Luce
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Meeting Room: Fregate
Martinique, French West Indies
2-4 March 2010

MEETING AGENDA
Monday, 1 March 2010

- All day **Flight Arrival and Check-In** - *Karibea Resort Sainte-Luce*
- 18h30-23h00 **Informal Reception (cocktails, hors d'œuvres)** - *Le Pélican Restaurant*
(we hope to keep the cocktails and hors d'œuvres available for the late arrivals, as well, so come in any time!)
- 19h30-20h30 **Early Registration** - *Next to Le Pélican Restaurant*

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MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, 2 March 2010

Session I: Welcome

07h30 **BREAKFAST** - *Le Pélican Restaurant*

08h30 **Registration** - *Fregate Meeting Room*

09h00 **Welcome** - *Mr. Louis Crusol, Maire de commune de Sainte-Luce*

09h15 **Welcome** - *Mr. Jean Louis Vernier, Directeur Régionale de l'Environnement Martinique (DIREN)*

09h30 **Welcome** - *Mr. Eric Hansen, Délégué Inter-Régional de l'Outre Mer, Office National de la Chasse et de la Faune Sauvage (ONCFS)*

09h45 **Opening Remarks** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

10h00 **Introductions**

10h15 **Announcements**

- Meeting Secretary (Mykl Clovis, Antigua)
- List of Participants
- Accommodations, transportation, meals

10h30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

Session II: Executive Director's Report

11h00 **Executive Director's Report** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

Session III: Country Reports

11h30 **BVI** - *Joel Dore & Gaverson Frett, Conservation and Fisheries Department*
Cuba - *Félix Moncada G., Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras*
Saint Lucia - *Thomas Nelson, Department of Fisheries*

12h30 **LUNCH** - *Le Pélican Restaurant (bring your lunch to the meeting room!)*

Special Presentation: Crime Scene Investigation - *Dave Gulko, Senior Instructor, ICRI Committee on Coral Reef Enforcement and Investigation*

14h00 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

15h00 **México** - *Blanca Idalia Gonzalez Garza, Pronatura (Yucatán)*
México - *Elvira Carvajal, CONANP (Veracruz)*
Tobago - *Darren Thompson, SOS Tobago & Renardo Daniel, Tobago House of Assembly*
Sint Eustatius - *Jessica Berkel & Nicole Esteban, STENAPA*

16h00 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

Session IV: Sea Turtle Research In-Water

16h45 **25 Years at Sea: Lessons Learned and Opportunities Looking Forward** - *Jennifer Gray, Bermuda National Trust & Mark Outerbridge, Bermuda Turtle Project*

17h00 **Sea Turtle Tracking from Bonaire 2003-2010: A Case for International Protection**
- *Mabel Nava, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire*

17h15 **In-water surveys of marine turtles at Glover's Reef Marine Reserve, Belize** -
Robin Coleman, Wildlife Conservation Society

17h45 **Monitoring Foraging Populations of Sea Turtles at Mona Island, Puerto Rico** -
Carlos Diez, Dept. Natural and Environmental Resources & Robert van Dam, Chelonia Inc.

18h00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

19h00 **DINNER** - *Le Pélican Restaurant, with a Special Original Performance of "Turtle Dreaming" by Kristin McArdle Dancers*

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Wednesday, 3 March 2010

Session V: Welcome

07h30 **BREAKFAST** - *Le Pélican Restaurant*

08h30 **Late Registration** - Fregate Meeting Room

08h45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

09h00 **Introductions and Announcements**

Session VI: Sea Turtle Conservation in the French Overseas Departments

09h15 **Sea Turtle Research and Conservation in French Guiana** - *Benoit de Thoisy, KWATA & Rachel Berzins, ONCFS*

09h30 **Sea Turtle Research and Conservation in Martinique** - *Rozenn LeScao, Coordinateur Plan de Restauration des Tortues Marines de Martinique, ONCFS*

09h45 **Sea Turtle Research and Conservation in Guadeloupe and Saint Barthélemy** - *Eric Delcroix, Coordinateur, Plan de Restauration des Tortues Marines de Guadeloupe, ONCFS & Franciane Le Quellec, Marine Reserve Director, Reserve Naturelle de St-Barts*

10h00 **Open Forum: Sea Turtle Conservation in the French Overseas Departments**

10h30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

Session VII: Conservation Models - Small Business Development

- 11h00 **Branding Trinidad as a "Turtle Village"** - *Michelle Cazabon, Turtle Village Trust*
- 11h15 **"Beach Bottle Beads"** - *Kimberly Stewart, St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network*
- 11h30 **Turtle Tag Hats for Adoptive Parents** - *Mabel Nava, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire*

Session VIII: Special Invited Presentation - West Indian Manatee

- 11h40 **Biology, Status, and Conservation of the West Indian Manatee** - *James (Buddy) Powell, Executive Director, Sea to Shore Alliance*
- 12h00 **LUNCH** - *Le Pélican Restaurant*
- 13h00 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing:** Didiher Chacón, Director of WIDECAS'T's Latin American Program, will display and share information about THREAD and WEAVING FOR NATURE, two innovative community craft revenue programs in Central America

Session IX: Wider Caribbean Regional Initiatives

- 14h00 **Panos Caribbean** - *Indi Mclymont-L., Regional Director for Media and Environment*
- 14h15 **Regional Activity Center for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (RAC-SPAW)** - *Hélène Souan, Director*
- 14h30 **Interamerican Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles** - *Verónica Cáceres, Secretariat*
- 14h45 **IUCN Caribbean Initiative** - *Deirdre Shurland, Coordinator*

Session X: Working Groups - 2010-2011 Workplan Priorities

- 15h00 **Introduction and Objectives** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAS'T Executive Director*
- 15h15 **Working Groups** (*see attached list*)
- 15h30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~ (in session)
- 17h30 **Presentation of Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations**
- 18h00 **Closing Remarks, Gift Presentation to our Hosts, and Adjourn**
- 19h00 **DINNER** - *La Yole Restaurant*

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Thursday, 4 March 2010

Session XI: Welcome

07h30 **BREAKFAST** - *Le Pélican Restaurant*

08h30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

Session XII: Climate Change and Sea Turtles

08h45 **Overview and Intentions** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

09h00 **Climate Change Projections for the Caribbean Sea** - *Marianne Fish, Program Leader, WWF-LAC Marine Turtle and Climate Change*

09h20 **Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Caribbean Sea Turtles and their Habitats** - *Marianne Fish, Program Leader, WWF-LAC Marine Turtle and Climate Change*

09h40 **Incorporating Climate Change into Ongoing Conservation Work: Climate Change Adaptation Measures** - *Marianne Fish, Program Leader, WWF-LAC Marine Turtle and Climate Change*

Note: Review PRIOR TO THE MEETING WWF's Adaptation Toolkit. Visit <http://www.panda.org/lac/marineturtles/adaptation>, and scroll down the page until you see a link to "Adaptation to Climate Change: Options for Marine Turtles" on the right side of the screen.

10h00 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

10h45 **Small Group Exercise: Review and Prioritize Adaptation Options for Sea Turtles and their Habitats**

12h00 (Optional) Presentation of Small Group Exercise Results and Recommendations

12h30 Media Session with Local Press Representatives

13h00 LUNCH - *La Pélican Restaurant*

Session XIII: Climate Change and Sea Turtles - Field Priorities, Toolkits

14h30 Field Trip - *Diamant Beach (by bus)*

17h00 Return to Anses d'arlet

18h00 DINNER - *Ti Bateau Restaurant, Grande Anse d'Arlet*

20h00 Special Performance - *GAIJA* (<http://gaille.musique.com/>)

21h15 Return to Karibea Resort

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Friday, 5 March 2010

07h30 BREAKFAST - *Le Pélican Restaurant*

DEPARTURES THROUGHOUT THE DAY - *Breakfast is provided today (included in your room rate). IF YOU ARE STAYING LATER, you will enjoy the same discounted room rate but WITHOUT meals for the extended portion of your stay.*



Prospectus: Climate Change and Marine Turtles

Purpose

Strengthen capacity in the Wider Caribbean Region to incorporate climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation action into ongoing marine turtle research and conservation projects

Objectives

1. Examine threats related to climate change to marine turtles and their habitats
2. Explore tools for monitoring and assessing the vulnerability of critical habitat to climate change impacts
3. Explore and prioritize issues, opportunities, and needs with respect to incorporating the variable of climate change into sea turtle projects in the Wider Caribbean
4. Promote collaboration and support for vulnerability assessment and adaptation work on sea turtle nesting beaches in the Wider Caribbean
5. Explore opportunities and mechanisms for data-sharing at international levels

Outcomes

1. A better understanding among Caribbean sea turtle biologists, managers and policy-makers of (i) the potential negative impacts of climate change on coastal habitats critical to the survival of endangered sea turtles, and (ii) actions that can be taken to minimize these impacts
2. A commitment among Caribbean sea turtle project leaders to (i) incorporate adaptation measures (=any action taken to reduce vulnerability to the negative impacts of climate change) in their study areas, and (ii) to encourage broader implementation of adaptation measures nation-wide
3. A strong collaborative base for vulnerability assessment and adaptation work at sea turtles nesting sites in the Wider Caribbean (the aim here is that people who wish to incorporate vulnerability assessment and/or adaptation measures into their projects will know who else is doing so, and can offer mutual support by sharing successes/ failures, lessons learned, etc.)
4. Preliminary plans to share and collaboratively archive/access data

Materials

The workshop will be based on the materials included in an "Adaptation to Climate Change Toolkit" available (English, Spanish) at <http://www.panda.org/lac/marineturtles/adaptation> and will include presentations, exercises, group discussion and practical training in monitoring techniques. Toolkits will be provided to each organization participating in the workshop.

2010 Working Groups

Working Groups (WGs) provide a forum for discussing topics of interest with colleagues and experts. WGs often develop recommendations for new programmatic directions that we can focus on as a WIDECAST family. The regional tagging centre in Barbados, the nesting beach 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 WGs that met at an annual meeting. Sometimes WGs convene simply for informal discussion on a topic of shared interest, without any intention of drafting recommendations or decisions. Enjoy!

Working Group I

Monitoring Sea Turtle Populations: Data Collection and Analysis

Chair: Scott Eckert, WIDECAST Director of Science

Working Group II

Monitoring Sea Turtle Populations at Sea

Chair: Jennifer Gray, Bermuda Sea Turtle Project & Bermuda National Trust

Working Group III

Communicating an Environmental Message through Media Partnerships

Chair: Indi Mclymont-Lafayette, Regional Director Media and Environment, Panos Caribbean

Working Group IV

Supporting Conservation through Retail Marketing on our Websites

Chair: Carl Lloyd, WIDECAST Webmaster

Working Group V

Five-Year "Strategic Plan": Priorities for the Coming Years

Chair: Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

Working Group VI

IUCN Caribbean Initiative: Partnerships and Programs

Chair: Deirdre Shurland, Coordinator, IUCN Caribbean Initiative

Working Group VII

Incorporating Climate Change Adaptation Measures into Ongoing Conservation Work

Chair: Marianne Fish, Program Leader, WWF-LAC Marine Turtle and Climate Change