

~ 2011 Annual Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)

Town and Country Resort and Conference Center
Meeting Room: San Diego Ballroom
San Diego, California, USA
10 - 11 April 2011

MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, 10 April 2011

Session I: Welcome

8:30 **Registration** - San Diego Ballroom (Meeting Room)

9:15 **Opening Remarks** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

9:30 **Introductions**

9:45 **Announcements**

- Meeting Secretary
- List of Participants
- Accommodations, transportation, meals
- Presentation of the 2010 *Euan P. McFarlane Award for Outstanding Environmental Leadership in the Insular Caribbean* to Mr. Errol Harris, Dominica

Session II: Executive Director's Report

10:00 **Executive Director's Report** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

10:30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

Session III: Country Reports

11:00 **Cuba** - *Félix Moncada G., Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras*
Cuba - *Julia Azanza, Universidad de La Habana*

Honduras - *Stephen Dunbar, Pro TECTOR*

Puerto Rico - *Robert van Dam, Chelonia Inc. and Carlos Diez, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources*

12:00 **LUNCH - Roundtable on Sea Turtle Health and Medicine** - *Terry Norton DVM, Director, Georgia Sea Turtle Center*

1:30 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

Session III: Country Reports (continued)

2:00 **Turks & Caicos Islands** - *Thomas Stringell, University Exeter*

Session IV: Inter-American Convention

2:30 **Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles: Progress and Next Steps** - *Verónica Cáceres, Pro Tempore Secretariat*

Session V: WIDECAST Training - Implementation and Next Steps

2:45 **Moving Forward on Coastal Climate Adaptation in the Wider Caribbean** - *Marianne Fish, World Wildlife Fund-Latin America and the Caribbean*

3:00 **OECS-OPAAL: Sea Turtle Surveys in the Tobago Cays Marine Park, St. Vincent** - *Emma Doyle, CICTMAR and WIDECAST*

Session VI: Conservation Partnerships with Caribbean Businesses

3:15 **Corporate Friendships** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST*

3:30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

Session VII: Sea Turtle CSI

4:00 **Crime Scene Investigation** - *Dave Gulko, ICRI Committee on Coral Reef Enforcement and Investigation*

5:00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

7:00 **Dinner: Designing a CSI Sea Turtle Module** - *Dave Gulko, ICRI*

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Session VIII: Welcome

- 8:00 **Late Registration** - San Diego Ballroom (Meeting Room)
- 8:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
- 8:45 **Introductions and Announcements**

Session IX: Sea Turtle Research Updates

- 9:00 **In-Water Population Assessments in Martinique** - *Rozenn LeScao and Cyrille Barnerias, DIREN Martinique*
- 9:15 **Bycatch Research in the Guianas** - *Marie-Louise Felix, World Wildlife Fund-Guianas*
- 9:30 **Identifying Critical Nesting Grounds in Campeche, Mexico** - *Blanca Idalia González and Eduardo Cuevas, Pronatura Península de Yucatán A.C.*
- 9:45 **"Turtle Gardens" in Antigua** - *Tara Muenz, Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project*
- 10:00 **~ Coffee Break ~**
- 10:30 **30 Years of Sea Turtle Conservation in Brazil** - *Neca Marcovaldi, Fundação Pró-Tamar*

10:45 **Bycatch Research in the French West Indies** - *Laurent Louis-Jean, Observatoire du Milieu Marin Martiniquais*

Session X: Big Pictures

11:00 **Natural Resource Damage Assessment: Sea Turtles and the MC252 Incident (aka "The BP Oil Spill: Past, Present and Next Steps")** - *Tony Palaygi, Entrix*

11:30 **Regional and Global Species Conservation Planning** - *Michelle Pico, Marine Programs, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation*

11:45 **Role of Marine Turtle Conservation and Climate Change Adaptation in Coastal Zone Land-Use Planning** - *Marie-Louise Felix, World Wildlife Fund-Guianas*

12:00 **Regional Management Units (RMUs) for Sea Turtles: How Does the Caribbean Fit In?** - *Bryan Wallace, Conservation International and Andrew DiMatteo, Duke University Marine Geospatial Laboratory*

12 :15 **WIDECAST & TNC: Next Steps** - *John English Knowles, The Nature Conservancy*

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

Feature Presentation: "Turtle Kido and the State of the Ocean" (35 minute video) - *Marina Fastigi, Kido Foundation*

Session XI: Education, Outreach, and Livelihood Development

2:00 **Curriculum Planning in Bonaire: Tailoring WIDECAST Products to Local Markets** - *Mabel Nava, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire*

2:15 **Floating Classrooms in Dominica** - *Errol Harris and Marcella Harris, DomSeTCO*

2:30 **Eco-Jewelry and Community Empowerment in Guyana** - *Michelle Kalamandeen, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*

2:45 **"Beach Bottle Beads" in Trinidad** - *Ronald Williams, Nature Seekers*

Session XII: Working Groups - 2011-2012 Workplan Priorities

3:00 **Introduction and Objectives** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

Working Groups Convene

3:30 ~ **Coffee Break** ~ (in session)

5:00 **Presentation of Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations**

5:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

2011 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 regional nesting beach atlas, our database management software, attention to bycatch issues, models of eco-tourism and community crafting, building capacity for responding to sick & injured sea turtles, among many other initiatives, all emerged from recommendations made by WGs that met at an annual meeting. A WG may also convene simply for informal discussion on a topic of shared interest, without any intention of drafting recommendations or decisions.

Working Group I

Monitoring Sea Turtle Populations on the Nesting Beach: Data Collection and Analysis

Chair: Scott Eckert, WIDECAST Director of Science

Working Group II

Monitoring Sea Turtle Populations at Sea

Chair: Darren Browne and/or Julian Walcott, Barbados Sea Turtle Project

Working Group III

Communicating an Environmental Message through Media Partnerships

Chair: Jan Voordouw, Panos Caribbean

Thanks for joining us!! Enjoy the 31st
International Sea Turtle Symposium!