

**~ 2012 Annual Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

Meeting Room: "El Mexicano"
Hotel Reef Yucatán, México
10 - 11 March 2012

**MEETING AGENDA
Saturday, 10 March 2012**

Session I: Welcome

- 8:45 **Registration and Meeting Packets** - "El Mexicano" Meeting Room
- 9:15 **Opening Remarks** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
- 9:30 **Welcome Address** - *Maria Andrade Hernandez, Executive Director, Pronatura Peninsula de Yucatán*
- 9:45 **Introductions and Announcements**
- 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** - *Randall ("Sank") Richardson, Fisheries and Marine Resources, & Janeczka Richardson, Anguilla National Trust*
- Aruba** - *Richard, Edith & Sietske van der Wal, Turtugaruba Foundation*
- 11:00 **~ Coffee Break ~**
- 11:30 **Bahamas** - *Jared Dillet, Department of Marine Resources*
- Bonaire** - *Nathaniel Miller, Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance & Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire*

Grenada - Tyrone Buckmire, Grenada Fund for Conservation

Tobago - Angela Ramsey & Renardo Daniel, Tobago House of Assembly

12:30 LUNCH

1:30 Open Room - Displays and Sharing

Session IV: Collaboration is the Key to Success

2:00 **Community Leadership in Conservation** - Carlos Diez, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, & Luis Crespo, ATMAR [including video]

Changing Attitudes in Jamaica - Christine O'Sullivan, Jamaica Environment Trust

SPAW: The Role of International Law - Roland Baldeo, Fisheries Division, Grenada

Media Campaigns to Reduce Illegal Sea Turtle Trade - José Urteaga, Flora and Fauna International Nicaragua

STAR: Sea Turtle Stranding and Reporting Network - Renata Platenberg, USVI Division of Fish and Wildlife

4:00 ~ Coffee Break ~

Session V: MPA-Based Sea Turtle Initiatives

4:30 **Sea Turtle Population Monitoring in Marine Protected Areas** - Emma Doyle, CaMPAM Belize - Eliceo Cobb, Belize Audubon Society (Lighthouse Reef Atoll)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines - Olando Harvey, Tobago Cays Marine Park

British Virgin Islands - Joel Dore, Conservation and Fisheries Department

6:00 Closing Remarks and Adjourn

7:00 Welcome Dinner - "Balche Hanal" Restaurant (next to the pool)

8:30 **Traditional Dance Performance: "Lol Kin Dance Group"** (Lol Kin means Sunflower in the Mayan language)

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Session VI: Field Trip

- 8:00 **Field Trip** - *X'Cambo Mayan Archaeological Site*¹
- 9:30 **Welcome** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
- 9:45 **Introductions and Announcements**

Session VII: Sea Turtles of the Guianas

- 10:00 **Migration of Leatherbacks and Green Turtles from the Guianas** - *Marie-Louise Felix, WWF Guianas & Romeo De Freitas, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*

Sea Turtle Bycatch in Suriname and Guyana: Seeking Solutions through Gear Technology, Fisheries Management and Fisher Education - *Marie-Louise Felix, WWF Guianas & Sirimavo De Freitas, Guyana Marine Turtle Conservation Society*

Changing the Role of Coastal Communities in Sea Turtle Conservation - *Marie-Louise Felix & Avanaisa Turny, WWF Guianas & Selowin Alamijawari, Stidunal*

- 11:00 **~ Coffee Break ~**

¹**Details:** <http://www.mayantravelguide.com/xcambo.html>, <http://archaeology.about.com/od/xterms/a/XCambo.htm>, http://www.merida.gob.mx/turismo/contenido/recorrido_in/xcambo.htm

Session VIII: Sea Turtle Research in Yucatán

- 11:30 **Sea Turtle Conservation in the Yucatán Peninsula: An Update to Ongoing Initiatives**
- *Blanca Idalia González Garza, Pronatura*
- 11:45 **Neumonia Diagnostic in a Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*)** - *Eduardo Sierra, Leonardo Arellano & Enrique Hernández Castro, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán*
- 12:00 **CÓDIGO TORTUGA (TURTLE CODE): Environmental Education for Sea Turtle Conservation in Yucatán, México** - *José Antonio Kam Góngora & María del Carmen Kam González, Red Infantil Ecológica de Yucatán (RIE), A. C.*
- 12:30 **LUNCH**
- 1:30 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

Session IX: Sea Turtle Forensic Science

- 2:00 **Sea Turtle Forensic Science** - *Dave Gulko, ICRI Working Group on Coral Reef Enforcement & Investigation*
- 2:30 **Sea Turtle Physical Exam** - *Nancy Mettee, Loggerhead Marinelife Center*

Session X: Micro-Enterprise Development: Recycled Glass

- 3:00 **"Beach Bottle Beads" in St. Kitts** - *Kimberly Stewart, St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network and Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine*
- 3:15 **"Beach Bottle Beads" in Trinidad: Next Steps** - *Ronald Williams, Nature Seekers*
- 3:30 **~ Coffee Break ~**

Session XI: Working Group Discussions

- 4:30 **Introduction and Objectives** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*
- Working Groups Convene**
- 6:00 **Presentation of Working Group Conclusions and Recommendations**
- 6:30 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn**

2012 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, atlas of sea turtle nesting beaches, database management software, attention to bycatch issues, models of eco-tourism and community crafting, guidelines for responding to sick & injured sea turtles, standard methodologies for monitoring nesting and foraging populations, 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 In-Water (including how to get started)

Chairs: Carlos Diez (Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources) & Jennifer Gray (Bermuda Turtle Project and Bermuda National Trust)

Working Group II

"Great Migration Game" - Replicating a Good Thing!

Chairs: Dr. Marie-Louise Felix (WWF-Guianas) & Angela Ramsey (Tobago House of Assembly)

Working Group III

Microenterprise Development

Chairs: Kimberly Stewart, DVM (St Kitts Marine Turtle Monitoring Network) & Didiher Chacón (WIDECAST Latin America)

Working Group IV

Community-Based Conservation and Public Awareness/Outreach

Chairs: José Urteaga (Flora and Fauna International) & Ronald Williams (Nature Seekers)

Working Group V

Sea Turtle Field Forensics and Veterinary Issues

Chairs: Dave Gulko (International Coral Reef Initiative) & Nancy Mettee, DVM (Loggerhead Marinelife Center)

Thanks for coming!!