~ 2019 Annual General Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network (WIDECAST)

Torarica Hotel / Eco Resort Inn
Paramaribo, Suriname
19-21 March 2019

Monday, March 18

6:00 - 7:30 pm  Evening Welcome Reception - Eco Resort Inn
Welcome! Join us for hors d’oeuvres (meat + vegetarian options) and a special cultural performance! Alcohol is available at your expense.

AGENDA DAY 1

Tuesday, March 19

6:00 - 8:30 am  ~ BREAKFAST: Riverside Hut, Eco Resort Inn ~

**Session I: Opening**

8:45  Registration - Torarica Hotel Conference Room
9:15  Opening Remarks - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director
      Announcements - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director
      • List of Participants, Logistics, Dinner Tally Day 1/3
9:30  Introductions
9:45  Welcome Address - Laurens Gomes, Suriname Country Representative, WWF Guianas
10:00 Welcome Address - Minister Samsoedien, Ministry of Spatial Planning, Land and Forest Management
Session II: Sea Turtle Research & Conservation in the Guianas I

10:15 Sea Turtle Monitoring and Protection in Suriname: Past & Present – Roy Hotsoi and Loor Katidjo, Nature Conservation Division (includes 5 min film on Braamspunt Turtle Rangers)

10:30 Giants of the Wild Coast: Connecting People and Protected Areas in Northern Guyana – Odacy Davis, Protected Areas Commission


11:00 ~ Coffee Break ~

11:30 Coastal Dynamics in the Guianas – Michael Hiwat, WWF Guianas

11:45 WWF Programme on Protecting Nesting Turtle Populations in Suriname – Hanneke Van Lavieren, WWF Guianas

12:00 Hatching Success and Threats on Braamspunt – Cheyenne Samson, Green Heritage Fund Suriname

12:30 ~ LUNCH: Torarica Hotel Conference Room ~

1:30 Open Room – Displays and Sharing
   Film: “The TTED – Toward more Sustainable Shrimp Trawling” (26 min)

Session III: Sea Turtle Research & Conservation in the Guianas II

2:00 Nest Monitoring in French Guiana: History, Methods, Results and Perspectives – Benoit de Thoisy, Kwata and Damien Chevallier, CNRS-IPHC

2:15 No Fishing Zone Suriname: What Works and What Doesn’t – Roy Hotsoi, Nature Conservation Division (NCD)

Session IV: Bycatch Assessment and Reduction

2:30 Fisheries Interaction and Bycatch Reduction: PALICA Assessment and CPUE Training – Tony Nalovic, CRPMEM and Nolwenn Cozannet, WWF France

2:45 Sea Turtle Conservation in Ubatuba, Southeastern Brazil, a Feeding Area with Incidental Capture in Coastal Fisheries – Henrique Becker, TAMAR

3:00 ~ Coffee Break ~


3:45 TTED and CTED Initiatives in Suriname – Tomas Willems, FAO & MAAHF- Fisheries Department Suriname
4:00 Bycatch Assessment of Artisanal Fisheries in Suriname: 2006-2016 - Kim Sy, Project Assistant, WWF Guianas
4:15 Bycatch in Costa Rica: National and International Effects - Didiher Chacón, Latin American Sea Turtles
4:30 Sea Turtles and Bycatch in the Canadian Atlantic - Brianne Kelly, WWF-Canada

5:00 Closing Remarks and Adjourn - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

7:00 ~ DINNER BUFFET: Riverside Hut, EcoResort Inn ~

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**AGENDA DAY 2**

**Wednesday, March 20**

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**Session V: Opening**

8:30 Late Registration - Torarica Hotel Conference Room
8:45 Opening Remarks, Announcements - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

**Session VI: Regional Initiatives and Updates I**

9:00 Outcomes and Next Steps from the Regional Leatherback Bycatch Prioritization Workshop - Michael Hiwat, WWF Suriname and Avanaisa Turny, AT-OSS
9:15 PLEDGE: Northeastern Caribbean Sea Turtle Recovery Zone - Kendal Richardson, Anguilla Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources
9:30 Northwest Atlantic Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) Status Assessment - Bryan Wallace, Ecolibrium, Inc.
9:45 Re-evaluating the RedList Category for Northwest Atlantic Leatherbacks - Bryan Wallace, Ecolibrium, Inc.

10:00 Discussion ~ Bryan Wallace, Ecolibrium, Inc.

10:30 ~ Coffee Break ~

**Session VII: Caribbean Island Research Updates**

11:00 Puerto Rico: Insights into the Dynamics of Green Turtle Fibropapillomatosis - Carlos Diez, Dept. of Natural and Environmental Resources and Rita Patricio, Exeter University
11:15  **Puerto Rico: Migratory Patterns of Leatherback Turtles** - Luis Crespo, ATMAR and Kara Dodge, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

11:30  **Population Demographics and Health Parameters of Nesting Leatherback and Juvenile Hawksbill and Green Sea Turtles in St. Kitts** - Kimberly Stewart, St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network and Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

11:45  **Sea Turtle Conservation: The Nevisian Experience** - Emile Pemberton, Nevis Turtle Group

12:00  **Afternoon River Tour Logistics** - Michael Hiwat, WWF

12:30  ~ **LUNCH**: Torarica Hotel Conference Room ~

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

2:00  **St Lucia: A Decade of Conservation Challenges** - Marie-Louise Felix, 4BluCs

2:15  **Grenada: Ocean Spirits Turns 20!** - Kate Charles and Kester Charles, Ocean Spirits

2:30  **Jamaica: Current Programs** - Damany Calder, National Environment and Planning Agency

2:45  **Bonaire: 2018 Update!** - Kaj Schut, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire

3:30  ~ **Coffee Break ~

**Session VIII: “Dolphin & Sea Turtle Watching Tour”**

*Much gratitude to WWF Guianas for sponsoring this cruise, tour, and meal!*

9:00  ~ **DINNER & RETURN CRUISE TO PARAMARIBO ~*
AGENDA DAY 3

Thursday, March 21

6:00 - 8:30 am  ~ BREAKFAST @ Riverside Hut, EcoResort Inn ~

**Session IX: Opening**

8:45 Opening Remarks, Announcements - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

**Session X: Public Awareness and Outreach**

9:00 Effective Conservation through Collaboration with Precious Plastic Initiatives - Sabine Berendse, Sea Turtle Conservation Curacao (STCC won the "Grassroots Conservation Award" at the 2019 International Sea Turtle Symposium 😊)

9:15 Sea Turtle Education Program Development, Implementation, and Outcome Assessment in St. Kitts, West Indies - Kimberly Stewart, St. Kitts Sea Turtle Monitoring Network and Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

9:30 Shell Beach Protected Area, Guyana - Two-minute film, "Help Us Safeguard Our Marine Turtles...Will you?" presented by Sopheia Edghill, WWF Guianas

10:00 ~ Coffee Break ~

As needed ... Nesting Beach Atlas meetings with Adam Eckert, GIS Specialist

**Session XI: Regional Initiatives and Updates II**

10:30 Sea Turtles and International Law in the Wider Caribbean Region - Sandrine Pivard, UNEP/CEP/RAC for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife and Olga Koubrak, Sealife Law Centre, Dalhousie University

10:45 Geographic Life Cycle of Green Sea Turtles: Nesting in the Guianas, Development in the Caribbean, and Foraging in Brazil - Benoit de Thoisy, Kwata and Damien Chevallier, CNRS-IPHC

**Session XII: Film Festival!**

11:00 Film Festival!

12:00 ~ LUNCH: Torarica Hotel Conference Room ~

Open Room - Displays and Sharing

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Departure Confirmations with Melissa Gordyk, WWF-Guianas Suriname
Session XII: Working Groups

1:00 Working Groups - Select Topics & Group Leaders

1:30 Working Group Sessions
   - How do we Perceive Conservation? - Bryan Wallace, Ecolibrium (USA)
   - Sustainable Community Programs - Lemme Pemberton (Nevis)
   - Data Collaborations - Nicolas Paranthoen (French Guiana)
   - Sargassum Influx - Carla Daniel (Barbados)
   - Making the Economic Case - Sabine Berendse (Curaçao)
   - Sea Turtle Bycatch: Next Steps - Tony Nalovic (French Guiana)

3:00 ~ Coffee Break ~

3:30 Working Group Reporting

4:00 Logistics and Notices for the Post-Meeting Field Trip to Galibi - Michael Hiwat, WWF
   What to bring, where/when to meet, where to store my luggage, airport returns …

4:30 Departure Confirmations - Melissa Gordyk, WWF-Guianas Suriname

5:00 Closing Remarks and Adjourn - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

7:00 ~ DINNER BUFFET: Riverside Hut, EcoResort Inn ~

Phagwa Celebration 2019
   Enjoy this unique Indian festival at Independence Square and at the Boulevard

We hope you enjoyed the Meeting! Safe travels!
   See you in Colombia next year!