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**Paramaribo, 17- 18 March 2019**

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***DAY 1:*** *Share and summarize the current state of knowledge about leatherback bycatch in the region from a national perspective*

08:15: Registration

08:30 Opening and welcome note by Suriname

08:35 Welcome note by WWF Guianas/ Steering committee (communicating the objective and expected outcomes of the meeting and the agenda for the meeting)

08:40 Introduction: a round of introduction by participants.

09:00 A general presentation on the need and urgency to address Leatherback Bycatch reduction in the region (WWF/ the Steering Committee).

09:15 Country presentation(s): Suriname and Q & A

10:15 Break

10:30 Country presentation(s): Trinidad and Tobago and Q & A

11:30 Country Presentation(s): Guyana and Q & A

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Country presentation(s) French-Guyana and Q & A

14:30 Country presentation(s) Canada Q & A.

Note: Canada has been included to the country presentations due to them sharing the NW Atlantic leatherback population with the region through foraging sites and migration.

15:30 Plenary: discussions on similarities between countries, apparent areas of high bycatch, problem areas, possible solutions identified from presentations, gaps in knowledge, and lessons learned.

16:30 Closing remarks, followed by closing.

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***DAY 2: Establish national and regional priorities for bycatch reduction: synthesize this baseline information across countries to identify priorities, which will include key bycatch issues and concerns as well as gaps in knowledge or capacity that are currently obstacles implementing By-catch monitoring or reduction actions.***

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08:30 Opening and introduction: Agenda Day 2

08:35 Working group session 1: Country level: Review and adjust country status compilation. Emphasis is on Bycatch reduction priorities, concerns and knowledge gaps.

09:45 Break: participants mingle. (topics for WG session 2 are proposed and agreed upon)

10:00 Working group sessions 2: mixed groups based on expertise and interests, discussing topics (concerns & solutions) at hand. Present and discuss.

11:30 Working group session 3: Mixed groups, (60% country and regional members added) to combine information from the country status report and the topics and discuss national solutions, identify gaps and establish priorities in terms of effective bycatch reduction in your country. Present on this. Q&A

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Working group session 4: Regional level. Mixed groups: identify and discuss regional solutions. Identify regional priorities in terms of effective bycatch reduction in the region. Present and discuss in plenary.

15:30 Summarize national and regional priorities in a plenary session. Discuss the way forward and next steps.

16:45 Final announcements. End notes by WWF and Guyana, French Guyana representatives. End note and closing by Suriname representatives

17:00 Closing