

~ 2020 Annual General Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)

Hilton Cartagena Hotel
Guacamayo Meeting Room

Cartagena, Colombia
14-15 March 2020

AGENDA DAY 1

Saturday, March 14

~ BREAKFAST ~

Session I: Opening

- 8:45 **Registration** - Guacamayo Meeting Room
9:15 **Opening Remarks** - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director
Announcements - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director
- List of Participants, Logistics
- 9:30 **Introductions**
9:45 **WIDECAST 2019 Retrospective** - Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director

Session II: Sea Turtle Research & Conservation in Colombia

- 10:00 **The Hope: Sea Turtles in the Seaflower Biosphere Reserve** - Cristian Ramírez-Gallego and Karla G. Barrientos-Muñoz, Fundación Tortugas del Mar
10:15 **Programa de Conservación de Tortugas y Mamíferos Marinos** - Karen Alexandra Pabón Aldana, ProCTMM
10:30 **~ Coffee Break ~**

Session III: Sea Turtle (Continental) Research & Conservation Updates I

- 11:00 **Fisheries and Sea Turtles: A Case Study of Projeto Tamar** - Bruno Giffoni, Fundação Pró-Tamar

- 11:15 **2020 French Guiana Sea Turtle National Action Plan** - *Nicolas Paranthoën, Office Français de la Biodiversité*
- 11:30 **Suriname** - *Michael Hiwat, WWF Guianas*
- 11:45 **Guyana** - *Samuel Benn and Rajwan Komar, Protected Areas Commission*

12:00 ~ LUNCH ~

1:00 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

Session IV: Sea Turtle (Continental) Research & Conservation Updates II

- 1:30 **Sea Turtle Nesting and Conservation on the Southeast Coast of Nicaragua** - *Edgar Coulson¹, Cathi Campbell^{1,2}, Adonis Coulson¹, and Cynthia Lagueux^{1,2}*
¹Caribbean Nicaragua Marine Turtle Program, ²ACCSTR, University of Florida
- 1:45 **Orthophotomosaic Imagery and Adopt-A-Beach Programs** - *Linda Searle, ECOMAR*
- 2:00 **Making Connections Beyond Research: Marymount University, Hawksbill Hope, and the Community of Gales Point, Belize** - *Dr. Todd Rimkus, Marymount University*

Session V: Sea Turtle (Insular) Research & Conservation Updates I

- 2:15 **STCC: Conservation Update** - *Sabine Berendse, Sea Turtle Conservation Curaçao*
- 2:30 **STCB: 1991-2019** - *Mabel Nava, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire*
- 2:45 **Post-Hurricane Changes to the BVI Turtle Programme** - *Shannon Gore, ARK BVI*
- 3:00 ~ Coffee Break ~
- 3:30 **Hurricanes and All: We're Still Here!** - *Jacob 'Jake' Levenson, Dominica Sea Turtle Conservation Project*
- 3:45 **Perinatal Sea Turtle Pathology in the Caribbean** - *Michelle Dennis, Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, Saint Kitts*
- 4:00 **Long-term Nesting Trends: Jumby Bay Hawksbills** - *Alexandra Fireman, Jumby Bay Hawksbill Project*
- 4:15 **The Business of saving turtles: Digital solution for predicting where and when hatchlings will emerge** - *John Bonardelli and Marc Larin, Nesting Safe Inc.*
- 4:30 **St Lucia (unconfirmed)** - *Vincent 'Jeg' Clarke, Saint Lucia National Trust*
- 5:00 **Closing Remarks and Adjourn** - *Karen Eckert, WIDECAST Executive Director*

~ DINNER ~

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AGENDA DAY 2

Sunday, March 15

~ BREAKFAST ~

Session VI: Opening

8:30 **Late Registration** - Guacamayo Meeting Room

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

Session VII: In-Water Conservation Programs

9:00 **Global Ghost Gear Initiative: New Techniques in Ghost Fishing Gear Removal and Documentation** - *Kenrith Carter, Dr. Carter Vet Services Grenada*

9:15 **Environmental Factors Affect Dive Duration and Space Use in Juvenile Caribbean Hawksbill Sea Turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)** - *Dr. Paul Jobsis, University of the Virgin Islands*

9:30 **Assessing the Wayuu Turtle Fishery in the Gulf of Venezuela: Causes and Consequences** - *Héctor Barrios Garrido, Universidad de Zulia*

9:45 **Spatial Ecology of Adult Sea Turtles from Mexican Caribbean Littoral Zone** - *Eduardo Cuevas, CONACYT-Universidad Autonoma del Carmen*

10:00 **~ Coffee Break ~**

Session VIII: Sea Turtle (Continental) Research & Conservation Updates III

10:30 **Implications of Nesting Beach Loss on Juvenile Hawksbills in the Sandy Bay West End Marine Reserve, Honduras** - *Stephen Dunbar, ProTECTOR Inc.*

10:45 **Venezuela (unconfirmed)** - *Hedelvy Guada, CICTMAR and Universidad Central de Venezuela*

Session IX: Regional Initiatives and Updates

11:00 **Regional Atlas of Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat v.2** - *Karen Eckert and Adam Eckert, WIDECAST*

11:15 **Migration Corridors: A Regional Collaboration** - *Félix Moncada, Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras, Cuba and Eduardo Cuevas, CONACYT-Universidad Autonoma del Carmen, Mexico*

11:30 **Partnership Opportunities for Nesting Beaches and the Tortoiseshell Trade** - *Brad Nahill, SEE Turtles*

12:00 ~ LUNCH ~

1:00 **Open Room - Displays and Sharing**

1:30 **NWA Leatherback Action Plan and Framework Survey** - *Michael Hiwat, WWF-Guianas and Bryan Wallace, Ecolibrium Inc.*

1:45 **SPAW Programme and CARI'MAM** - *Sandrine Pivard, UNEP/CEP Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW)*

2:00 **WWF Caribbean Netherlands Programme: Sea Turtle Initiatives around the World** - *Arjan de Groene, WWF Caribbean Netherlands Programme*

2:15 **Mitigating Bycatch of Leatherbacks along the Eastern and Southern Coasts of Newfoundland, Canada** - *Brianne Kelly, Marine Ecosystems & Fisheries, WWF-Canada*

2:30 **Sea Turtle Friendly Certification Standards: What's Next?** - *Marissa Altmann, Wildlife Friendly Enterprise Network (remote presentation)*

3:00 ~ Coffee Break ~

3:15 **Working Groups - Select Topics & Group Leaders**

Session X: Working Groups

3:30 **Working Group Sessions**

**Will include work on the NWA Leatherback Action Plan and Framework Survey*

4:30 **Working Group Reporting**

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

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We hope you enjoyed the Meeting! See you next year!

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