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Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network

**~ 2024 Annual General Meeting ~
Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network
(WIDECAST)**

Hotel Bougainvillea

Heredia, Costa Rica

11-12 March 2024

~ PROVISIONAL AGENDA ~

Welcome Reception ~ Sunday, March 10

6:00 - 8:00 PM Dalias Room, Hotel Bougainvillea (first floor)
6:30 pm Carlos Hiller and Federico Miranda Paint and Music Show
Please join us! Hors D'oeuvres are Free and the Company is Great!

DAY 1 ~ Monday, March 11

Session I: Opening Remarks

8:00 **Open Room**

9:00 **Welcome** - *Kimberly Stewart, WIDECAST Executive Director*

- Announcements, Logistics, List of Participants

Session II: Keynote Address

9:15 **Costa Rica's National Sea Turtle Strategy** - *Rotney Piedra, Protected Areas Manager, Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (SINAC), Ministerio del Ambiente y Energía (MINAE)*

Session III: Sea Turtles in Costa Rica

9:30 **Marine Conservation and MPA Monitoring in Costa Rica** - Monica Gamboa, ACRXS

9:45 **Arribadas in Ostional, Costa Rica** - Jeimy Cedeño, SINAC

10:00 ~ **Coffee Break / Social Space** ~

10:30 **Sargassum in Central America and Dominican Republic** - Didiher Chacón, Latin American Sea Turtles (LAST), Costa Rica

10:45 **Trade of illegal Sea Turtle Products in Costa Rica; How we manage it!**, Carlos Mario Orrego, MINAE, SINAC, Costa Rica

11:00 **Nesting Trends in Tortuguero National Park**, Roldan Valverde, Sea Turtle Conservancy (via ZOOM)

11:30 ~ **Lunch Break** ~

12:30 **Open Room:** Please return to the room to socialize so we can start on time! 😊

Session IV: Hawksbill Sea Turtle Trade

1:00 **ShellBank: Opportunities for Partnerships** - Michael Jenson and Christine Madden Hof, ShellBank (via ZOOM)

1:30 **Q&A:** Michael Jenson and Christine Madden Hof

1:45 **Recognizing Hawksbill Products in Costa Rica using Hands-on Identification Techniques** - Didiher Chacón, LAST

2:45 ~ **Coffee Break / Social Space** ~

Session V: Emerging Technologies

3:15 **EarthRanger: Opportunities for Partnerships** - Jes Lefcourt, EarthRanger

3:30 **Q&A:** Jes Lefcourt

3:45 **Using UAV-Drone for Night Patrols** - Luis Crespo, Amigos de las Tortugas Marinas (ATMAR), Puerto Rico

4:00 **Match Me if You Can** -Daan Zeegers, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire

4:30 **Open Mic, Announcements, Dinner Options**

Closing Remarks and Adjourn



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DAY 2 ~ Tuesday, March 12

Session VI: Opening Remarks

8:30 **Open Room**

9:00 **Welcome** - *Kimberly Stewart, WIDECAST Executive Director*

- Announcements, Logistics, List of Participants

9:15 **Reflections From a New Executive Director** - *Kimberly Stewart, WIDECAST*

Session VII: Caribbean Island Updates

9:30 **Celebrating 25 Years of Ocean Spirits!** - *Kate Charles, Ocean Spirits, Grenada*

9:45 **Hawksbill Blood Draw Techniques** - *Dr Kenrith Carter, Dr Carter Vet and Ocean Spirits*

10:00 **Status Report: SPAW Protocol, Cartagena Convention, and Caribbean Marine Megafauna and Anthropogenic Activities (CAMAC)** -

Géraldine Conruyt (Deputy Director), Regional Activity Centre for Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW), Guadeloupe

10:15 **Current Sea Turtle Nesting Threats on Mainland Antigua Identified Through Beach Monitoring** - *Environmental Awareness Group*

10:30 **~ Coffee Break / Social Space ~**

Session VIII: Caribbean Island Updates (continued)

- 10:45 **Impacts of Coastal Armoring on Sea Turtle Conservation in Barbados** - Carla Daniel, Wild Isle Trust (formerly the Barbados Sea Turtle Project)
- 11:00 **Investigating FP Development using Transmitters** - Ard Vreugdenhil, Sea Turtle Conservation Curaçao
- 11:15 **Effectiveness of Community-based Education and Fisher Training Programs in Southern Haiti** - Jamie Aquino, Haiti Ocean Project
- 11:45 **Sea Turtle Nesting Monitoring St. Maarten** - Leslie Hickerson, Nature Foundation St. Maarten
- 12:00 ~ **Lunch Break** ~
- 1:00 **Open Room:** Please return to the room to socialize so we can start on time! 😊

Session IX: Caribbean Mainland Updates

- 1:30 **IUU Activities under the Leatherback RAP, Lessons Learned** - Soraya Wijntuin, WWF-Guianas (Suriname)
- 1:45 **Eastern Pacific Ocean Leatherback Network Leatherback Heros Initiative** - Velkiss Gadea, Mangrove Studio, Nicaragua
- 2:00 **National Update for French Guiana** - Mathilde Lasfargue, Coordinateur du Plan National d'Actions Tortues Marines en Guyane
- 2:15 **Distillery, Apps, and Turtle Research - The Past 2 Years in Dominica with DomSeTCO** - Kacey St. John, DomSeTCO, Dominica
- 2:30 **Sea turtle conservation in the Yucatán Península, México** - Dr. Melania López Castro, Pronatura Península de Yucatán, Mexico
- 2:45 ~ **Coffee Break** ~

Session IX: Thematic Working Groups

- 3:15 **Roundtables - Topics to be Decided!**

Examples: Conservation using Drones; In Water Sea Turtle Tourism; Community Science; Veterinary Protocols; Bycatch: Working with Fishers; Declining Hawksbills; Making the most of Social Media; ... anything you would like to share, need support with, would like to learn more about ...

- 4:45 **Reports/Recommendations from Working Groups**
- 5:15 **Open Mic, Announcements, Dinner Options, Field Trip Logistics**

Closing Remarks and Adjourn