

IAC Scientific Committee Work Plan (2016-2017)

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Actor	Topic	Proposed Action	Expected Result	Time frame
Scientific Committee	Exceptions	1) Follow up the progress of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Panama and Honduras exceptions. 2) Provide recommendations on Honduras exception to CCE	1) Recommendations for Honduras exception presented to CCE for consideration as a potential resolution to COP. 2) Scientific Committee Chair will report to CCE on progress of the follow up on the exception to Costa Rica, Panama and Guatemala as part of the Scientific Committee activities report at the Consultative Committee of Experts meeting.	2017
Scientific Committee, Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i>	IAC Website & Newsletter	1) Send relevant news on a monthly basis to the Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i> for the IAC's Newsletter.	1) Updated news in the IAC's website, and regular publication of the IAC's Newsletter.	Permanent
Fisheries Working Group	Fisheries	1) Update the list of Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) that are being utilized.	1) Summary table with a list of TEDs that are being utilized up to date presented in 2017.	2017
Fisheries Working Group	Fisheries	2) Prepare a report with survey results and recommendations.	1) Report on trawl fisheries for species other than crustaceans that have interaction with sea turtles. Report should contain the diagnostic results of interactions and be presented in the SC13.	Inter-sessional 2016
Stranding Working Group	Stranding	1) Develop a directory of specialists linked to strandings. 2) Develop a directory of local professionals in each country. 3) Select and recommend necropsy manuals and sampling protocols. 4) Select and recommend operating models for stranding networks.	1) Technical Document on strandings in the IAC region presented in SC13.	Inter-sessional, next meeting SC13 2016
Nesting Working Group, Scientific Committee	Conservation status of index nesting beaches	1) Compile annual information of nesting at index beaches using the form developed and analyze these data periodically (every 5 years). 2) Evaluate the conservation status of sea turtle populations in the region, based on the best scientific available information.	1) Compilation format updated with the information submitted by the IAC's parties. 2) Preliminary Analysis Report 2015-2016 on index nesting beaches presented in SC13. 3) Report on the analysis of the index nesting beaches 2009-2018 presented at COP9.	Permanent

Climate Change Working Group	Climate Change	1) Draft a format of a periodic request of quantitative data on climate change parameters to be monitored by the Parties. 2) Request to the Consultative Committee of Experts to reconsider the removal of the climate change table in the Annual Report. Additional columns will be added in table of Annex 2 (table of nesting) of the IAC Annual Report to collect information on climate change.	1) Format to gather climate change data included in the IAC Annual Report (either in compliance with the Resolution or as an accompanying table). 2) Proposed periodicity to request climate change data to IAC Parties. 3) Climate change data collection format shared with CCE for comments	2016, 2017
Scientific Committee	Work Plan	1) Develop and update the Scientific Committee Work Plan following IAC guidelines and the COP Resolutions.	1) Bi-annual Scientific Committee Work Plan prepared with actions, timetable and responsible.	Permanent
Scientific Committee	Collaboration with other organizations and Strategic Alliances	1) Develop recommendations to enhance synergies and mechanisms for collaborative work with other related organizations to meet the IAC objectives. 2) Review of the Scientific Committee Work Plan to include themes and mechanisms to improve cooperation with the Focal Points and other agencies.	1) Include in the Scientific Committee Work Plan themes and mechanisms to improve the collaboration between IAC Focal Points and other organizations that the IAC has MoU with such as SPAW, IATTC, CPPS, Ramsar, CITES and ACAP. 2) Identification of synergies with similar organizations to share information (SPAW, IATTC, CPPS, WIDECAST, ICCAT, RAMSAR, SWOT, ICAPO, ASO, WWF, CBD, CMS, ACAP, TLT-The Leatherback Trust).	2017
Scientific Committee	IAC Annual Reports	1) Analyze the technical information included in the IAC Annual Reports.	1) Analysis of technical information included in the IAC Annual Reports.	2017
Scientific Committee	Projects	1) Develop and analyze recommendations about high priority projects for funding and other support needed to achieve the IAC objectives.	1) Recommendations for high priority projects when needed.	2017
Scientific Committee, Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i>	COP and Consultative Committee of Experts Recommendations	1) Address COP and Consultative Committee of Experts requests, and make recommendations accordingly.	1) Make recommendations to the COP and Consultative Committee of Experts as needed.	2016, 2017
Scientific Committee	IAC technical documents	1) Develop technical documents as needed.	1) Technical documents available at the IAC's website and shared within the IAC Parties.	2016, 2017
Scientific Committee, Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i>	IAC Expert Directory	1) Update and maintain the directory of experts in areas within the IAC interest.	Updated directory available at IAC's website.	2016, 2017

Scientific Committee, Eastern Pacific Leatherback Working Group, Fisheries Working Group	Eastern Pacific Leatherback <i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Collect and standardize existing information. 2) Develop formats on leatherback bycatch. 3) Establish formal agreements among those providing information (agencies, countries, etc.) and the Leatherback Trust for the use of information. 4) Request to the IATTC data on turtle bycatch in the fishing fleet. 5) Develop a format for the data that will be requested to the IATTC. 	1) Progress report on the definition of areas of interactions between Eastern Pacific leatherback turtles and fishing activities presented in SC13.	2016
Scientific Committee, Loggerhead Working Group	Loggerhead turtle <i>Caretta caretta</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop a report on the status of the <i>Caretta caretta</i> 2) Develop recommendations for conservation actions. 3) Presentation, discussion and approval of the draft report of the loggerhead assessment in SC13. 4) Presentation of draft to the Consultative Committee of Experts 30 days before the 2017 meeting. 5) Address comments received by the Consultative Committee of Experts and sent final report to the COP 45 days before the 2017 meeting. 6) Develop a document on loggerhead status in IAC Parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Draft document assessing the loggerhead turtle in the IAC region for CC13. 2) Final report on the status of all loggerhead turtle populations in the IAC region and recommendations sent to COP8, 2017. 	2016, 2017