



Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles

Draft Agenda

13th Meeting of the IAC Scientific Committee (SC13)

Belize City, Belize August 29 – 1 September 2016

Sunday – 28.08.16

Arrival of participants to Hotel Best Western Biltmore Belize

Monday – 29.08.16

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| 08:00-09:00 | Registration of participants |
| 09:00-9:40 | Opening of the meeting by Host Country, Scientific Committee Chair and Secretariat PT |
| | Welcome remarks |
| | Authorities from Belize |
| | <i>Mr. Diego Albareda</i>
Scientific Committee Chair |
| | <i>Ms. Verónica Càceres</i>
IAC Secretary <i>Pro Tempore</i> |
| 9:40-10:15 | Introduction to Sea Turtle Conservation Activities in Belize. Belize delegate |
| 10:15-10:35 | Adoption of the agenda, introduction of participants and election of meeting rapporteur. Mr. Diego Albareda, SC Chair CIT-CC13-2016-Doc.1 |
| 10:35-10:50 | Coffee break |
| 10:50–11:15 | Report of the 12 th IAC Scientific Committee Meeting Activities. SC Chair |
| 11:15-11:30 | Report on Activities of the Secretariat <i>Pro Tempore</i> . Ms. Veronica Caceres, IAC Secretary PT |
| 11:30 -12:30 | Technical report on Sea Turtle Stranding in the IAC Region. WG Coordinator CIT-CC13-2016-Tec.12 |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch break |

Review of Exceptions Presented to IAC Convention

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| 13:30-14:15 | Presentation Exception Honduras. Ms. Carolina Montalvan, Honduras Delegate SC
(15 minute presentation + Q&A) |
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14:15-15:00 Analysis of the Implementation of Exception Resolution and Recommendations for Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Panama. Ms. Neca Marcovaldi WG Coordinator CIT-CC13-2016-Doc.2 and CIT-CC13-2016-Doc.3

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

1st Session of Working Groups Meetings

15:15-16:40 Exception Working Group meeting (1 h 30 min)
Fisheries Working Group meeting (1 h 30 min)

16:40-17:00 Report and Recommendations from Exception WG (if available) / Plenary Discussion

17:00 Session ends

19:00 Welcome reception

Tuesday- 30.08.16

9:00 -9:30 Technical Document on the conservation status of *Caretta caretta*. Mr. Jeff Seminoff, WG Coordinator CIT-CC13-2016-Tec.13_Report Loggerhead (15 minute presentation + Q&A)

2nd Session of Working Groups Meetings

9:30-10:30 *Caretta caretta* Working Group meeting (1 h 30 min)
Climate Change and Sea Turtles Working Group meeting (1 h 30 min)

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45-11:15 Continue Working Groups meetings

11:15 -12:00 Reports and Recommendations from Working Groups. WG Coordinators

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:00 Reports and Recommendations from Working Groups. (Continue)

15:00-15:20 Coffee break

15:20-16:00 East Pacific Leatherback Task Force Report - CIT-CC13-2016-Inf.2_Task Force. Member of task Force – (15 min presentation followed by plenary discussion)

16:00-17:00 Summary of day two discussions

17:00 Session ends

Wednesday–31.08.16

- 9:00-10:00 Scientific Committee Work Plan Update (2017-18) CIT-CC13-2016-Doc.5. Ms. Carolina Montalvan, WG Coordinator
- 10:00-10:40 IAC Annual Report Format review CIT-CC13-2016-Inf.3_Sea Turtle Foraging areas
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:00 Capacity Building IAC Member Countries and Synergies with International Organizations partners (Ramsar, CITES, UNLOS, CMS etc)
- 12:00-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-14:30 Other business
- 14:30-15:30 Adoption of the meeting Recommendations and Agreements
-Review of the SC13 Draft Report
-Proposal of agenda items for COP8
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45-16:30 Preparation of next meeting (SC14) Conclusions and steps forward
-Election of Chair and Vice Chair
-Hosting proposals for SC14
Delegates are invited to propose locations and dates for the next meeting.
- 16:30-17:00 Information about the field trip and Closing remarks

Thursday–1.09.16

Visit to a Sea Turtle Conservation Site

9:00-18:00

Field visit to sea turtle conservation projects organized by Government of Belize for IAC official delegates. The Scientific Committee is invited to provide advice and recommendations as appropriate.

Friday – 2.09.16

Departure of participants