



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection  
and Conservation of Sea Turtles**  
**17th Meeting of the Scientific Committee (SC17)**  
*October 20-22, 2020 - Videoconference*

**CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.1**

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**Preliminary Agenda SC17**

**Day 1 / Time 11:00 am – 4:00 PM EST (Washington DC)**

- 11:00 a.m. Participants connection to the conference (15 min)  
Platform: Zoom with simultaneous interpretation.
- 11:15 – 11:40 a.m. Welcome remarks, introduction of participants, and adoption of the agenda. Scientific Committee Chair, *Dr. Diego Albareda*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.1](#)  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Inf.1 Participants List](#)

**Compliance with the Scientific Committee Work Plan 2019-2020, progress, and results**

- 11:40 – 12:30 p.m. Report on compliance with the Scientific Committee Work Plan, intersessional activities, and results. [CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.2](#)  
*Dr. Diego Albareda, CC Chair*
- 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Updating of the Scientific Committee Work Plan  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.3](#)  
*Dr. Diego Albareda, CC Chair, and Working Groups*
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Report on the CCE13 Consultative Committee of Experts.  
*Dr. Eduardo Ponce, CCE Chair.*

**Exceptions**

- 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Break**
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Scientific Committee recommendations to Guatemala's five-years report on the implementation of the Resolution on Exceptions in Guatemala CIT-COP6-2013-R1 – *Exceptions Working Group (D. Chacón, C. Batistotte, J. Horrocks)*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.4A Exception Report Guatemala and Pre-recorded Presentation](#)  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.4B](#)
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Scientific Committee recommendations to Costa Rica's five-years report on the implementation of the Resolution on Exceptions in Costa Rica CIT-COP7-2015-R1 – *Exceptions Working Group (D. Chacón, C. Batistotte, J.*

*Horrocks)*

[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.5A Exception Report Costa Rica and Pre-recorded Presentation](#)

[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.5B](#)

- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Adoption of Scientific Committee recommendations to Costa Rica's and Guatemala Exceptions and Discussion on the drafting of a Resolution with guidelines for the implementation and monitoring of the exception's management plan – Dr. *Diego Albareda*

### **Sea Turtle Conservation Status**

- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Discussion on the Scientific Committee Technical Reports periodicity
- Progress report on the collaboration strategy with MTSG y SWOT to work together on: a) preparation of a product on Sea Turtle Conservation Status and recommendations to the IAC Parties and b) compiling information available regarding sea turtle conservation status – Dr. *Diego Albareda*

<b>Day 2 – Starting at 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (EST)</b>
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### **Fisheries interactions with Sea Turtles**

- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Peru's pilot program to quantify the release of EP leatherbacks caught in gillnet fisheries within the framework of actions to implement Resolution CIT-COP7-2015-R2 – Dr. *Javier Quiñones (Fisheries WG Coordinator)*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.6 and Pre-recorded Presentation](#)
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Recommendation of methodology to analyze the information on the interaction between industrial longline fisheries and sea turtles reported by countries in the IAC Annual Report, and presentation of a preliminary report on the data analysis of Annual Report 2020 industrial longline fisheries data to prepare for COP10 Dr. *Heriberto Santana (Fisheries WG)*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.7 and Pre-recorded Presentation](#)
- 12:30 – 01:30 p.m. Recommendation of format to collect information on the interaction between gillnet fisheries and sea turtles and methodology to analyze these data – *Ecuador Delegate (Fisheries WG)*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.8](#)
- 01:30 – 2:00 p.m. Data sheet to report sea turtle stranding – Dr. *Javier Quiñones (Fisheries WG)* [CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.9 and Pre-recorded Presentation](#)

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.      **Break**

### **Northwest Atlantic Leatherback**

2:30 – 03:00 p.m.      Scientific Committee recommendations to the COP10 on critical areas for the conservation of the Northwest Atlantic Leatherback – Resolution CIT-COP9-2019-R1 - [CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.13](#) *Msc. Didiher Chacón*

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.      Outreach document on the status of the Northwest Atlantic Leatherback Turtle.  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.14](#) – Document presented by *Sealife Law* and WWF Canada.

### **Climate Change**

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.      Progress report on the implementation of the Pilot Project to collect environmental data to measure the impact of climate change on sea turtles. - *Dr. Julia Horrocks and Dr. Jeffrey Seminoff, Climate Change Working Group* [CIT-CC17-2020-Inf.2](#)

<b>Day 3 – Starting at 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (EST)</b>
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### **Collaboration with Regional International Organizations and RFMOs**

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.      Collaboration IAC-IATTC: Project proposal for the second phase of the Model Ecological Assessment of Sustainable Impacts of Fisheries (EASI-Fish) on Eastern Pacific Leatherbacks. *Dr. Bryan Wallace (CCE and Leatherback Task Force Coordinator)*

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.      Recommendations to COP10 on CITES “Status report of legal and illegal Trade of sea turtles”. (*Working Group M.Sc. D. Chacon, Dr. J. Horrocks*) Links to documents:  
<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2020-035-A2.pdf>  
<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/esp/cop/18/doc/S-CoP18-070.pdf>

11:45 – 12:00 p.m.      Proposal of activities to collaborate with SPAW Protocol  
*Biol. Kirah Forman (SPAW WG Coordinator)* [CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.10](#)

12:00 – 12:20 p.m.      Recommendation from Scientific Committee on activity/project within the framework of Ramsar Resolution xiii.24 on the enhanced conservation of coastal marine turtle habitats and the designation of key areas as Ramsar sites. – *Ms. Cristiana de la Rosa*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.11](#)  
[https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/xiii.24\\_sea\\_turtles\\_e.pdf](https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/xiii.24_sea_turtles_e.pdf)

12:20 – 12:30 p.m.      Strategy to work jointly with GECT RAMSAR – *Dr. Diego Albareda*

12:30 – 01:00 p.m. Proposal and work plan for implementation of activities identified within the framework of the MoU IAC-ACAP– *Dr. Diego Albareda*  
[CIT-CC17-2020-Doc.12](#)

01:00 – 01:30 p.m. **Break**

01:30 – 02:00 p.m. Adoption of Recommendations from the Scientific Committee

### **Preparation of the next meeting (SC18)**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Election of the Scientific Committee Chair and Vice-Chair  
2020-2022

SC18 host country nomination and Closing remarks

Report Scientific Committee 2019

- [http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/comite-cientifico/Final%20Report%20SC16\\_CIT-CC16-2019-Doc.10\\_Web.pdf](http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/comite-cientifico/Final%20Report%20SC16_CIT-CC16-2019-Doc.10_Web.pdf)

Report Consultative Committee 2020

- [http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/comite-consultivo/13reunion/CIT-CC13-2020-Doc.7\\_CCE13\\_Final%20Report\\_15May2020\\_Web.pdf](http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/comite-consultivo/13reunion/CIT-CC13-2020-Doc.7_CCE13_Final%20Report_15May2020_Web.pdf)

Resolutions on Exceptions in Guatemala and Costa Rica

- [http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/resolucionesCOP7CIT/CIT-COP7-2015-R1\\_Exception\\_Costa\\_Rica\\_ENG\\_7.15.15\\_ADOPTED.pdf](http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/resolucionesCOP7CIT/CIT-COP7-2015-R1_Exception_Costa_Rica_ENG_7.15.15_ADOPTED.pdf)
- [http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/resolucionesCOP6CIT/CIT-COP6-2013-R1\\_Exceptions\\_Final.pdf](http://www.iacseaturtle.org/eng-docs/resolucionesCOP6CIT/CIT-COP6-2013-R1_Exceptions_Final.pdf)

Ramsar: Resolution

- [https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/cop13doc.18.26\\_rev1\\_dr\\_s ea\\_turtles\\_s.pdf](https://www.ramsar.org/sites/default/files/documents/library/cop13doc.18.26_rev1_dr_s ea_turtles_s.pdf)

CITES: Status, scope and trends of the legal and illegal international trade in marine turtles

- <https://cites.org/sites/default/files/notif/E-Notif-2020-035-A2.pdf>