



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea
Turtles**
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Resolution on the Conservation of the Loggerhead Sea Turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

RECOGNIZING that four populations of loggerheads (North Pacific, South Pacific, Northwest Atlantic, and South Atlantic) are found in the IAC Convention area;

RECOGNIZING that these populations face threats from coastal development, coastal fisheries, high seas fisheries, marine debris, pollution, mining and climate change;

RECOGNIZING the on-going regional initiatives of the Northwest Atlantic International Loggerhead Working Group and the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Single Species Action Plan for the Loggerhead Turtle in the South Pacific Ocean;

RECOGNIZING that through collaborative data sharing and conservation projects that IAC Parties can improve the conservation status of these four loggerhead populations.

THE 7TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF SEA TURTLES RESOLVES TO:

- 1) Work in coordination to implement the existing recovery plans and develop recovery plans as appropriate.
 - a. In the case of the North Pacific loggerhead sea turtles, Mexico and the United States commit to work with Japan to develop a Tri-National Recovery Plan for North Pacific loggerhead sea turtles. These countries will provide regular updates on their progress through their annual IAC's reports.
 - b. In the case of the South Pacific loggerhead sea turtles, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and the United States will work with the IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* and the Secretariat of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) to implement the Single Species Action Plan for the Loggerhead Turtle in the South Pacific Ocean (CMS Resolution 11-21). These countries will provide regular updates on their progress through their annual IAC reports.
 - c. In the case of the Northwest Atlantic loggerhead sea turtles, Mexico and the United States will continue to work with collaborating countries in the North Atlantic to share information on the status and trends of Northwest Atlantic loggerhead sea turtles, as well as identify collaborative conservation actions.



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- d. In the case of the South Atlantic loggerhead sea turtles, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina will continue to work to recover the South Atlantic loggerhead population and provide regular status reports to the IAC through their annual reports. Furthermore, these countries will establish communications to develop coordinated and concurrent lines of action to achieve the above mentioned objective.
- 2) Work in coordination to find common strategies to reduce any impact that affects the subpopulations of the loggerhead turtle.
- 3) Request to the IAC Scientific Committee to develop a summary report of the status of all loggerhead populations in the IAC Convention area every four years. This summary report should draw on existing reviews such IUCN Red List assessments, major regional status reviews and information provided in countries' annual reports. The Secretariat *Pro Tempore* will work with the Scientific Committee and other relevant organizations to identify the most efficient ways to develop this summary report. Based on this summary report, the IAC Scientific Committee in consultation with Consultative Committee of Experts will identify the main actions for the IAC Parties to undertake to improve the conservation status of all loggerhead turtles. The first report should be submitted to the IAC Conference of the Parties by 2019.