

REDUCING BYCATCH BY BUILDING CAPACITY FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AMONG FISHERS AND CONSERVATIONISTS

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Bolivar Ballroom F. Hotel Hilton, Cartagena, Colombia ~ 18 March 2023

Main Objective for Collaborative Fisheries Research (CFR) Workshop:

What are bycatch mitigation techniques (gear and human dimensions) that are most likely to be successful in the Wider Caribbean Region? How can we foster voluntary behavior changes by fishermen in favor of saving turtles, and when do regulations make the difference?

Hosts: ISTS, WIDECAST, TOTM, CRPM

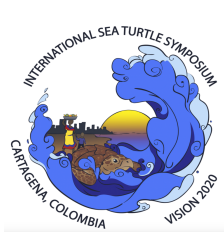
CFR Session Team: Michel (Tony) Nalovic (Lead-Organiser) and Juan Manuel Rguez-Baron (Co-Organizers), Dr. Karen Eckert, Dr. Diego Amorocho, Audrey Chevalier, Laura Picariello, Bryan Wallace, Jesse Senko, Cindy Vargas, Janie Reavis, and Didiher Chacón.

AGENDA

- 8:15** **Registration**
- 8:45** **Welcome:** Diego Amorocho, 2020 ISTS President (5-10 min)
- 9:00** **Introductions:** *Session I Moderator: Dr. Karen Eckert*, WIDECAST Executive Director
- 9:30** **Objectives, including results of previous ISTS CFR bycatch sessions:** Michel Nalovic (CRPM Guyane)
- 9:45** **Research for reduction of the impact of bycatch in Colombia and its Politics Incidence:**
Mario Rueda (INVEMAR, Colombia)
- 10:00** **2 NW Atlantic Leatherback Regional Bycatch Prioritization Workshop:**
Soraya Wijntuin (WWF-Guianas, Suriname)
- 10:15** **Caribbean Marine Megafauna and Anthropogenic Activities:** Claire Pusinery (CARSPAW) Guadeloup
- 10:30** **Break**
- Session II Moderator: Bryan Wallace, ECOLIBRIUM, USA)*
- 11:00** **What Does it Mean to Collaborate?** Didiher Chacón (WIDECAST Latin America)
“Critical elements of effective collaborative research – factors that create success”
- 11:15** **Case Study 1:** ARRIBA and PALICA 2 Projects in French Guiana: Audrey Chevalier (WWF, French Guiana) Michel Nalovic (CRPMEM, French Guiana)
- 11:30** **Case study 2:** Update and Perspectives for Reducing Leatherback Sea Turtle Bycatch in the Surface Gillnet Fisheries of Trinidad: Bryan Wallace (ECOLIBRIUM, USA)
- 11:45** **Case study 3:** TOPASE Project in Guadeloupe and Martinique: Damien Chevallier (CNRS, Martinique)
- 12:00** **Case study 4:** The Process of Developing Solar Charging LEDs: Cindy Vargas (Arizona State

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12:20 One Hour Working Lunch in Conference room – Moderator : Michel Nalovic (CRPMEM Guyane)
Thematic Discussion Tables (– themes and secretariate to be decided on site)

Session III Panel Moderator: Didiher Chacón, LAST Costa Rica and WIDECAST

13:40

~ Fisher Panel ~

How can we foster voluntary behavior changes in Caribbean fishers? Where are the opportunities we need to explore? What are the limits to address?

13:45 Introduce Panel – Juan Manuel Rguez-Baron and facilitator for fishers – JUSTSEA FOUNDATION)

-Two fishers from Colombia (names to be determined)

13:50 Fisher 1 Alberto ARROYO MENDIVIL **14:10** Fisher 2 Sabas Manuel VILLA RODRIGUEZ

14:30 Plenary Discussion - The objective is that this exchange benefits Colombia and other countries in the region by recognizing fisher's perception and expertise.

~ 15:30 Break - Invite participants to regroup by country and think/write 1-3 questions/actions/ recommendations/ actions they consider priorities for *their* country /solid ideas of what to do when they return home to work or continue to work on bycatch /who from the workshop (or not present at the workshop) they can get support from / any major obstacles that need to be overcome along with potential funding sources.

Session IV Moderator: Michel Nalovic (CRPMEM Guyane)

~ 16:00 Market Driven Initiatives / Fishery Improvement Projects: Laura Picariello, Texas Sea Grant

~ 16:15 Recommendations: Participants invited to report back for each country on results from break
Note: Recommendations for Caribbean will be compiled for WIDECAST

~ 16:45 Julieth Andrea Prieto Rodríguez: Current situation of the alliance around marine turtle protection in department of Magdalena : Where do we go from here?

~ 17:15 Concluding Remarks : Brief reporting on priority recommendations and tendencies, thank and release panelists,

~ 17:30 Adjourn