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# MARINE TURTLE BYCATCH REDUCTION & CONSERVATION UNDERSTANDING AND DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CAPACITIES AMONG MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATIONISTS AT ISTS 36

Universidad Científica del Sur, Lima, Peru. Monday Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Main Objective for CFR session in Peru:**

How can we foster voluntary behavior changes by fishermen in favor of saving turtles?

**Financial Sponsors:**

Virginia Sea Grant (VASG), WWF International, French Guiana Regional Fisheries Committee (CRPM Guyane).

**Hosts:** VASG, WWF, CRPM Guyane, AIC, Prodelphinus.

**Primary audience:** marine turtle conservationists working on fisheries issues

**ISTS CFR session team:** Tony Nalovic, Aimee Leslie, Troy Hartley, Diego Amorocho, Martin Hall, Joanna Alfaro, Jeffery Mangel, Veronica Caceres, Jack Frasier.

**Agenda:**

**9:00 Welcome address** Tony Nalovic (5 min)

Moderator: Aimee Leslie, Global Marine Turtle and Cetacean Coordinator- WWF international  
Tony Nalovic, Collaborative Fisheries Science advocate, CRPM Guyane.

**9:05 KEYNOTE:** Brendan Godley, University of Exeter (25 min + 4 min Q&A)  
Working with (artisanal) Fishers

**Expose case studies of successful projects to session participants.** (4 x (16min+3min Q&A))

**9:35** “The collaboration initiated in French Guiana between the shrimp industry and the WWF – How far will it go?” by Tony Nalovic

**9:55** “Cooperative research in Ecuador” by Martin Hall, Sandra Andracka, Liliana Rendon

**10:15** “Peruvian artisanal fisheries and and bycatch projects” by Sixto Quispe Cayhualla

**10:35** “Artisanal fisheries and marine wildlife: chances to develop a collaborative work in Bahía Salado, northern Chile” by Valentina Cortés

## **10:55 Break**

**11:25** Troy Hartley, Director of VASG, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (25min+ 5min).

“Critical elements of effective collaborative research – factors that made the previously exposed case studies successful or not”

- What are the elements that foster change
- Where to start in your own country

**11:55** Tony Nalovic, CRPM Guyane (15min+5min Q&A)

Collaborative Fisheries Research Capacity Building to Reduce Marine Turtle Bycatch:

A growing need and opportunity among fishing industry and sea turtle conservation NGOs

**12:15 Closure of morning session, 12:20 – 13:30 Working lunch (optional)**

## **Fishermen’s Panel: How can we foster voluntary behavior changes by Peru’s fishermen in favor of saving eastern Pacific leatherback turtles?**

**13:30 Afternoon session** Moderators Aimee Leslie and Troy Hartley

**13:35** Sixto Quispe Cayhualla (Instituto Del Mar Del Peru) (12 min + 3 min Q&A)

“Bycatch of leatherback turtles in Artisanal fisheries– a critical situation”

**13:50** Samuel Amoros (WWF-Peru) presentation on past and future bycatch work to be done in Peru (15min+ 3min Q&A)

### **14:10 Introduce Panel**

-2 driftnet fishermen- Orlando Carrillo and Miguel Angel Torres

-2 longline fishermen- Willy Alvarez and and Miguel Cuentas

-Nelly La Paz

“La situación del pescador artesanal en Peru” by fishermen. Open panel to questions

Open discussion:

-what is needed by gillnet fishermen to be able to address turtle bycatch in Peru.

-what are the other priorities for fishermen that come with conserving turtles.

-how can the marine turtle research community help address these priorities too, in order to advance marine turtle conservation.

This could have benefits for other countries in the region and beyond. In this way we recognize fishers perception, knowledge and we take their input. We should also open up to questions and input from session participants.

## **15:30 Break**

**16:00** Katie Thompson, Ocean Foundation’s Cuba Marine Research and Conservation Program (12 min + 3 min Q&A) “Fisheries learning exchanges as tools for the diffusion and adoption of marine turtle conservation strategies”

**16:15** Present recomendations: seek reaction from session participants, ask for other recomendations.

**16:45-17:00 Close Panel**