



41st International Sea Turtle Symposium

Workshop Proposal for ISTS41

Title of Proposed Workshop:

Combatting Sea Turtle Trafficking and Direct Take of Sea turtles- Focus on South and Central America

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Suggested Duration of Workshop: Full Day (8 hours)

Description and Justification of the Workshop:

A full day Workshop featuring conservationist with success stories in Combating Sea Turtle Trafficking in South and Central America. We will then have a facilitated, invite-only round table discussion for participants of the workshop to discuss current issues and gaps in addressing sea turtle wildlife trafficking. We will have invited behavioral scientists to bring in design thinking approaches to tackle some of the most challenging issues we face in addressing wildlife trafficking. Finally, the Inter-American Convention (IAC) for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles will hold a closed session to discuss recommendations for the members of the IAC.

Expected Outcomes of the Workshop:

A strategy framework that includes the development of solutions to address the key threat of sea turtle trafficking in Central and South America with the incorporation of sustainable, institutional capacity building and community efforts.