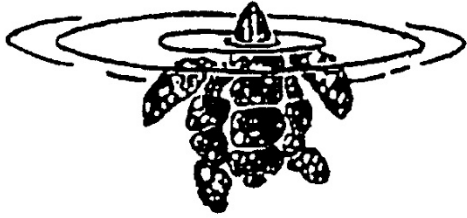
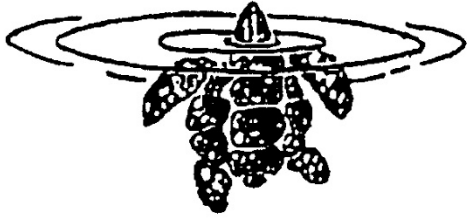


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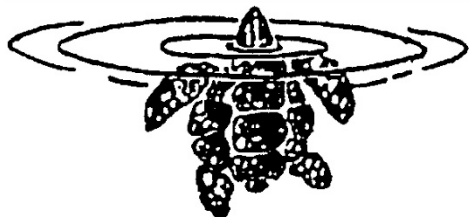
MTSG Annual General Meeting

February 6, 2019
Charleston, SC (USA)



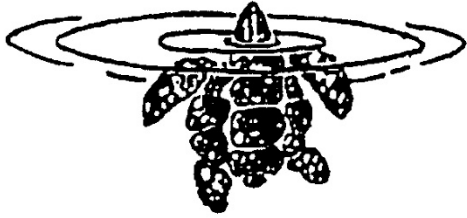
MTSG-AGM Agenda

- Welcome
- Brainstorming (30 mins)
- Red List Update
- Regional Reporting
- Parking Lot Issues / Q&A



Welcome / Introduction

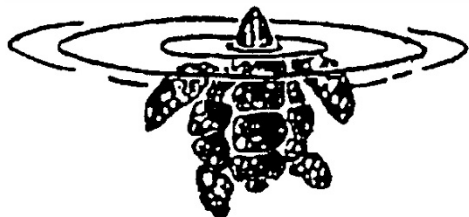
- The Global Authority on Sea Turtles
- >300 volunteer members, >95 countries, 10 regions
- IUCN Red List of Threatened Species
- Broad Conservation Mission



Welcome / Introduction

MTSG Mission

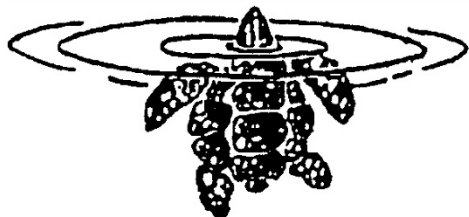
To develop and support strategies, set priorities, and provide tools that promote and guide the conservation of marine turtles, and their ecological roles and habitats.



Brainstorming

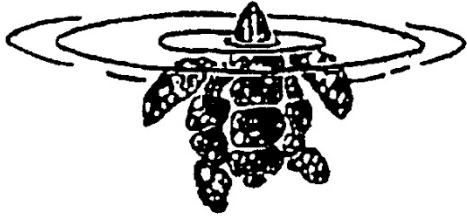
(Beyond RLA and Regional Reporting...) - What activities/products can the MTSG pursue to better support global sea turtle conservation?

- 1-3 specific ideas that can be accomplished with current resources (members' volunteer time) in the next 1-2 years



Brainstorming - Examples

- Regional Meetings (e.g. Oceania/Fiji)
- Reprise Burning Issues
- Survey / list of top research questions
- MTSG awards at ISTS, etc.
- Nothing more
- Etc.



➤ Objectives

- Create a complete summary of global sea turtle knowledge (English, accessible online, annually updated).
- Include published, unpublished, and/or grey literature.
- Give the MTSG the ability to promptly answer urgent questions by members or third parties that are critical for conservation. Improve the MTSG's capacity to carry out RLAs and other data-relevant tasks.

Sea turtles in the Mediterranean Region

MTSG Regional Report 2018



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Edited by

Sandra Hochscheid, Yakup Kaska and Aliki Panagopoulou

Sea Turtles in the North-West Atlantic & Caribbean Region

MTSG Regional Report 2018

Michel Naovic
Eduardo Cuevas
Matthew Godfrey

Round #1: 2018

5 reports

Sea turtles in the South-West Atlantic Region

MTSG Annual Regional Report 2018

Editors:
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Jairo Carlos Thomé/ Corbis Tamara/CMBO
Alejandro Fallabrino/Rarumbá



Sea Turtles in the Middle East and South Asia Region

MTSG Annual Regional Report 2018

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SEA TURTLES IN THE WEST AFRICA AND EAST ATLANTIC REGION MTSG ANNUAL REPORT 2018



Editors:
Andrew Aguilumbase and Carmen Kusan, Kosany Olimina

MTSG Regional Reports (10 regions)

Region	Editors	2018	Expected 2019
Southwest Atlantic	Alejandro Fallabrino, Neca	Complete	Complete
	Marcovaldi & Joca Thome		
West Africa / East Atlantic	Andrews Agyekumhene, Carmen Kouerey, Alexandre Girard	Partial	More countries
Mediterranean	Sandra Hochscheid, Yakup Kaska, & Aiki Panagopoulou	Partial	More countries
North Atlantic & Wider Caribbean	T. Nalovic, E. Cuevas, M. Godfrey	Partial	More countries
Middle East & South Asia	Andrea Phillott, Alan Rees	Partial	More countries
East Pacific	S. Kelez, A. Zavala, M. Lilies, D. Amorocho, J.M. Rodriguez	Missing	Yes
East Africa / West Indian Ocean	M. Dalleau, J. Bourjea, R. Nel	Missing	Yes
East Asia	Yoshimasa Matsuzawa & Connie	Missing	Yes
Oceania	Ng	Missing	?
Australasia		Missing	?

MTSG Regional Reports (10 regions)

Lessons learned from 2018 incorporated into Round #2:

- Less phases, more parallel work, more time for both Authors and Editors
- Editors are the key players: enlarged editorial board, not only RVCs, even outside the MTSG



Volunteers are welcome!!

Round #2: 2019

28 Feb 2019: Authors provide draft Excel tables and Word docs of the country chapters to the Editors

05 Mar 2019: Editors circulate the files for review by all MTSG Members

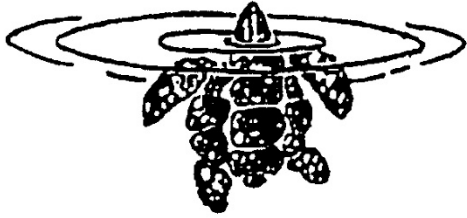
10 Apr 2019: MTSG **Members** provide comments to the respective Editors.

15 Apr 2019: Editors review the comments, forward to the authors and start working with authors to make corrections

15 Jun 2019: Authors provide final country chapters to their editors

31 Jul 2019: Editors add the Regional Overview chapter, assemble all chapters into a Draft Regional Report, and provide this to Co-chairs

31 Aug 2019: Co-chairs review and submit regional report to IUCN



Red List Update– 2/2019

Submitted to IUCN:

- Kemp's ridley (CR, A2b)
 - Assessors: Thane Wibbels, Libby Bevan
- Atlantic green turtles (LC)
 - Assessors: Rita Patricio and Annette Broderick
- Hawaii green turtles (LC)
 - Assessors: Nick Pilcher and Milani Chaloupka
- North Indian Ocean (VU, A2b)
 - Assessors: Agnese Mancini, Andrea Phillott, Alan Rees
- Northwest Atlantic leatherbacks (EN, A2b)
 - Assessors: Northwest Atlantic leatherback working group

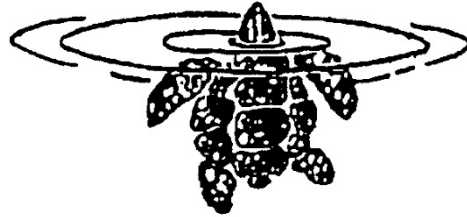
Red List update – 2/2019

- Assessments in progress
 - Central South Pacific (MTSG comment period)
 - East Indian/West Pacific (Steering Committee)
 - East Pacific (draft)
 - North Atlantic (draft)
 - Central West Pacific (draft)
 - Mediterranean (draft)
 - Southwest Indian
 - Southwest Pacific (multiple subpopulations, TBD)
 - Global (someday)

Red List update – 2/2019

- Next up
 - Hawksbills
 - Olive ridleys
 - Flatback
- Strategy:
 - first-come, first-served
 - Regional reporting to inform/expedite RL process

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Thank you!