



**Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties (COP9)**  
*June 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic*

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**Preliminary Agenda**  
**Ninth Meeting of the IAC Conference of the Parties (COP9)**

**Day 1 - Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**08:00 Participant Registration Hotel Crowne Plaza Santo Domingo**

**09:00 Start of the Meeting**

- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome remarks – Host Country the Dominican Republic Authorities, Mr. Antonio de Nichilo IAC COP9 Chair, Ms. Verónica Cáceres, IAC Secretary *Pro Tempore*.
- 09:30 – 09:50 Introduction of IAC Parties delegations and reading of the list of organizations participating as observers / [CIT-COP9-2019-Inf.1](#)
- 09:50 – 10:00 Adoption of the Agenda and Election of the COP9 Rapporteur [CIT-COP9-2019-Doc.1](#)
- 10:00 – 10:30 Presentation by host country about sea turtle conservation activities in the Dominican Republic.
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 11:30 IAC Secretariat *Pro Tempore* activities report 2017 – 2019.
- 11:30 – 12:30 Resolution Proposal for the amendment of the Guidelines for Financing the Operation of the IAC / [CIT-COP9-2019-R.1](#)
- 12:30 – 01:30 p.m. Lunch
- 01:30 – 02:30 p.m. Report from the Chair of the Consultative Committee of Experts (CCE)
- a.) Results of 2017-2019 work and recommendations.
  - b.) Report on Resolution Compliance based on IAC Annual Reports.

c.) Presentation of the Work Plan 2019 – 2020

- 02:30 – 03:30 p.m. Resolution on the Northwest Atlantic Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) / [CIT-COP9-2019-R.2](#)
- 03:30 – 04:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 04:00 – 04:45 p.m. Review of proposals for the selection of the IAC Secretary *Pro Tempore* contractor/ [CIT-COP9-2019-Doc.2\\_AB](#)
- 04:45 – 05:00 p.m. Other business and summary of the day

<b>Day 2 - Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup></b>
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- 9:00 – 10:00 Report from the Chair of the Scientific Committee (SC)
- a.) Results of 2017-2019 work and recommendations from the SC.
  - b.) Technical Document on Sea Turtle Nesting in the IAC Index Beaches 2014 – 2018. – [CIT-CC15-2018-Tec.14](#)
  - c.) Presentation of the Work Plan 2019-2020.
- 10:00 – 10:30 Report on the Implementation of the Resolution CIT-COP6-2013-R1 Exceptions under article IV (3A and B) for subsistence harvesting of *Lepidochelys olivacea* eggs in Panama. - *Mr. Marino Abrego, Panama Delegate*
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Proposal for an Online Reporting System for the IAC Annual Report / [CIT-COP9-2019-Doc.4](#) - *IAC Secretariat PT, Luz Rodriguez*
- 12:00 – 01:30 p.m. Lunch
- 01:30 – 02:30 p.m. IAC Finances 2019-2021 (Budget proposal and Member Countries contributions)/ [CIT-COP9-2019-R.3](#)
- 02:30 – 03:30 p.m. Resolution proposal on mechanisms for third parties to request data from the IAC / [CIT-COP9-2019-R.4](#)
- 03:30 – 04:00 p.m. Coffee Break
- 04:00 – 05:00 p.m. Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) index nesting beaches status in the Southeastern Pacific / [CIT-COP9-2019-Doc.3](#)

<b>Day 3 - Friday, June 14th</b>
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- 09:00 – 10:30 Work Plan of the Secretariat *Pro Tempore* and subsidiary bodies 2019 – 2020 / [CIT-COP9-2019-Doc.5](#)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 Collaboration with International Organizations
- a. Collaboration with Ramsar and updates on the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding.
  - b. Collaboration with CITES on the sea turtle traffic document preparation.
  - c. Collaboration with SPAW Protocol.
  - d. Collaboration with the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) during the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Bycatch.
  - e. Updates on the declaration from IAC on the Promotion of the conservation of sea turtles and its relation to United Nations General Assembly 69/292 - CIT - COP8-2017-Doc.3 – *Mr. Rotney Piedra, Costa Rica Delegate.*
- 12:00 – 01:30 p.m. Lunch
- 01:30 – 02:30 p.m. Presentation on East Pacific Leatherback Turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*) population model results. Recommendations for next steps. *Dr. Bryan Wallace – Laud OPO*
- 02:30 – 03:00 p.m. Review and edits of meeting documents
- 03:00 – 03:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 03:30 – 04:00 p.m. Other business
- 04:00 – 04:40 p.m. Proposal on place and dates for the IAC COP10
- Election of next Chair and Vice Chair
- 04:40 – 05:00 p.m. Closing Remarks