



3rd pre-session of the 9th SPAW STAC
Virtual meeting
March, 9th 2021

SPAW STAc 4th pre-session

A stylized illustration of a sea turtle swimming in the ocean. The turtle is white with a pattern of coral and fish on its shell. The background is a gradient of blue, with white waves at the top and several small fish swimming in the water.

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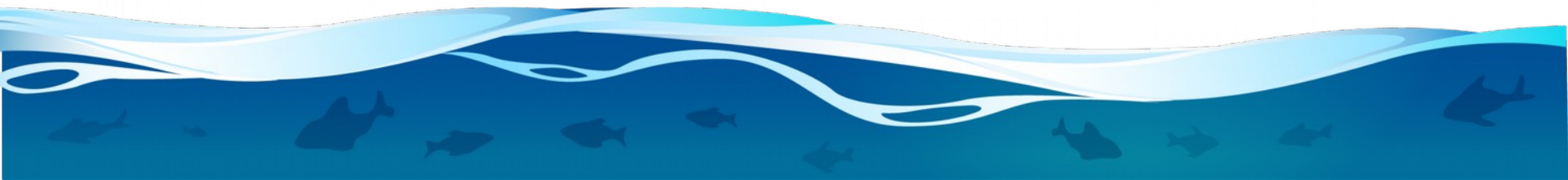
Agenda

- 9am (utc-4): emerging issues (sargassum, SCTL, oilspill, covid, ...)

- 10am (utc-4): 10/15' presentation by CEP of the next workplan (and organisation of next week agenda) +discussion + functioning of the biennium/ effectiveness of the implementation of the workplan/ room for improvement during the next period

break

11:45am? (utc-4) recap of the topics susceptible to lead to potential decisions/ recommendations





Establishment and strengthening of MPAs

Ecosystem based management, spatial marine planning, networking



Development of guidelines for the management of MPAs and species

Assessment and completion of the existing listings, develop cooperation between SPAW sites



REGIONAL COOPERATION

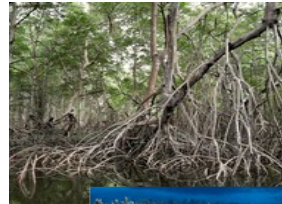
Preservation of threatened and endangered species

Marine mammals, (CARI'MAM), turtles (WIDECAST), sharks, birds



Preservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine ecosystems

Coral reefs mangroves, seagrass coastal resilience, invasive species, sargassum control, sustainable development, BEST and Carib-Coast





STAC Gouvernance strengthened and parties more involved though of the working groups => Ensure that the formulation and implementation of programme activities satisfy the requirements and needs of the SPAW Parties

Terms of Reference of the SPAW STAC Ad Hoc Working Groups:

* SPAW STAC9 UNEP(DEPI)CAR WG.42INF.12

SPAW-RAC's activity report: * SPAW STAC9 UNEP(DEPI) CAR WG.42 INF.4



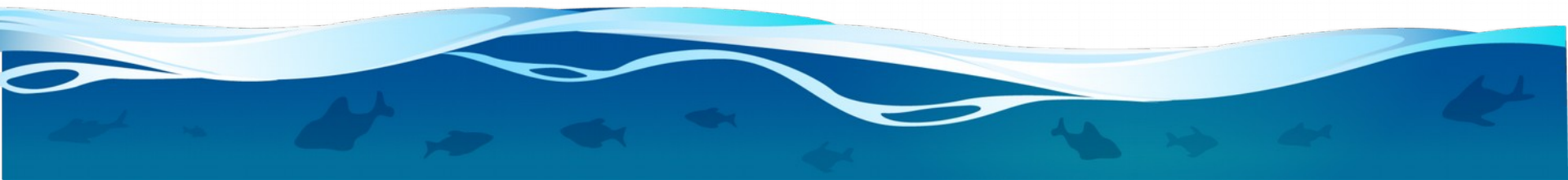


Membership

- Contracting Parties can nominate up to two experts in each group
- Observer Members (Civil society organizations, non-member States or independent experts) can nominate one expert
- experts are designated for their **acknowledged scientific and technical competence, their availability and readiness to be responsive in the group, and to cover as much as possible the geographical and thematic scope of the working group.** Once designated, they participate *intuitu personae*.

Chair

The Chair of the working group leads the members of the working group, **ensuring that the working group completes its mandated tasks. is responsible for ensuring that the contracting parties and observers are kept up to date on the work, and manages the roster of active participants in the working group.** WG are currently chaired by the SPAW-RAC.





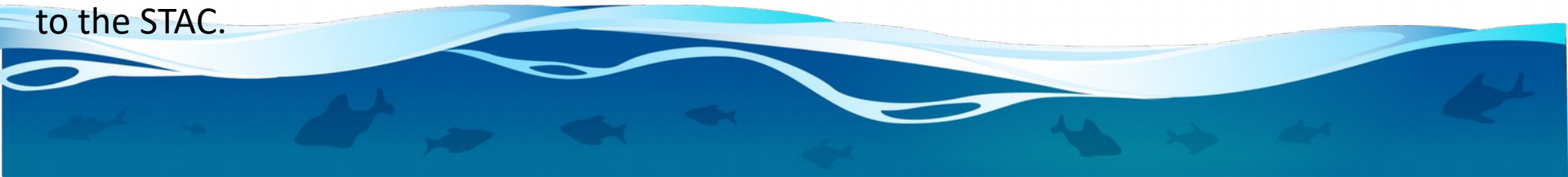
Goal and Tasks

WGs address issues or topics clearly identified by the STAC to facilitate continued discussions on topics of interest to the STAC. Specific tasks of the WGs are mandated by the STAC

Output: Recommendations on documents submitted to the STAC and the COP, or on specific issues requested by the STAC (WGs always report back to the STAC)

Way of working: WGs accomplish their work virtually. They are overseen by the Chair of the WG and assisted by the Secretariat/the SPAW-RAC if the chair is from a contracting Party. To ensure transparency in the process and review by all members and observers of the SPAW Protocol, interim reports will be distributed intersessionally

Decision making : WGs are composed of experts. In case consensus cannot be reached on a specific task, the chair guarantees that the diversity of opinions are dutifully reflected in the feedback and reports to the contracting parties and observers and ultimately to the STAC.





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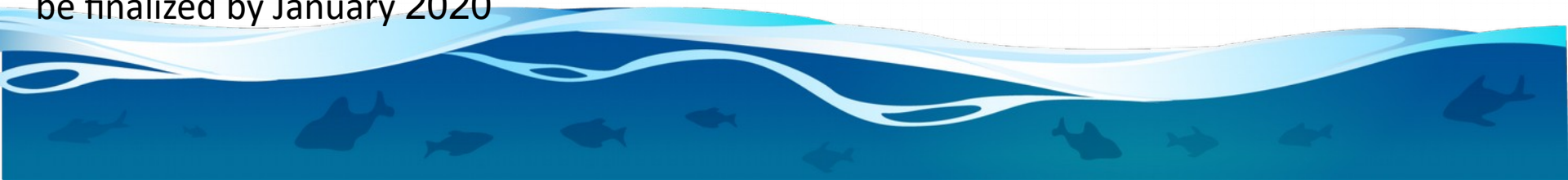


Languages : The language for the WGs is English until the outputs become documents to be submitted for deliberation by the STAC . Once acknowledged as working documents for the STAC they must be produced into the three working languages

Submitted documents (to the group) : With due consideration for the need to limit the extent of the documentation provided, but adhering to the adopted Guidelines for submission when required, national reports (official proposals for PAs, species and exemptions reports) or other proposals submitted for consideration by the STAC must be submitted 4 months before the next meeting of the STAC.

Communications: Working Groups use the “teamwork” platform for communication. Once designated, the members of the working groups will be invited to join a virtual platform created by SPAW-RAC for each working group;

STAC 9 is expected to take place in March 2021, meaning all reviews and documents must be finalized by January 2020





PA WG members



Expert name	Affiliation
Adriel Castaneda	Belize
Alicia Nunez	Belize
Ana Maria Gonzalez-Delgadillo	Colombia
Nacor Bolaños-Cubillos	Colombia
Juan Luis Gonzalez	Dominican Republic
Ricardo Rodriguez	Dominican Republic
Cyrille Barnerias	France
† Paul Hoetjes	Netherlands
Tadzio Bervoets	Netherlands
Eric F. Salamanca	Turks and Caicos
Gonzalo Cid	USA
Samantha Dodwell	USA
Lloyd Gardner	Ind / present in the previous group
Emma Doyle	GCFI
Sandrine Pivard	SPAW-RAC / chair



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Julia Horrocks	Barbados	Patricia Kramer	AGRRA
Vivian Ramnarace	Belize	Camilo Thompson	AIDA
Jamal Galves	Belize	Susan Millward	AWI
Luis Chasqui Velasco	Colombia	Alejandro Acosta	GCFI
Heins Bent-Hooker	Colombia	Courtney Vails	Ind/Lightkeepers
Marcos Casilla	Dominican Republic	Monica Borobia-Hill	Ind/Previous SPAW program officer
Jean Vermot	France	Brice Semmens	Ind/parrotfish
Gérald Mannaerts	France	Chelsea Harms-Tuohy	Ind/parrotfish
Anne-Marie Svoboda	Netherlands	Twan Stoffers	Ind/sharks
† Paul Hoetjes	Netherlands	Irene Kingma	Ind/sharks
Eric F. Salamanca	Turks and Caicos	Olga Koubrak	SeaLifeLaw
Kristen Koyama	USA	Andrea Pauly	UNEP/CMS Sharks Mou
Nina Young	USA	Myles Philips	WCS /WECAFC
Patricia Kramer	AGRRA	Karen Eckert	WIDECAST
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Exemptions WG members



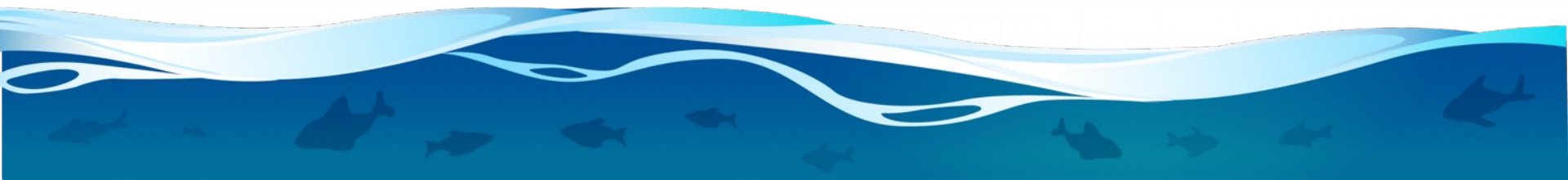
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Lisa Sandy	Dominica	James Franks	GCFI
Fabien Védie	France	Peter Swarzenski	IAEA
Sabine Engel	Netherlands	Emily Smail	IOCARIBE
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- Volunteers/ drafters
- Deadlines
- Platform/ reports

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Objectives

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- initiate/ favor knowledge of the work produced

1St session

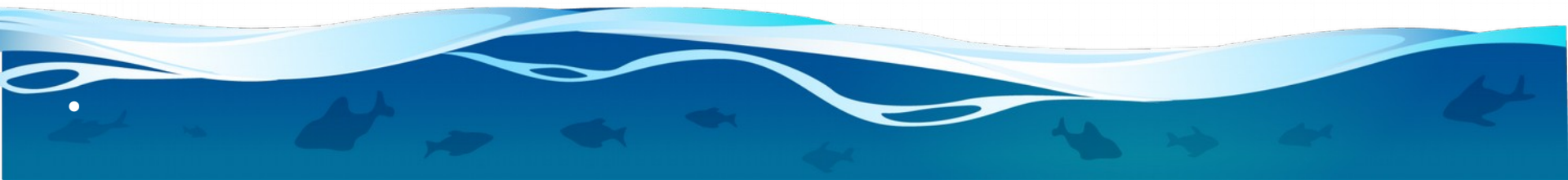
- as we had conducted some workshops
- documents shared before/ youtube channel with resentations to watch before
- communication efforts on our activity report

2Nd and 3rd sessions : back to more classic

- indicative schedule/ discussed agendas
- provide the documents produced though our website
- launch topics of the meetings with very short presentations
- draft a new working document for MM and try resume what could be the recommentations (point 4 today)
- being extra clear of the objective of the pre-sessions
- share reports (pending)

4Th session

- discuss the future and its improvement





- Request for the STAC
- Comments for the current biennium/ suggestions for the next-
- Organisation/ Coordination/ Means...
 - discuss the future and its improvement



WHAT COULD BE NEXT?

(depending on the STAC decisions (WGs), on the recommendations to the COP, and on the final Contracting Parties decisions)

AXIS I – PROGRAMME COORDINATION

- Convince Parties and in particular Signatory Parties to the SPAW protocol to nominate experts to the WGs in order to diversify skills and expertise, and ensure the most exhaustive geographical and political representation but also as an efficient way to be involved in the SPAW implementation and better voice their needs and wishes in preparation of the next official assemblies
- Improve the WGs functioning collectively
- Strengthen direct communication with Parties through the Teamwork platform and bilateral meetings with focal points
- Strengthen exchanges and actions with LBS Programme Officer and other RACs on various issues in particular on joint concerns (SCTLD, IAS, oilspills...)/ revigorate Invasive Alien Species' networks and initiatives in the Caribbean
- Find funders interested in helping SPAW-RAC to supporting and up-scaling efficient small grants programmes for the stakeholders of the WCR/ Launch a second small grant call for proposals in 2021
- Develop more links with fisheries industry and regional fisheries management organisations

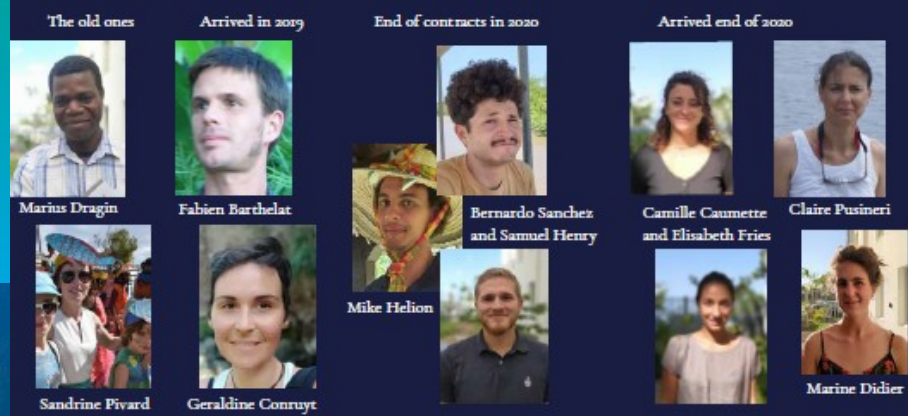
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220 000				120 000
50 000	50 000	0	0	50 000
170 000	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	70 000	70 000
130 000				110 000
30 000	30 000	0	0	30 000
100 000	0	0	80 000	80 000
410 000	140 000	0	150 000	290 000

2022				
TOTAL	Gov. of France	CTF	External funds (EU...)*	TOTAL
510 000	340 000	0	70 000	410 000

→ Some external funds for 2022 and thus part of the team and some of the actions are not secured. How to secure a sufficient task force with the fundings already obtained by SPAW remains to be discussed.



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The floor is yours...

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