

## **Workshop Proposal for ISTS40**

## **Title of Proposed Workshop:**

Sea Turtle Medicine, Rehabilitation and Rescue Workshop

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**Suggested Duration of Workshop:** Half Day (4 hours)

## **Description and Justification of the Workshop:**

Sea turtle rehabilitation is a challenge that more and more facilities are facing, often with a lack of sufficient resources in their region. The implementation of new medical procedures, protocols, and surgical techniques needs to be shared among rescue centers. This workshop is designed to be an opportunity for rehabilitators, veterinarians and biologists involved in sea turtle medical care to share experiences and knowledge related to medicine, rehabilitation and health issues, with the final goal to develop a virtual community where to ask for advises..

In the first part, lectures from experienced professionals will be presented in an open forum format to allow for free-flowing discussion between lecturers and attendees. The workshop will be focused on critical care, emergency medicine, diagnostics, anesthesia and surgery, husbandry, and other topics designed for a general audience.

In the second part, we plan to offer the chance to "Meet your Specialist", where participants will have the opportunity to directly discuss particular individual cases with experts.

## **Expected Outcomes of the Workshop:**

to share skills, expertise, rehab techniques and experiences; to build relations among rescue centers and experts; to standardize a methodology for asking advises