



40th International Sea Turtle Symposium

Workshop Proposal for ISTS40

Title of Proposed Workshop:

The ICAPO network: the Eastern Pacific hawksbill research and conservation: current status

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Suggested Duration of Workshop: Full Day (8 hours)

Description and Justification of the Workshop:

More than 10 years have passed since important hawksbill nesting and foraging sites were "rediscovered" along the Eastern Pacific rim. The number of robust research and conservation programs, as well as the amount of information that has been generated since that time is truly staggering. The conservation outlook for the species is currently much more optimistic than it was only a short time ago. Numerous individuals and organizations, including the ICAPO network, have played an important role in catalyzing many of the past and current successes. During this workshop, organizations and individuals will share their efforts to research and conserve hawksbill turtles in the region. Individual will be asked to give Power Point presentations that will include past, present and future activities, with a focus on discussing methods, results, challenges and successes. There will also be a presentation on the ICAPO network itself, with discussion on how the network should continue to function in the future.

Expected Outcomes of the Workshop:

The meeting will allow participants to gain an improved understanding of the past, current and future work carried out by individuals and organizations on hawksbill turtles in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. In doing so, and by bring together individuals with similar interests, the meeting seeks to facilitate increased collaborative research

and improve overall communication in the region. The meeting will also help attendees understand the role the ICAPO network has played within the overall movement, as well as provide them with an opportunity to shape the network's direction moving forward.