



NEXT STEPS TO STRENGTHEN STEWARDSHIP OF THE SARGASSO SEA

Bermuda Institute for Ocean Science, St George's, Bermuda, March 2019

AGENDA AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Day 1 Wednesday 13 March

Time	Agenda Item
7.40 8.10	Buses from Grotto Bay to BIOS
08.00 - 09.00	Arrivals, Breakfast and Registration
09.00 –10.00	<p>Welcome Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Walter Roban MP JP, Minister of Home Affairs Bermuda • Nadia Bouffard, Chief Negotiator, International Oceans, Fisheries and Oceans Canada • <p>Also welcome by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Nick Bates, BIOS • Dr. David Freestone Executive Secretary, Sargasso Sea Commission <p><i>Participant Introductions</i></p>
10.00-10.30	<p>Session 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The work of the Sargasso Sea Commission : The story so far ... Dr David Freestone</p>
10.30 –11.00	Coffee Break

<p>11.00 – 13.00</p>	<p>Session 2 The Science of the Sargasso Sea Moderated by Professor Stephen de Mora, Sargasso Sea Commission Panel with Professor Nick Bates, Director of Research, BIOS <i>BIOS research on global and local environmental change</i> Professor Howard Roe, Sargasso Sea Commissioner <i>The 2011 Baseline Science case – An Update</i> Professor Murray Roberts, Edinburgh University <i>The ATLAS and I-Atlantic projects</i> Professor Pat Halpin, Duke Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab <i>The Migratory Corridors Project (MiCO)</i> <i>Questions and Discussion</i></p>
<p>13.00 –1400</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14.00 –15.30</p>	<p>Session 3 Towards an Ecosystem approach to Fisheries and Fisheries Habitat Conservation in the Sargasso Sea Moderated by Dr Tammy Warren, Sargasso Sea Commission Panel with Professor Laurie Kell and Dr Brian Luckhurst <i>Ecosystem based approach to fisheries in the Sargasso Sea</i> Dr Sandrine Pivard, Director of the SPAW Regional Activity Centre, UNEP Cartagena Convention <i>Sargassum in the Wider Caribbean</i> <i>Questions and Discussion</i></p>
<p>15.30-15.45</p>	<p>Tea Break</p>
<p>15.45-17.00</p>	<p>Session 4 Monitoring the Marine Environment and Human Impacts in the Sargasso Sea Moderated by Mark Spalding, Sargasso Sea Commission Panel with Dr Vardis Tsontos, NASA <i>The NASA COVERAGE project</i> Paul Woods, Global Fish Watch <i>Monitoring Human Activities in the Sargasso Sea</i> <i>Questions and Discussion</i></p>
<p>17.00</p>	<p>Wrap up of Day 1. Buses back to Grotto Bay Hotel</p>
<p>18.00</p>	<p>Buses from Grotto Bay to Reception and Dinner hosted by Bermuda Government <i>Buses will return to hotel at approx. 9.00 pm</i></p>

Day 2 Thursday 14 March

Time	Agenda
7.40; 8.10 8.00	Buses from Grotto Bay Breakfast at BIOS
09.00 – 11.00	<p>Session 5 Conservation of vital spawning habitat in the Sargasso Sea Moderated by Melanie Virtue, CMS Dr Matt Gollock, Chair IUCN Anguillid Group, London Zoo. Soc. <i>Anguillid eel conservation – the global context</i> Professor Howard Roe, Sargasso Sea Commission <i>Importance of the Sargasso Sea for Anguillid eels</i> Professor Chris Wold, Lewis & Clark Law School <i>Process and options for European Eel Conservation</i> Brian Lester, Asst. Director, Integrated Resource Management, DFO/Canada <i>Challenges and opportunities for conservation of American Eels</i> <i>Questions and Discussions</i></p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-13.00	<p>Session 6 Future Collaboration regarding Human Impacts on the Sargasso Sea Moderated by Kristina Gjerde, IUCN Professor Ronan Long, Director of the Global Ocean Institute, Malmo <i>Collaboration with the GOI and the IMO World Maritime University</i> Fanny Douvere UNESCO WHC <i>The role of the World Heritage Convention</i> Fred Kingston NAFO <i>Collaboration on Fisheries Issues</i> <i>Questions and Discussions</i></p>
13.00-1400	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Session 7 Next Steps To Strengthen Stewardship of the Sargasso Sea Moderated by Senator Wilfred Moore, Sargasso Sea Commission Ambassador David Balton <i>Next Steps To Strengthen Stewardship of the Sargasso Sea</i> <i>Discussant: Professor David Johnson (former Ex Sec OSPAR)</i> <i>Questions and Discussions</i></p>

15.00 -15.30	Tea Break
15.30 -17.30	Session 8 Next Steps for the Sargasso Sea: where do we go from here? Moderated by Dr David Freestone Two hour Open Structured Discussion
17.30	Wrap Up for the Day. Buses back to Grotto Bay Hotel
18.30 19.30	Reception at Grotto Bay
19.30-	Dinner