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World Conference on Sea Turtle Conservation

The World Conference on Sea Turtle Conservation is being held under the joint auspices of the following U.S. government agencies and private organizations which comprise the Conference Steering Committee: World Wildlife Fund - U.S., Defenders of Wildlife, New York Zoological Society, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of State, Center for Environmental Education. Russell E. Train, President of World Wildlife Fund - U.S., is Chairman of the Steering Committee. The Conference will assemble for the first time an international forum of scientists, conservationists and government officials for catalytic efforts directed at finding solutions to sea turtle conservation problems, as well as focusing public attention on an urgent species and resource conservation problem. The Conference will be held at the Conference Center in the U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C., November 26-30, 1979. A final agenda including the titles of sessions, panels and invited papers is available from the Conference Coordinator.

Proposed session topics include: Value and importance of sea turtles, present knowledge of sea turtle biology, major threats to survival, review of the status of world populations of sea turtles, review of existing protective legislation and management, conservation strategy: recovery plans, treaties, etc.

Conference scientific committee: George Balazs (Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology), Moria Bjorklund (United Nations Environment Program), Archie Carr (University of Florida), Ken Dodd (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), David Ehrenfeld (Rutgers University), Wayne King (Florida State Museum), Tom Lovejoy (World Wildlife Fund - U.S.), Peter Pritchard (Florida Audubon), James Tyler (National Marine Fisheries Service).

Scientific papers: Papers related to topics above will be invited by the Scientific Committee. Time will preclude the presentation of unsolicited papers. The official conference language is English.

Attendance: Participants & Observer Status: All persons wishing to attend the Conference should write to the Conference Coordinator (Vivian Silverstein, 1244 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A., Tel. 202-659-9510) by Oct 15. Space is limited and participants' names must be listed at the State Department prior to the Conference opening.

Lodging: Participants requiring hotel accommodations must make their own reservations.

Transportation: Travel assistance is available only to invited speakers.

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