

In memory of . . .

We dedicate the 5th Hawai'i Pacific University Sea Turtle Workshop to the memory of **Dr. Itaru Uchida**, Founding Director of the magnificent Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium; AND to the memory of **Dr. Wallace J. Nichols**, champion of Mexico's Baja California Japanese loggerhead turtles.



Dr. Itaru Uchida and George Balazs



Dr. Jeff Seminoff and Dr. Wallace J. Nichols

HAWAI'I PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Hawai'i Pacific University would like to acknowledge the 'āina, the root culture, and the Indigenous People of Hawai'i. We also acknowledge how their wisdom and love have shaped Hawai'i in sustainable ways that allow us to enjoy these gifts today. We recognize the pain, sorrow, and multiple intergenerational losses that have been and continue to be inflicted on Kānaka Maoli. As an HPU community, both Indigenous and allies, we offer gratitude for the land itself, for those who have stewarded it for generations, and for the opportunity to learn, grow, work, and live in solidarity with one another. We commit to honoring Aloha, Pono, Kuleana. Holomua Me Ka 'Oia'i'o (move forward with truth).

LOGGERHEADS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC - 5TH ANNUAL HPU SEA TURTLE WORKSHOP & STRETCH INTERNATIONAL MID-POINT TEAM MEETING



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ALOHA TOWER MARKETPLACE
OCTOBER 10, 2025
MPR 3 & ZOOM



A DAY OF EXPLORING THE AMAZING TRANSPACIFIC WORLD OF LOGGERHEAD TURTLES IN A CHANGING OCEAN FROM JAPAN TO NORTH AMERICA AND RETURN

730am Complimentary Coffee, Tea, and Pastries. Registration Check-In. Free Parking Validation. Socializing and Seating.

800-830am Opening Ceremonies (Start of Zoom)

Ceremonial Hawaiian Blessing by Kahu Hanai Danny Akaka, Jr. and Anna Akaka

Welcome Remarks by Dr. Brenda Jensen, Acting HPU Provost

Director Masanori Kurita, George Balazs, & Jeffrey Seminoff - Dedication of the HPU STRETCH Workshop to **Dr. Itaru Uchida**, Founding Director of the magnificent Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium and to **Dr. Wallace J. Nichols**, champion of Baja's Japanese Loggerheads.

Recognition of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines represented by Ms. Kanako Ota from Japan

PRESENTATIONS

1 - 830-845am - Larry Crowder and George Balazs - The Genesis and Evolution of Loggerhead STRETCH: What Sea Turtles Have to Teach Us About a Changing Ocean.

2 - 845-900am – Jeffrey Polovina - Small Turtles in a Big Ocean: Insights from Satellite Tracking of Loggerhead Sea Turtles as They Navigate the Central North Pacific.

3 - 900-915am - Dana Briscoe - Emerging Insights from the STRETCH Project: Juvenile North Pacific Loggerheads as Sentinels of Ocean Change.

4 - 915-930am - Philippe Gaspar (Zoom) - The Active Dispersal Scenario of Juvenile North Pacific Loggerhead Turtles Revealed by Historical Satellite Tracking Data and Novel Operational Oceanography Products.

5 - 930-945am - Masanori Mori and Masanori Kurita - Breeding and Rearing Loggerhead Turtles at Port of Nagoya Public Aquarium.

6 - 945-1000am - Noah Yamaguchi and Tomomi Saito - The Features of Nesting Environment of the STRETCH Turtle Birth Beach.

1000-1030am - Morning Break and Group Photos with Workshop Banner

7 - 1030-1045am - Tomomi Saito, Noah Yamaguchi, and Koki Sugiura - Loggerhead Turtle Nesting Trend on Kochi Beach from 2009 to 2024.

8 - 1045-1100am - Koki Sugiura, Noah Yamaguchi and Tomomi Saito - Migratory Routes and Responses to the Marine Environment of Female Loggerhead Turtles Visiting the Waters off Kochi Prefecture.

9 - 1100-1115am - Tomoko Hamabata - Same Clutch, Different Journeys? A Research Proposal to Explore the Genetic Background of Movement Variability in Loggerhead Turtles.

10 - 1115-1130am - Matthew Rutishauser - Wildlife Computers Inc.: A Brief History, Current Ongoing Projects, and Direct Involvement with STRETCH.

11 - 1130-1145pm - Thierry Work - Necropsy Findings of North Pacific Loggerheads.

12 - 1145-1200pm - Robert Ahrens - Loggerheads at Loggerheads: Managing Turtle Interactions in Hawaii's Tuna Fishery.

1200-1215pm Group Discussions, Questions & Answers

1215-145pm Lunch - On Your Own with Friends old and New

13 - 145-200pm - Laura Jim - Learning Through Turtles: Educational Opportunities with STRETCH.

14 - 200-215pm - Marc Rice - Engaging the Public: Our Blog as a Tool for STRETCH Outreach.

15 - 215-230pm - Jeffrey Seminoff (Zoom) - Loggerheads in the Eastern North Pacific: From Local Enigma to Conservation Flashpoint.

16 - 230-245pm - Cali Turner Tomaszewicz (Zoom) - Demography and Habitat Use of Loggerheads along the North American West Coast: Insights from Skeletochronology and Stable Isotope Analysis.

17 - 245-300pm - Alberto Abreu - What do STRETCH Loggerheads Tell Us About Their Recruitment into Mexican Habitats, and How can STRETCH Contribute to Loggerhead Conservation in Baja California?

18 - 300-315pm - Denise Parker - Loggerhead Landscape, Landmarks Frequented During Transpacific Travels.

19 - 315-330pm - Bianca Silva Santos - Habitat Suitability and Transboundary Considerations of Loggerhead Sea Turtles in the Eastern North Pacific.

330-400pm - Group Discussions, Questions & Answers, Closing Blessing

