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Workshop Proposal for ISTS42

Title of Proposed Workshop:

Global perspectives on sea turtle and marine conservation education

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Preferred Date for the Workshop: Sunday 24th March 2024

Suggested Duration of Workshop: Half Day (4 hours) in PM

Description and Justification of the Workshop:

A global discussion of best practices to effectively engage community members of all ages and backgrounds in sea turtle conservation. We will share resources, successes, and areas of improvement in the ways we engage communities in conservation through hands-on demonstrations and facilitated discussions. Attendees will have the opportunity to share established programs and methods, as well as those in development, from organizations in South Africa, Dubai, California, Hawaii, and Florida. This workshop seeks to create a space within which to collaborate and improve our diverse efforts in sea turtle and marine conservation education.

Expected Outcomes of the Workshop:

- 1. Increased awareness of the different types of engaged community conservation education efforts currently going on throughout the world, as well as ideas for novel approaches and programs.
- 2. Connections between researchers and organizations working with the public.
- 3. Collaborative partnerships and a shared space to further strengthen



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messages surrounding sea turtle and marine conservation.

4. Engaging, hands-on activities and curriculum modules, which can be utilized by educators in a variety of formal and informal settings.