

**Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative  
Interim Steering Committee Meeting  
March 24-25, 2009, Washington DC**

**Location**

Organization of American States  
Office of Sustainable Development and Environment Conference Room # 756  
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<http://www.oas.org/dsd/WHMSI/English/Index.htm>

[http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/WHMSI/whmsi\\_eng.html](http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/WHMSI/whmsi_eng.html)

<http://www.eco-index.org/migratory/>

**Objectives**

Review and approve new draft of WHMSI Terms of Reference; decide on Succession/Rotation process within the ISC; WHMSI 4 Planning, and Updates: WHMSI website, OAS Projects.

**Participants**

**ISC Members**

1. Herb Raffaele, U.S. (Chair)
2. Vladimir Puentes Granada, Colombia
3. Jose Joaquín Calvo, Costa Rica
4. Lyndon John, Saint Lucia
5. Jorge Cravino, Uruguay
6. Alberto Yanoski, Birdlife Internacional / Guyra Paraguay
7. Xicotencátl Vega Picos, WHSRN
8. George Wallace, American Birding Conservancy
9. Carlos Drews, WWF
10. María Rivera, Ramsar
11. Francisco Rilla, CMS
12. Marco Solano, Inter-American Convention for Marine Turtles
13. Alessandra Vanzella-Khouri, Cartagena Convention/SPAW
14. Richard Huber GS/OAS

**Staff**

Brian Hayum (USFWS)  
Antoinette Condo (U.S .State Department)  
Richard Huber and Luisa Neira (OAS)

# Agenda

**Monday, March 23:** Participants arrive




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**Tuesday, March 24:**

9am – 9:30am: Welcome and Introductions

9:30am – 10:30am: General discussion of draft agenda for WHMSI meeting

10:30am – 11:30pm: Update and discussion on WHMSI Training Projects Projects:

- NatureServe (South America) Project proposal 
- Society for the Conservation and Study of Caribbean Birds (Caribbean) Project proposal 
- Pronatura (Central America) Project proposal 

Update on WHMSI FEMCIDI Proposal drafting process, timeline, endorsements, budget (discussion and agreement on main elements of proposal such as capacity building methodology; decision making process; matching funds / role of NGOs

11:30am – 12:30pm: Update and discussion on WHMSI 3 meeting

12:30pm – 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm – 6:00pm: Review and approve new draft of WHMSI Terms of Reference

7:00pm Group Dinner (optional)

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**Wednesday, March 25**

9:00am – 12:30pm: Process for Succession/Rotation within the ISC

12:30pm – 2:00pm: Lunch

2:00pm – 5:00pm: Discuss Propose and make any appropriate changes to WHMSI IV Agenda

5:00pm – 6:00pm: WHMSI website, WHMSI Projects and International Conventions

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**Thursday, March 26**

AM Participants depart Washington D.C.