

DRAFT AGENDA (4/7)

Brown Treesnake Technical Working Group Meeting

Pacific Island Club, Saipan, CNMI

April 15-17, 2009

Monday & Tuesday, April 13 & 14 - Optional Snake Searching, 7:30 – 11:00 PM

CNMI Department of Fish and Wildlife; USGS-BRD Rapid Response Team Staff

Wednesday, April 15

9:00 AM Introduction

Session Moderator & Introduction: Earl Campbell, USFWS, BTS Technical Working Group Coordinator

Welcome and opening remarks

Review agenda, logistics, announcements, housekeeping

Introduction of participants

Session 1 – Agency Updates

Moderator – Earl Campbell, USFWS, BTS Technical Working Group Coordinator

9:30 AM

Nate Hawley - CNMI Department of Fish and Wildlife/USFWS BTS Program

Dan Vice - USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Guam

Patrick Chee - HI DLNR/Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Domingo Cravalho - HI Department of Agriculture

CPT Stan Cope & Jamie Blow - Armed Forces Pest Management Board

Phil Andreozzi - Regional Invasive Species Council

~10:30 BREAK

Mindy Wilkinson - National Invasive Species Council

Will Pitt - National Wildlife Research Center

James Stanford - U.S. Geological Survey, Rapid Response Team, Guam

Carlos Salas – Guam International Airport Authority

Faride Komisar - Office of Insular Affairs

Others

12:00 - 100 PM LUNCH

Agency Updates - cont.

Session 2 – Brown Treesnake Interdiction and Outreach Efforts

Moderator: Nate Hawley, CNMI Department of Fish and Wildlife/USFWS BTS Program

Video series demonstrating training activities for the CNMI BTS K9 Programs

Marja Onni, CNMI Department of Fish and Wildlife

Go Native! A Rare experience: An overview of Using an Established Social Marketing Methodology to Change Behaviour and Reduce Invasive Species on Guam.

Cheryl M. Calastro, Guam Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources

Session 3 –Budget Issues

Moderator: Earl Campbell, USFWS, BTS Technical Working Group Coordinator

Cross-Cut Budget

Mindy Wilkinson, National Invasive Species Council

Comments on Budget Process

Bill Spicer – US Navy CNIC HQ

2:30 BREAK

Discussion of Draft Brown Treesnake Control Plan

Earl Campbell and Karl Buermeyer, USFWS

3:30 – 4:00 Adjourn

7:30 – 11:00 PM Optional Snake Searching

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Thursday, April 16

Session 4- Incorporating Biosecurity in to Infrastructure Planning

8:30 – 12:00: Workshop and Discussion

Greg Dorn, Joint Guam Program Office, DC

Marvan Wakabayashi, NAVFAC PAC, HI

Earl Campbell, USFWS, BTS Technical Working Group Coordinator

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

Session 5 - Conservation Issues in the Marianas

Moderator: Nate Hawley, CNMI Department of Fish and Wildlife/USFWS BTS Program

Cocos Island Update

Diane Vice, Guam DOA/Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources

Dan Vice, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Guam

Status of Mariana fruit bats on Rota

Julia Boland

CNMI Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Status and Trends of the Land Bird Avifauna of Saipan, Tinian, Aguiguan, and Rota, Mariana Islands

Annie Marshall¹, Fred Amidon¹, Richard Camp², and Paul Radley³

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²United States Geological Survey Hawaii Cooperative Studies Unit, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hawaii National Park, HI; ³Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Division of Fish and Wildlife, Saipan, MP

The First Species Conservation Introduction in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI): Translocation of Bridled White-eyes (*Zosterops conspicillatas*) to Sarigan.

Paul Radley, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife

~2:30 BREAK

Summary of Bird Survey Results and Development Permit Reviews

Rachel Rounds, CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife

Preliminary Nightingale Reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus luscini*) survey results for the Saipan Upland Mitigation Bank 1999-2008.

Laura Williams, CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife

Indirect effects of the Brown Treesnake on the native karst forests of Guam

Haldre S. Rogers, Janneke Hille Ris Lambers and Joshua J. Tewksbury

University of Washington

Update on native birds on Guam

Diane Vice, Guam DOA/Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources

4:00 PM – ADJOURN

7:30 – 11:00 PM Optional field trip: Snake searching

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Friday, April 17

Session 6 - Recent BTS Research and Management Developments

Moderator: Karl Buermeyer, USFWS, PIFWO, HI

9:00 AM

Canine team detection of free-ranging radiotelemetered Brown Treesnakes

Julie Savidge¹, Robert N. Reed², James Stanford³, Ginger Haddock³, Amy Yackel Adams²

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² U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins Science Center

³ U.S. Geological Survey, Brown Treesnake Project, Guam

Summary of a Recent Symposium on Search and Detection Theory

Julie Savidge, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Biology, Colorado State University

Preliminary Report of Non-prey Bait Take by Brown Treesnakes Under Field Conditions

Peter J. Savarie¹, Kathleen A. Fagerstone¹, Daniel S. Vice², and Richard E. Engeman¹

¹ USDA/National Wildlife Research Center, Fort Collins, CO

² USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Guam

**Developing a Protocol to Investigate Brown Treesnake Foraging in the Laboratory:
Preliminary data report**

Michael B. Ehlert, Jesse Guerrero, Erik Taitano, James Duenas, Christian Flores, Helen H. Pak,
Carrie M. Duncan, Joanna Caasi, and Regis Reyes

University of Guam, Psychology and Biology Programs

~10:30 - BREAK

Effectiveness of bait tubes for Brown Treesnake control on Guam

Julie A. Savidge¹, Bjorn Lardner¹, Gordon H. Rodda², Robert N. Reed², Amy A. Yackel Adams³,
Craig S. Clark⁴

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On the Scent of Geckos and Control of Small Brown Treesnakes

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Bait Formulation and Bait Station Visitation Update

Craig S. Clark, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, Guam

Relative efficacy of trapping, bait tubes, and visual surveys: Insights from an enclosed population of Brown Treesnakes

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12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

Presentation/Discussion: Methods Development Needs

Will Pitt, USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services, NWRC, Hilo, HI

Bob Reed, U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins Science Center

~2:30 BREAK

Discussion of Topics Raised During the Meeting

Earl Campbell, USFWS, BTS Technical Working Group Coordinator

Reauthorization of BTS Control Act of 2004

Fall Meeting (Washington DC, week of Nov 16)

Other items

3:30 – 4:00 ADJOURN