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MARCH 19—22, 2018
THE NEW PROVIDENCE BALL ROOM
BAHA MAR CONVENTION CENTER

| Monday 19th | Salon 4 | | Salon 3 | Salon 2 |
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| | Topic | | Sessions | Sessions |
| 8:00 | Registration | | | |
| 9:00 | Botany | Ingeria Miller: Bahamas seed bank | Conch Clinic | |
| 9:20 | | Ethan Freid: Vascular plant conservation | | |
| 9:40 | | Brett Jestrow: <i>Coccothrinax</i> genetics | | |
| 10:00 | | Mark Daniels: Floristic study of a former land bridge | | |
| 10:20 | | Shelley Cant: Invasive plants and polyploidy | | |
| 10:40 | Break | | | |
| 11:00 | Herps | Graham Reynolds: Reptile diversity in The Bahamas | The Current Situation Presentations | Presentation for Primary School Students "Meet A Scientist" |
| 11:20 | | John Iverson: Gigantism in Bahamian rock iguanas | | |
| 11:40 | | Scott Johnson: Bahamian racer sexual dimorphism | | |
| 12:00 | | Susannah French: Variability in iguanas | | |
| 12:20 | | Kaitlin Brittain: <i>Anolis</i> parasites | | |
| 12:40 | | Blair Hedges: CaribHerp | | |
| 1:00 | Lunch | | | |
| 1:20 | | | | |
| 1:40 | | | | |
| 2:00 | Terrestrial inverts | Paul DeLuca: "Hidden" value of habitat preservation | The Current Situation Presentations | Roundtable on the Amendment to the Protected Tree Order Listing (1:20PM-3:20 PM) |
| 2:20 | | Melanie DeVore: Children, conservation, and soldier crabs | | |
| 2:40 | | Tami LaPilusa: Land crab research | | |
| 3:00 | Birds I | Walker Golder: North American shore birds in The Bahamas | Fisherman's Perspective Panel | |
| 3:20 | | Michael Akresh: Migratory birds of San Salvador | | |
| 3:40 | Break | | | |
| 4:00 | Birds II | Maya Wilson: Bahama Swallows | Management Options Review | Protected areas as a tool for disaster risk reduction in the Caribbean (3:20 PM- 5:20 PM) |
| 4:20 | | Caroline Stahala: Social nesting in Bahama Parrots | White Paper Discussion | |
| 4:40 | | Caroline Stahala: Predator control for Bahama Parrot conservation | | |
| 5:00 | | Kevin Omland: Bahama Orioles and pine forests | Introduction to IDB Pilot Program | |
| 6:00—9:00 | Welcome Ceremony (Invite Only) | | | |

| Tuesday 20th | Salon 4 | | Salon 3 | Salon 2 |
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| 9:00 | Invasive species | Joseph Wasilewski: Management of green iguanas | | |
| 9:20 | | Janeen Bullard: Controlling cane toads | | |
| 9:40 | | Daniel Kjar: Long-horned crazy ant | | |
| 10:00 | Physical sciences | Jacklyn Chisholm: Salinity fluctuations around New Providence | Flats Ecology Symposia Aaron Adams: Bahamas Initiative Overview | |
| 10:20 | | Alexandra Weot: Sediment analysis of Uncle Charlie's blue hole | Justin Lewis: Bonefish mark-recapture | |
| 10:40 | | Eric Kjellmark: Sediment analysis from lake in Fresh Creek | Cameron Luck: Bonefish Spawning Site Identification | |
| 11:00 | Break | | | |
| 11:20 | Changing climates | Kathleen Sullivan: Coastal erosion by hurricanes | Aaron Adams: Bonefish larval transport | |
| 11:40 | | William Hayes: Effects of hurricanes on iguanas and seabirds | Lucas Griffin: Spatial Ecology of Tarpon and Permit | |
| 12:00 | | Andrew Moxey: Hurricanes impact on pine forests | Jake Brownscombe: Bonefish spatial ecology | |
| 12:20 | | Frank Rivera-Milan: Inagua Parrot population assessment | Walker Golder: Importance of The Bahamas to migratory shorebirds | |
| 12:40 | | Kendria Ferguson: Ecosystem-based adaptation | Clint Kemp: Bahamas flats fishing regulations | |
| 1:00 | Lunch | | | |
| 1:20 | Lunch | | | |
| 1:40 | Lunch | | | |
| 2:00 | | Dr. J. Drew Lanham Alumni Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology Clemson University Keynote Speaker | Dan Davala: Importance of recreational bonefishing to The Bahamas | |
| 2:20 | | | Tony Fedler: Flats Fishing Economics | |
| 2:40 | | | Nina Sanchez: Citizen Science | |
| 3:00 | | Student series | Jewel Thompson: Flats Ecosystem education curriculum | |
| 3:20 | | | Break | |
| 3:40 | | Student series | Jake Brownscombe: Best Catch and Release practices for Bonefish | |
| 4:00 | | | Elizabeth Wallace: Bonefish spawning ground connectivity | |
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| 5:00 until | Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Social | | | |

| Wednesday 21st | Salon 4 | | Salon 3 | Salon 2 | | |
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| 9:00 | The Human Element I | Pachancia Knowles: Baha Mar Explorer Kids Program | Ministry of the Environment and Housing's Jr. Minister of the Environment Speech Competition (open to the public) | Closed for Private Session | | |
| 9:20 | | Elaine Powers: Using children's books to educate | | | | |
| 9:40 | | Trueranda Cox: Bridging between conservation and education | | | | |
| 10:00 | | Nikita Shiel-Rolle: Marine citizenship in SIDS | | | | |
| 10:20 | | Amelia Moore & Tamika Galanis: Fostering cultures of coral | | | | |
| 10:40 | Break | | | | | |
| 11:00 | The Human Element II | David Campbell: Re-wilding The Bahamas | Ministry of the Environment and Housing's Jr. Minister of the Environment Speech Competition (open to the public) (until 1:00 PM) | Closed for Private Session | | |
| 11:20 | | Liz Guinessey: Bird-based tourism | | | | |
| 11:40 | | Lashanti Jupp: The next 10% of MPAs: Stakeholder involvement | | | | |
| 12:00 | | Stephen Connett: Bahamas fisheries enforcement workshops | | | | |
| 12:20 | Lunch | | | | | |
| 12:40 | | | | | | |
| 1:00 | | | | | | |
| 1:20 | Wetlands | Heather Masonjones: Sea horses of Sweeting's Pond | | What's in your Fisheries Management Toolbox? | | |
| 1:40 | | Lindy Knowles: Assessment of Savannah Sound | | | | |
| 2:00 | Poster session | | | | | |
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| 3:00 | | | | | | |
| 3:20 | Break | | | | | |
| 3:40 | Feature Film An Ocean Mystery: The Missing Catch | | | Reversing the Decline of Bahamian Coral Reefs | | |
| 4:00 | | | | Sea Turtle Network | | |
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| 6:00 | | | | | | |
| 6:30 - 8:00 | Guest Lecturer Evening (Open to Public) | | | | | |

| Thursday 22nd | Salon 4 | | Salon 3 | Salon 2 |
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| 9:00 | | Matthew Rand, Director, Global Ocean Legacy at the Pew Charitable Trusts | | |
| 9:20 | | | | |
| 9:40 | Fisheries I | Eric Schneider: Stone crab claw removal | Sustainable financing workshop | Conservation on San Salvador Island, The Bahamas |
| 10:00 | | Andrew Kough: Conch and MPAs | | |
| 10:20 | | Deborah Freile: Juvenile conch predation | | |
| 10:40 | | Enie Hensel: Factors of fish community control | | |
| 11:00 | Break | | | |
| 11:20 | Fisheries II | Lester Gittens: Effect of casitas on Spiny Lobster | Sustainable financing workshop | Managing invasive reptile species in The Bahamas (11:20 AM -1:20 PM) |
| 11:40 | | Karlisa Callwood: Interdisciplinary approach to lobster fishery | | |
| 12:00 | | Krista Sherman: Genetics of Bahamian Nassau Grouper | | |
| 12:20 | Lunch | | | |
| 12:40 | Lunch | | | |
| 1:00 | Lunch | | | |
| 1:20 | Marine Resources | Craig Dahlgren: Parrotfish & coral reefs | Sustainable financing workshop | Reddish egrets monitoring workshop |
| 1:40 | | Karlisa Callwood: Parrotfish fishery in The Bahamas | | |
| 2:00 | | Charlotte Dunn: Bahamian sperm whales | | |
| 2:20 | | Diane Claridge: Shipping traffic effects on sperm whales | | |
| 2:40 | | Nathan Robinson: Drones and coastal conservation | | |
| 3:00 | Break | | | |
| 3:20 | Elasmobranchs | Brendan Talwar: Measuring impacts of shark sanctuary | | Reddish egrets monitoring workshop |
| 3:40 | | Gina Clementi: Elasmobranch abundance and diversity | | |
| 4:00 | | Dean Grubbs: Sawfish and national parks | | |
| 4:20 | | Owen O'Shea: Management of a cryptic stingray | | |
| 4:40 | | Bautisse Postaire: Lemon shark assessment and genetics | | |
| 5:00 | Vote of Thanks | | | |
| 6:00—9:00 | Closing Ceremony | | | |