

Brown Treesnake Technical Working Group

2019 Annual Meetings

Fiesta Resort

TWG Business Meeting and Invited Panel
21 November
Azucena Hall

Thursday, November 21	
8:00 - 8:10 a.m.	BTSTWG 2019 Annual Meetings – Day-2 Opening remarks – MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator
8:10 – 9:15 a.m.	Invited Panel (continuation of research presentation session) – Assessing value in conservation planning Panelists will discuss how various research methods are used to calculate value in conservation planning and implementation. <i>Panel Moderators – Amy Yackel Adams – US Geological Survey, Research Ecologist, and Sarah Converse – USGS Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Leader and Leader of the Quantitative Ecology Lab</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Schwiff – USDA National Wildlife Research Center, Research Economist, Project Leader • Dara Wald – Iowa State University, Assistant Professor, Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication – <i>Exploring New Pathways towards Public Support for Conservation Action: A Case Study on Guam</i> • Jill Liske – Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Section Supervisor – <i>Prioritization of Potential Invasive Mammal Eradication Projects in the Northern Islands</i> • Haldre Rogers – Iowa State University, Assistant Professor, Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks: BTS Technical Working Group Business Meeting – MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of business meeting agenda • Review of TWG roles and responsibilities • USFWS BTS FY19-20 updates
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Update on aerial bait manufacturing – John D. Eisemann – USDA National Wildlife Research Center, Technology Transfer Program Manager
10:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Morning Break
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	BTS Research Committee annual report to the TWG – MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator, BTS Research Committee Chair
10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Interagency Discussion: Mechanisms for fostering interagency cooperation to implement landscape scale suppression of BTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerial baiting costs – John D. Eisemann – USDA National Wildlife Research Center, Technology Transfer Program Manager • Ongoing (CP/HMU) and planned (AAFB) landscape scale suppression projects update – TBD Researchers/Land Managers – invited to participate • TWG Landscape Suppression subcommittee organization – MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator, BTS Research Committee Chair

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12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch Break – See meeting coordinators for discounted Fiesta lunch buffet tickets
1:15 – 1:45 p.m.	Interagency Discussion: Strategies to update the BTS Strategic Plan – MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator
1:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Interagency Discussion: Emerging tools for BTS control: what are the needs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt Preston – ESTCP FY21 Call for Proposals Program Manager, SERDP and ESTCP Resource Conservation and Resilience • Melia Nafus – USGS Research Ecologist – <i>Updates on synthetic biology and novel tool development for python control</i> • Marc Hall and Steve Mosher – NAVFAC/Joint Region Marianas BTS Program Manager and MITT Program Manager • TBD – Guam Land Managers/ Control and Interdiction Agency Leads – invited to participate
2:15 – 2:45 p.m.	Interagency Discussion: Changes and updates to BTS control and interdiction tool use (live traps/bait tubes) and applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marc Hall – NAVFAC/Joint Region Marianas BTS Program Manager • TBD – FY19/20 Updates on ongoing or planned research
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Interagency Discussion: Strategies to maximize public outreach to encourage BTS inspections of non-commercial interisland boat traffic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD – CNMI representative – <i>Updates on fishing derby events</i> • Jane Dia – Guam Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, Kontra I Kulepbpla Program Coordinator • Kevin Donmoyer – US Fish and Wildlife Service – <i>CNMI outreach opportunities</i>
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Interagency Discussion: Incorporating BTS inspections into typhoon emergency response – FY 2019 agency updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Barnhart – US Geological Survey, Rapid Response Coordinator – <i>Updates on Oceania Regional Response Team meeting – The inadvertent spread of IS species during emergency response: recent publications</i> • Kevin Donmoyer – US Fish and Wildlife Service – <i>Updates on USCG coordination meetings</i> • Steve Mosher – NAVFAC/Joint Region Marianas MITT Program Manager – <i>Updates on Exercise Resilient Typhoon</i> • MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator – <i>Updates on distribution of outreach information</i>
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Open topics discussion – Topics for discussion are requested for inclusion prior to the lunch break
4:30 p.m.	Closing statements – MJ Mazurek – US Fish and Wildlife Service BTS Program Coordinator

****Business meeting interagency discussion topics** – The purpose of the interagency discussion topics is to inform the TWG of any activities that have occurred during the last year or are planned for FY20/21. Key agency personnel are invited to provide verbal updates, even if already presented as part of the science presentations. Participants may also identify needs within the topic area whether research, operations development, or coordination among agencies to further strategic planning. Anyone with particular expertise on the subject is invited to give an introductory summary. Please contact meeting coordinators if you would like time to provide an update not currently listed or to occupy a spot currently listed as TBD.