IUCN SSC Iguana Specialist Group Annual Meeting
Pegasus Hotel, New Kingston, Jamaica
8–11 November 2026

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Arrive Kingston, Jamaica, and make your way to the Pegasus Hotel. A typical taxi charge will be around $40 USD or $6000 Jamaican. There will be ample taxis waiting outside the airport.

Address: 81 Knutsford Blvd, Kingston 5, New Kingston, Jamaica
Phone: +1 876 926 3691

4:00–8:00 pm **Icebreaker at the Hope Zoo**
Dinner and one drink included

Transportation from the Pegasus Hotel departs at 4:00 pm
**If you are arriving later, you can go directly from the airport to the zoo. The Hope Zoo is located on Old Hope Road, near Papine and beside Utech. The taxi should enter the Hope Gardens, from Old Hope Road here:* 18.016485, -76.747501*. Make sure that the taxi brings you all the way back to the zoo's entrance here:* 18.024568, -76.747536 *and doesn't drop you at the garden's entrance as it is a long walk. Looks for the elephants at the zoo's entrance.*

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9:00 am **Welcome and Introductions**
ISG Co-Chairs: Stesha Pasachnik and Daniel Ariano

9:15 am **Greetings from the National Environment and Planning Agency**
Deputy CEO Anthony McKenzie

9:35 am **Keynote Speaker – Ministry of Water, Environment, and Climate**
Minister Matthew Samuda

10:00 am ***Coffee Break***

10:40 am **Protecting Jamaica's Biodiversity; Our Conservation Program**
Protegiendo la Biodiversidad de Jamaica; Nuestro Programa de Conservación
Donaldson, Andrea

11:00 am **The Many Faces of Jamaican Rock Iguana Recovery**
Las Múltiples Facetas de la Recuperación de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica
Grant, Tandora*, Dawn Fleuchaus, and Stesha Pasachnik

11:20 am **Conservation of the Jamaican Rock Iguana, a Field Update**
Conservación de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica, una Actualización de Campo
Pasachnik, Stesha*, David Reid, Garnett Bartley, Shakeem Coley, Jomo Pinkney, Oneil Wilson, Robert Baker, Filippo Bruno, Melindy Dirks, Joey Markx, Danyang Shi, Martha Stone-Shepherd, Emily Tusnadi, and Niels van der Vegt

11:40 am **History of the Jamaican Rock Iguana Headstart Program at Hope Zoo: Over Three Decades of Progress and Collaboration**
Historia del Programa de Cría Asistida de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica en el Zoológico Hope: Más de Tres Décadas de Progreso y Colaboración
Brown, Joseph*, Szarianne Khan, Jodi-Ann Blissett, Shaneek Lewis, Kimberly Rainwater, Stesha Pasachnik, and Tandora Grant

12:00 pm ***BUFFET LUNCH***

1:30 pm **Safeguarding a Critically Endangered Species: The Crucial Role of Annual Health Screening and Medical Management in the Jamaican Rock Iguana (*Cyclura collei*) Headstart Program**
*Salvaguarda de una Especie en Peligro Crítico de Extinción: el Papel Crucial de las Revisiones Sanitarias Anuales y el Manejo Médico en el Programa de Cría Asistida Inicial (Headstart) de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica (*Cyclura collei*)*
Khan, Szarianne*

1:50 pm **Jamaican Rock Iguana (*Cyclura collei*) Medical Update**
*Actualización Médica de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica (*Cyclura collei*)*
Rainwater, Kimberly*, Catherine McClave, Szarianne Khan, Joseph Brown, Kenneth Conley, Tandora Grant, and Stesha Pasachnik

2:10 pm **Conservation of the Jamaican Rock Iguana (*Cyclura collei*) at Hope Zoo**
*Conservación de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica (*Cyclura collei*) en Hope Zoo*
Lewis, Shaneek* and Jodi-Ann Blissett

2:30 pm ***Coffee Break***

2:50 pm **The Great Goat Island Wildlife Sanctuary: Human Use and Community Concerns Surrounding Proposed Jamaican Rock Iguana Reintroduction**
El Santuario de Vida Silvestre de Great Goat Island: Uso Humano y Preocupaciones de la Comunidad en Torno a la Propuesta de Reintroducción de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica
Whyte, Damion* and Eric Garraway

3:10 pm **Balancing Conservation and Development: The UDC's Role in Safeguarding the Jamaican Rock Iguana within the Hellshire Hills**
Balanceando Conservación y Desarrollo: El Rol de la UDC en la Protección de la Iguana de Roca de Jamaica en Hellshire Hills
Harris, Lori-Ann* and Adrian Thomas

3:30 pm **Is Jamaica Next? Dispersal, Management, and Threats of the Common Green Iguana (*Iguana iguana*) as an Invasive Species**
*¿Es Jamaica la Siguiente? Dispersión, Gestión y Amenazas de la Iguana Verde Común (*Iguana iguana*) como Especie Invasora*
Brown, Joseph*, Joseph Wasilewski, Oneil James, Damion Whyte, Damany Calder, and Leighton Mamdeen

4:00 pm **GROUP PHOTO**

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9:00 am **Daily Agenda Review, Meeting Logistics Update**
Stesha Pasachnik and Daniel Ariano

9:10 am **2026 Anegada Rock Iguana Recovery Program Update**
Actualización del Programa de Recuperación de la Iguana de Roca de Anegada 2026
Bradley, Kelly*

9:30 am **Anthropogenic Disturbance Shapes Risk Assessment and Behavioral Plasticity in an Endangered Rock Iguana (*Cyclura carinata*)**
*La Perturbación Antropogénica Condiciona la Evaluación de Riesgos y la Plasticidad Conductual en una Iguana de Roca en Peligro de Extinción (*Cyclura carinata*)*
Wehsener, Jimmy*, Glenn Gerber, and Dan Blumstein

9:50 am **Monitoring and Protecting the White / Sandy Cay Rock Iguana, *Cyclura rileyi cristata*, in Moriah Harbour Cay National Park, The Bahamas**
Seguimiento y Protección de la Iguana de Roca de White / Sandy Cay, Cyclura rileyi cristata*, en el Parque Nacional de Moriah Harbour Cay, Las Bahamas*
Collie, Sasha*

10:10 am ***Coffee Break***

10:30 am **Trialing Monitoring Methods for Endangered Central Bahamian Rock Iguanas (*Cyclura rileyi*) on San Salvador Island, The Bahamas, to Enhance Community Science**
*Pruebas de Métodos de Monitorización para las Iguanas de Roca de las Bahamas Centrales (*Cyclura rileyi*) en la Isla de San Salvador, Las Bahamas, para Mejorar la Ciencia Comunitaria*
Kingon, Kelly*, William Hayes, Lars Mattias Johansson, Zeko McKenzie, Nya Lewis, Irene Vicat, Yonah Luce, Ciera Bain, Alejandro Moncur, and Sonee Seymour

10:50 am **From Six Islands to One Strategy: The Making of a Multi-Country Conservation Partnership**
De Seis Islas a Una Sola Estrategia: La Construcción de una Alianza de Conservación Multinacional
Brisbane, Jeanelle*, Adam Mitchell*, Etienne Bezault, Baptiste Angin, Julien Chalifour, Jenny Daltry, Nathalie Duporge, Matt Goetz, Alexis Guilleux, Nicolas Parantheon, Julie Pauwels, Karl Questel, Louise Soanes, Jethro van't Hul, Isabel Vique, and Farah Mukhida

11:10 am **A Conservation Success Story: The Fijian Crested Iguana is No Longer Critically Endangered**
Una Historia de Éxito en Conservación: La Iguana Crestada de Fiyi Ya No Está en Peligro Crítico
Harlow, Peter*

11:30 am **Conditional Male Strategies for Copulation Success in *Ctenosaura similis***
Estrategias Condicionales de los Machos para el Éxito en la Cópula en Ctenosaura similis
Nash, Ann-Elizabeth* and Davinia Beneyto Garrigós

11:50 pm ***BUFFET LUNCH***

1:10 pm **Community-Driven Conservation of *Ctenosaura palearis*: Artificial Nesting Boxes, Habitat Recovery, and Environmental Education**
Conservación de Ctenosaura palearis *Impulsada por la Comunidad: Cajas de Anidación Artificiales, Recuperación del Hábitat y Educación Ambiental*
Gil, Johana*

1:30 pm **Saving the Swamper — Updates from the Útila Spiny-tailed Iguana Project**
Salvando a la Iguana de Útila: Actualizaciones del Proyecto de la Iguana de Cola Espinosa de Útila
Maryon, Daisy F.* and Tom W. Brown

1:50 pm **Population Assessment of the Útila Spiny-tailed Iguana (*Ctenosaura bakeri*): Population Density, Sex Ratio, and Body Size**
*Estimación Poblacional de la Iguana de Cola Espinosa de Útila (*Ctenosaura bakeri*): Densidad, Proporción Sexual y Tamaño Corporal*
Castro, Carlos* and José Luis Matamoros Carranza

2:10 pm **Radiotelemetry Monitoring of Captive-bred Juvenile *Ctenosaura bakeri*: Evaluation of Survival, Dispersal, and Habitat Use Following Release**
Monitoreo Mediante Radiotelemetría de Juveniles de Ctenosaura bakeri *Reproducidos en Cautiverio: Evaluación de la Sobrevivencia, Dispersión y Uso de Hábitat Tras Su Liberación*
Matamoros, José Luis* and Carlos Castro

2:30 pm ***Coffee Break***

2:45 pm **ISG Social Media Update**
Johana Gil and Daniel Ariano

2:55 pm **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Progress and New Target Actions**
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3:15 pm **Discussion of Future Meetings**
Stesha Pasachnik and Daniel Ariano

3:25 pm **Discussion of MbZ Proposal Coordination**
Stesha Pasachnik

3:35 pm **Introduction of Online Database for Environmental Education and Outreach (EEO) Material**
Presentación de una Base de Datos en Línea de Materiales de Educación y Divulgación Ambiental (EEO)
Muggen–van Uden, Yoni* and Jeroen van Kuijk

3:55 pm **Show and Tell: Education and Outreach Materials Discussion and Viewing**
Yoni Muggen-van Uden, leading

6:00 pm **Depart for Group Dinner at Kingston Jerk**
Meet at the front of the Pegasus Hotel for the bus
Dining will be outside, one drink included, additional drinks can be purchased
Return to the hotel by 10:00 pm

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8:00 am **Depart for Field Trip to Black River and YS Falls**
Meet at the front of the Pegasus Hotel
Lunch provided at the falls
Return to the hotel by 8:00 pm
Additional refreshments can be purchased at YS falls (credit cards and USD accepted)
*Make sure to bring water, hat, sunscreen, swimsuit, towel, water shoes/sandals, and snacks for the bus ride

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