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Desert Tortoise Science Advisory Committee Meeting
June 11-12, 2007
Las Vegas, NV

Meeting Goals and Objectives

- Refine disease management and research recommendations by identifying:
 - General management recommendations based on available information
 - High-priority research goals
 - Types of management recommendations that could result from this research
- Review genetic and ecological data to provide recommendations for revising recovery units

Agenda

June 11 (8am-4:30pm, University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus)

0800-0815h Introductions

- Review agenda/schedule

0815-1130h Disease management recommendations

- Overview of SAC goals (Peter Hudson)
- Overview of University of Nevada, Reno, research (Ken Hunter)
- Overview of University of Florida research (Mary Brown)
- Discussion

1130-1230h Lunch on campus

1230-1500h Breakout groups

- Disease subgroup (Peter, Kristin, Dick, Mary, Ken)
 - Review/revise disease working document
- Rest of group
 - Brainstorm other high-priority research/management needs for effective recovery (e.g., threats network, evaluate predictions from vital rate sensitivity analysis)

1500-1545h Review disease subgroup output

1545-1630h Review high-priority research needs

1630-1700h Adjourn to the stakeholder open forum at the Renaissance Hotel

June 11 (5-7pm, Renaissance Hotel, 3400 Paradise Road)

1700-1900h Open forum with stakeholders/interested parties

June 12 (8am-12pm, University of Nevada, Las Vegas campus)

0800-1000h Review status and direction of range-wide monitoring

1000-1130h Reaffirm recovery criteria relative to habitat model

- Develop recommendations for number, size, and placement of demographic study areas

1130-1200h Next meeting agenda/date

- Review rough draft recovery plan; provide feedback
- Forum in Las Vegas with MOG to review recovery plan

1200h Adjourn

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