

Summary of BirdsCaribbean Endemic and Threatened Species Working Group Meeting

BirdsCaribbean 22nd International Conference, Karibea Beach Hotel, Guadeloupe, 28th July 2019

For those folks who weren't able to attend the Endemic and Threatened Species Working Group (ETSWG) meeting during the BirdsCaribbean Conference in Guadeloupe but who are interested in the group, the main outcomes of the meeting were as follows:

- 17 members of the ETSWG met on 28th July, 2019.
- The ETSWG agreed to merge with the Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) Working Group. This decision was made on the basis that the AZE falls under the remit of the ETSWG, since the AZE is one available tool for working towards the conservation of endemic and threatened species.
- Members suggested it was important for the ETSWG to have a web presence on the BirdsCaribbean website and agreed to start working on text for this webpage and to begin discussions with BC about how this could be facilitated.
- Members agreed for the need to share more information about current conservation and research efforts on endemic and threatened species, through the ETSWG. A document started by American Bird Conservancy members (Andrew Rothman and Dan Lebbin) will be shared on a google drive for ETSWG members to make voluntary contributions to about updates to species status and conservation efforts.
- There was discussion about the priorities for the group moving forward, with many members stressing the importance of prioritising conservation actions. The group also acknowledged the overlap with other working groups, especially the Monitoring Working Group and the Media Working Group and the value of working with these groups in the future.
- The group agreed the need for more communication between the biannual meetings, and will trial having intermittent conference calls (via Zoom).

If you are an ETSWG member and didn't receive a recent email about access to the shared google drive, or, if you would like to become a member, please let us know.

We also have an ETSWG WhatsApp group, so please email us your number if you would like to be added to this group.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at future ETSWG meetings,
Howard Nelson and Ellie Devenish-Nelson

Members present:

Howard Nelson (University of Chester, chair)
Ellie Devenish-Nelson (University of Edinburgh, co-chair)
Adrienne Tossas (University of Puerto Rico)
Alexandrine Thomas (Parc Naturel de la Martinique)
Andrew Rothman (American Bird Conservancy)
Ann Haynes-Sutton (BirdsCaribbean)
Bonnie Rusk (Grenada Dove Conservation Programme)
Christelle Beranger (Parc Naturel de la Martinique)

Daniel Lebbin (American Bird Conservancy, chair of the AZE working group)
Dave Ewert (American Bird Conservancy)
Greg Butcher (US Forest Service)
Holly Garrod (Third Millennium Alliance)
Jennifer Mortensen (University of Arkansas)
John Sterling (Sterling Wildlife Biology)
Jorge Brocca (SOH Conservacion)
Mark Hulme (University of the West Indies)
Maya Wilson (Virginia Tech)