**SAVE meeting**

Thursday, Jan 5, noon-1pm Pacific

phone meeting

conference call number 605-475-4700, access code 974035#

Calling in: Cristina, Derek, Fiona, Marcia, Randy.

**Meeting Minutes reviewed**

**- LA205 in 2017**

Marcia sent a draft of the problem statement for the module, running Feb 15 - March 20. She wants to get it to John & Matt ASAP, maybe tomorrow.

Split the students to work on two different projects: 1) documenting China's habitat sites and proposing strategy for protection, and 2) the "conflict of greens" in Taiwan (solar-panel arrays vs wetlands/BFS habitat).

China portion: We think the students should follow up on last year's work at Xinghua Bay, but probably as just one part of the full China study. Our contacts there said ecotourism may not be the solution for preserving habitat at Xinghua Bay -- tourists in China won't go to a site with this nuanced environmental value (not spectacular/"beautiful") as is the case in Taiwan, might need 10-20 years to develop that attitude? -- but students/SAVE still needs an alternative to propose. Government plans are destroying habitat, and BFS and other migrating birds are stopping over or wintering; will they have food to eat (at fishponds or mudflats) and a safe place to roost? There needs to be a replacement plan.

Discussion of Paulson Institute, WWF, protection of Spoon-billed Sandpipers at Rudong Wetlands. Could be a useful contact for SAVE. By the end of the module, SAVE should have a strategy for approaching Paulson Institute. Through LinkedIn, Cristina has found a local contact who works there; could we meet with her when MM&RH are visiting in Feb? (Paulson contact: Kate Gordon, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/kate-gordon-b2879> ; <https://twitter.com/katenrg> )

Fiona mentioned that Yat-Tung Yu (HK Bird Watching Society) also suggested looking at Macau. Could be another site for the students to consider along the China coast?

First day of the module will be February 15. We should give a full overview about SAVE, China, Taiwan. Presentation will probably run 2 hours. Randy suggested: emphasize the differences between Taiwan and China -- activism among the citizenry, support for science and NGOs, existing partnerships with unthreatened scientists, thriving ecotourism. Cristina suggested including Stakeholder Analysis as a tool for students to understand China vs. Taiwan. (See our work from Spring 2016, and link to Angela’s research on stakeholder analysis diagramming: <https://app.box.com/s/doy1q1obenpb5zc1on5292sj5kayrb3s> )

Action item (Fiona, Cristina, Derek; Marcia and Randy): Work out the introductory presentation for LA205. Randy to outline it and distribute so everyone can work out their parts. F+C+D to organize the report on China.

Action item (Fiona): Follow up with Tung about his suggestion to study Macau. How and why?

Action item (Derek/Cristina): Upload our paper & presentation (final version) from the HK conference onto the "SAVE Presents" part of the website.

(Here’s the link to the final HK Conference Powerpoint: <https://app.box.com/s/av7ngrfbuoxa0h5wp1mucc9ony675i1b> )

Action item (Derek/Cristina/Fiona): Get China trip photos organized and uploaded in box for student access. Write up a summary of what was learned (Maipo, the conference, in Xinghua Bay).

**- newsletter**

Submit drafts by January 19 (two weeks from today).

Topics and authors:

* LA205 spring 2016 and the China trip (double-length article): Cristina
* Community Design conference in HK: Derek
* Mai Po tour: Fiona
* Jiading: Po-Hsiu
* South Budai plan: Adrienne
* SPOON update: Tadao
* Conflict of greens issue in Taiwan: Marcia

Kushal offered help with graphics at our November meeting. Fiona says it may be hard to share the layout file but will think about how to get his help.

Marcia will follow up with Po-Hsiu, Pin-Han, and Tadao. [Update 1/06: All confirmed. South Budai plan will be by Adrienne Dodd, not Pin-Han as originally proposed.]

Action item (all listed above): Write 5-sentence drafts by Jan 19th, and provide a photo/image.

**- 2017 SAVE pins**

Marcia and Fiona suggested that Kushal could design the 2017 SAVE pins.

Action item (Fiona): Ask Kushal.

**- report from LA205 spring 2016**

Cristina compiled her classmates' LA205 work into this report. She got thorough review from SAVE (Marcia/Randy, Fiona, Derek) but not much from John and Matt. We adapted a lot of it into our paper for the HK conference. As a documentation of LA205 work, the report is essentially finished. Cristina wants to add an epilogue with notes from our visit to China.

**- Island Wire contributions**

Should we contribute something to Island Wire?

Action item (Derek): Write about SAVE's trip to Xinghua Bay: ponds have been filled but BFS are still there, deserves Ramsar status, SAVE is working on plans for protection. Don't mention our colleagues by name.

Minutes drafted by Derek, January 5, 2017. Updated by Cristina and Marcia.