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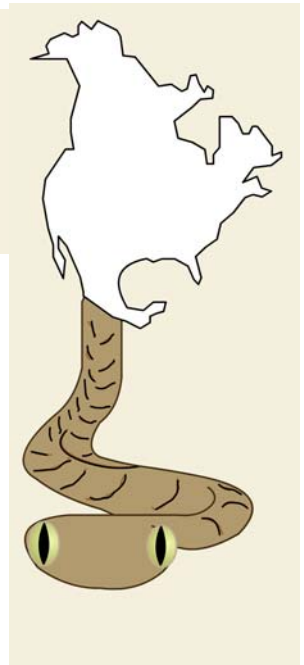
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The North American Brown Tree Snake Control Team (NABTSCT) is a collaborative effort between federal agencies, state agencies, and private organizations to prevent the Brown Tree Snake from entering the United States.

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This is a preliminary announcement for the annual Brown Tree Snake working group Technical Meetings. These meetings are scheduled to occur between the 17th and 20th of April (a Tuesday through Friday). This meeting is open to the general public and interested parties.

The format of this meeting will be different from the previous brown tree snake working group technical meetings and participation is anticipated to be greater than the previous meetings. We currently have reserved space for up to 140 people at the Guam Hilton for the first day of the meeting. It is anticipated that attendance will be lower the following three days.

The first day of the meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for the broad range of individuals (dog handlers, technicians, biologists, administrative staff ,students) working on this issue regionally to get a comprehensive overview & update on the issue. The subsequent three days will be divided into "presentations and working sessions" related to specific topics. A business meeting will occur on the second day of the meeting . Sessions will be limited to three hours in the morning and afternoon. Sessions will be designed with in a manner to allow time for discussions.

Specific session topics will be determined by the Brown Tree Snake working Group . Topics that have been

suggested are:

1) requesting selected individuals to summarize specific operational/research/public education efforts completed since 2000 with the goal of discussing how these efforts have positively benefited or been implemented in BTS control efforts.

2) new BTS research, operational , and public education efforts ;

3) canine detection of BTS-a session which would involve the participation of primary canine program leaders from various programs ;

4) avian & bat conservation in Mariana Islands & Pacific in relation to brown treesnake management and quarantine efforts ;

5) presentation on selected invasive snake , reptile & amphibian issues worldwide;

6) presentation on current management and research issues related to Habu (a pest viper) in Okinawa;

7) presentation by individuals working on invasive species quarantine, control , research , and public education incorporated into selected sessions.

Please contact **Earl Campbell** (Earl_Campbell@fws.gov) for more information.

Mission Statement

" To prevent the invasion of Brown Tree Snakes into continental North America through education and awareness and through rapid response assessments of potential sightings via a partnership of stakeholders."

Goals

1. Have NABTSCT grow in individual membership and in participating organizations, especially with state wildlife agencies.

2. Setup regional network of volunteers who are willing to search for Brown Tree Snakes if sightings occur in North America.

3. Write news releases about NABTSCT for publication in lay-group magazines.

4. Advertise the NABTSCT at wildlife and

conservation-related professional meetings.

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