Friends of the Environment will hold its 9th biennial Abaco Science Alliance Conference in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, January 7th - 9th, 2020, starting with a welcome reception on the evening of Jan. 7th. The meeting (Jan. 8th & 9th) will include oral presentations, posters and keynote talks, optional field trips TBA. We invite submission of contributed papers and posters on the findings of your research on natural history, ecology, geology, conservation, and environmental science and education of The Abaco’s/Bahamas at this conference.

All oral presentations will be scheduled for 30 minutes, which includes 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for questions. Talks are limited to Microsoft PowerPoint or Mac Keynote; no other formats (such as slides, overheads) will be accepted. We urge participants to consider presentation of their work as posters. Posters provide an opportunity for authors to participate in more detailed communication with attendees. Posters are displayed from Wednesday January 8th through Thursday January 9th and authors are requested to attend their posters during scheduled breaks. Posters will be displayed on cloth-covered room dividers.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts
A maximum of 300 words. Abstract should include a statement of objectives, brief description of methods, principal results, and conclusions. Please name your abstract file with the presenter’s last name and your choice of poster or talk (e.g. Smith_poster.doc). Email your abstracts and abstract submission forms to lianna@friendsoftheenvironment.org

Abstract Evaluation
Papers and posters will be accepted based on their technical merit and contribution to our knowledge of species, populations, communities, ecological processes, management practices, conservation initiatives, education models, or policy issues. Papers and posters should present results from completed studies or completed phases of long-term projects. All abstracts will be reviewed by at least two reviewers in a blind review process. Please note that presentations from students are welcome but are not given preferential treatment. However, time/space is a limiting factor and we may not be able to accept all papers/posters submitted (whether from students or professionals).
Notice of Decision
Notice of acceptance will be made by November 18th, 2019.

Registration
All presenters MUST register and pay the appropriate conference registration fee. Advance registration is strongly recommended. See the below registration form. Registration forms will also be posted on FRIENDS’ website, www.friendsoftheenvironment.org.

Questions
Questions about the conference may be directed to Olivia Patterson-Maura at lianna@friendsoftheenvironment.org or olivia@friendsoftheenvironment.org, or 242-367-2721
Abaco Science Alliance Conference (ASAC)

PRESENTER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Presenter’s Surname: ___________________________________________________

First Name: ___________________________________________________________

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Co-authors: ___________________________________________________________

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GUIDELINES
• In general, talks should be of 20 minutes duration, with 10 minutes for questions between papers.
• Please plan your talk with a general audience in mind (including high school students)
• Audiovisual aids that will be made available include a data projector, Mac computer (with both Keynote and Powerpoint), and a laser pointer.
• All presenters are asked to submit a brief abstract or short description of their presentation, which will be included in the conference program.
• Average poster sizes are recommended (e.g. 3ft x 4ft)

Please submit your abstract with this form by October 25th, 2019 (and remember you also have to register).
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Registration Form
REGISTER BY Friday December 6th, 2019

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Complete and email (olivia@friendsoftheenvironment.org) or fax (242-367-0722) this form along with your full payment, or deliver to the FRIENDS office in Marsh Harbour. Registration may also be done online at http://www.friendsoftheenvironment.org/education/a-s-a-c/

Registration Fees (full conference including socials - lunch not included):

Presenter’s rate - $75

Enclosed Payment: Check # _____________ Check Amount___________________________

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