

**Canada/Mexico/US Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem
Conservation and Management
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WORK TABLE: CITES

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- Canada – Carolina Caceres, Manager, CITES, Canadian Wildlife Service, Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)
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- United States – Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Division of Scientific Authority, US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

Working table priorities for 2017-2018

1. Ensuring effective regional cooperation on CITES implementation
2. Follow-up on intersessional work from the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
3. Wildlife trafficking

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda; adoption of Action Item Report (if applicable)

DESCRIPTION: Welcome and introductions of working table participants, and approval and adoption of the agenda and working program.

AGENDA ITEM 2: (Priority 1.x): Emergency permitting for marine mammals

DESCRIPTION: Discussion of emergency permitting procedures for marine mammals.

AGENDA ITEM 3 (Priority 2.X): Follow-up on CoP17 outcomes and preparation for 2017 CITES meetings, including 23rd meeting of the Plants Committee, 29th meeting of the Animals Committee, and 69th meeting of the Standing Committee

DESCRIPTION: Discuss the implementation of the CoP17-related decisions (including new listings, and new or revised Resolutions and Decisions) in preparation for the upcoming meetings of the CITES Committees (PC23/AC29, and SC69), with emphasis on high-profile listings (e.g., those proposed by NAR, or on species of high priority for the region, like sharks).

AGENDA ITEM 4 (Priority 3.x): Totoaba*

** Possible joint item with the Enforcement Table*

DESCRIPTION: Discuss the progress on the implementation CoP17 totoaba Decisions (17.145 to 17.151) (e.g., workshops held since CoP17 and updated intelligence that the United States and Mexico might want to share with the region).

AGENDA ITEM 5 (Priority 1.x): Collaboration between NAR and the Commission on Environmental Cooperation

DESCRIPTION: Discuss the outcomes of the project “Strengthening conservation and sustainable production of selected CITES Appendix-II species in North America” (described below), and the scenarios to follow up on the action plans derived from it. In particular, the regional follow-up project under CEC’s 2017-2018 operational plan, entitled: “Implementation of North American Action Plans to boost the sustainable, legal and traceable production and trade of CITES Appendix II priority sharks, turtles, tarantulas and timber,” with the aim to implement those action plans of the highest priority for the region.

AGENDA ITEM 6 (Priority 1.x): “Latin American Symposium on conservation and sustainable trade of sea cucumbers”

DESCRIPTION: In order to further review the species conservation status and needs, Mexico is exploring the possibility of organizing a 2018 Latin American workshop, in collaboration with the main importers.

AGENDA ITEM 7 (Priority 3.x): Wildlife trafficking

DESCRIPTION: Each country to provide updates on their efforts to combat wildlife trafficking; Species of Common Conservation Concern Table has asked to have a joint discussion (possibly including the Law Enforcement Table) on trafficking of hummingbirds from Mexico into the United States; and discuss regional collaboration on counter wildlife trafficking effort