



XXIV Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and  
Ecosystem Conservation and Management  
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**Trinational cooperation to achieve species conservation, community engagement and legal  
and sustainable trade in North America**

**BACKGROUND**

In 2017, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) published five action plans for promoting legal, sustainable and traceable trade in selected North American parrot, shark, tarantula, timber and turtle taxa that are listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). These five action plans were produced under the guidance of a steering committee composed of the CITES Authorities and law enforcement officials of Canada, Mexico and the United States. Since July 2017, the CEC has been implementing the most trinationally relevant recommendations from the action plans. These implementation efforts are intended to engage a broad set of stakeholders—including governments at the state/provincial or local levels, local communities, producers, traders, investors, educational institutions, and consumers; and together, collaborate towards the conservation of priority species in North America.

**DESCRIPTION**

Throughout North America, researchers, private industry, NGOs, law enforcement officials and local, state/provincial, and federal government agencies have been working towards the conservation and sustainable trade of priority species groups listed in CITES Appendix II (tarantulas, timber, sharks, turtles and tortoises). The objectives of this round table are to:

1. **Highlight** trinational efforts through the presentation of selected CEC CITES project outcomes
2. **Share** the approach taken by CEC, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council and Wildlife Conservation Society to promote species conservation
3. **Identify** recommendations to promote the sustainable trade and conservation of the species through partnerships and public engagement, focusing on:
  - a. What other opportunities exist to promote species' conservation and sustainable trade?
  - b. How can partnerships and greater public engagement support these opportunities?

**PARTICIPANTS**

We invite all participants of the XXIV Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management to this round table. We are looking forward to promote collaboration to build on current efforts for the conservation and managements of species and ecosystems in North America.

<b>Wednesday, 10 April 2019</b>	
	<b>Commission for Environmental Cooperation; three countries/one environment</b>
09:00–09:05	Commission for Environmental Cooperation - <b>David Donaldson</b> , Head of Unit, Commission for Environmental Cooperation
09:05–09:10	Presentation: Successful Stories Video
09:10–09:15	From ideas to actions: 4 years of CEC CITES work - <b>Georgina O’Farrill</b> , Project Lead, Commission for Environmental Cooperation
	<b>Multi-stakeholder approach</b>
09:15–09:25	Perspectives from law enforcement; shark fin identification workshop - <b>Brenda Buchart</b> , Wildlife Officer/Wildlife Enforcement, Pacific and Yukon Region, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
09:25–09:35	Supporting sustainable shark trade: A community perspective: - <b>Oscar Sosa</b> , Researcher, <i>Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada</i> , Baja California (CICESE)
09:35–09:45	Sustainable trade of tarantulas: A conservation perspective - <b>Ernie Cooper</b> , E. Cooper Environmental Consulting
	<b>Learning from others</b>
09:45–09:55	Fostering environmental stewardship - <b>Bob Likins</b> , Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Vice President of Government Affairs
09:55–10:05	Promoting engagement with global organizations - <b>TBD</b> , The Pew Charitable Trusts
10:05–10:15	Stakeholder engagement: Learning from others - <b>Adrian Reuter</b> , Wildlife Conservation Society
	<b>Round table; 40 min</b>
10:15–10:55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What other opportunities exist to promote species conservation and sustainable trade?</li> <li>• How can partnerships and greater public engagement support these opportunities?</li> </ul>
10:55–11:00	Closing remarks - <b>David Donaldson</b> , Head of Unit, Commission for Environmental Cooperation