

**WORKING TABLE – ACTION ITEM REPORT
XXIV Trilateral Committee Meeting
Victoria, Canada
April 8-11, 2019**

This document serves as a report on the activities of the CITES table from April 2018 to April 2019. The CITES Working table did not meet at the XXIII Trilateral Committee meeting but has met several times and has had ongoing contact during this period.

Topic

Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
Action Item 1 – Preparations for CITES meetings	CA/MX/US		ongoing

Goals: To discuss issues of common interest and, where possible, to develop positions for the North American region of CITES.

Requested Action or Support from ET (if any): N/A

Results: Canada, Mexico and the United States met by teleconference in advance of the meetings of the CITES committee meetings held during the reporting period. The North American Region met in June 2018 in advance of the July 2018 CITES Animals Committee and Plants Committee meetings, and the region met in September 2018 for the October 2018 CITES Standing Committee meeting.

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Action Item 2 – CEC-CITES Project: Strengthening conservation and sustainable production of selected CITES Appendix II species in North America.	CA/MX/US		Complete in June 2019

Goals: The purpose of the project is to support sustainable, legal and traceable trade of North American CITES Appendix II species through a series of targeted actions for four species groups.

Requested Action or Support from ET (if any): N/A

Results: Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) has funded a project to implement priority actions to support sustainable, legal and traceable trade of certain species of CITES listed tarantulas, tortoises and turtles, timber, and sharks. Products and activities from this project include (among others): Four workshops to strengthen regional collaboration, information gathering and to build capacity (especially in relation to species identification to support enforcement and implementation); draft IUCN Red List assessments of tarantulas; identification guide for tarantulas; dedicated website pages and social media outreach to explain the project's objectives and report on implementation to the public, experts, and interested parties (<http://www3.cec.org/cites/>); and a partnership and funding strategy for remaining actions.



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