

**XVIII Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for  
Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management**

**Shepherdstown, West Virginia, U.S.A  
May 13 – 17, 2013**

**AGENDA – SUMMARIZED (FINAL)**

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**WORK TABLE: EXECUTIVE TABLE (ET)**

**Co-Chairs:** Jorge Maksabedian de la Roquette, Director General for Wildlife, Direction General for Wildlife, SEMARNAT, Mexico & Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.

**Wednesday, May 15, 2013**

**Room: 201/Instructional East Bldg.**

**8:30 – 11:00 am: Joint Session – *Landscape Conservation Planning Using a Surrogate or Priority Approach* (see Schedule of Events)**

**11:00am: Executive Table Meeting with Co-chairs**

**COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS:** Executive Table & Working Tables Co-chairs

**1:15pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda**

**1:25pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates**

**2:05pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: 2012-2013 Action Item Reports**

**2:20 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Development of a Process to Ensure a Highly-Strategic Agenda for the Executive Table**

**3:15-3:30pm – Break**

**3:30pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: California Condor- MOU between the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico (SEMARNAT) and the U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service (USFWS) to reintroduce California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) to former ranges in Mexico.**

**3:45pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Report by Mexico on the Development and Publication of Mexico's List of Conservation Priority Species and Populations**

**4:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Status of the Population of *Caretta caretta* (yellow turtle) in México, Hawaii and Japan**

**4:15 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Status of the Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodilus moreletii*) since it's withdrawal from the Endangered Species List (ESA) and change from APENDIX I to II of CITES**

**4:30 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Mid-Winter Bird Surveys in Mexico**

*4:45 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Advance Regional Management of Invasive Species on Island and Large Scale Landscapes-Conservation and Restoration of the Islands of Canada, the United States and Mexico**

*5:00 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 11: 2014 Trilateral Committees Meeting**

*5:15 pm – Adjourn*

***5:30-6:00 pm:* Award Presentation to Commemorate CONABIO & PROFEPA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Auditorium)**

***6:30 – 7:30 pm:* Executive Table dinner with U.S. State Agencies (onsite - see Schedule of Events)**

## WORK TABLE: Ecosystem Conservation

**Co-Chairs:** Jeffery Rupert, Chief, Division of Natural Resources, Conservation Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, DOI/USFWS, USA and Luis Fueyo Mac Donald, Presidente Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas CONANP, México

### **Development of ECWT Agenda**

This year's agenda was developed based on the following criteria identified in the 2012-2013 Action Items Report. Special consideration was given to maximizing opportunities for participation of other federal agencies and non-government organizations.

#### **Executive Table Priorities 2012-2013**

- Climate Change with a Focus on Adaptation
- Landscape and Seascape Conservation Including Connectivity and Area Based Conservation Partnerships
- Monitoring and Measuring Effectiveness in Conservation Action

#### **ECWT Priorities for 2012-2013**

- Ecosystem services provided by protected areas (marine and terrestrial) and natural systems
- Invasive species (terrestrial, aquatic, and marine)
- Landscape (marine and terrestrial) scale and island conservation and restoration

Cross-cutting Priorities:

- Community engagement in ecosystem conservation
- Collaboration on identification of project priorities for international grant funding
- Sharing of technical information and experiences

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Room: 105/Instructional East Bldg.

**9 – 9:20 a.m.**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda; 2012-13 Action Items Report; and Country Updates**

### **Ecosystem Services**

**9:20 – 10 am**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Ecosystem Services: Quantification, Policy Applications, and Current US Federal Capabilities**

**10 – 10:15 BREAK**

*10:15 – 10:50 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Valuing Ecosystem Services in Federal Protected Areas in Mexico**

*10:50 – 11:25 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 4: USGS Science and Decisions Center: Research and Applications in Ecosystem Services**

*11:25 – Noon*

**AGENDA ITEM 5: BLM/USGS Ecosystem Services Pilot Project: Assessing the Usefulness of Ecosystem Services Valuation to BLM’s Land Use Decision-making Process in the San Pedro Watershed – Methodology, Challenges, and Results**

*Noon – 1:15 LUNCH*

*1:15 – 1:50 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 6: NOAA Research and Applications in Ecosystem Services & Marine Ecosystem Services Partnership (MESP): Mission, Vision, Partners, and Databases**

*1:50 – 2:25 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Methodological proposal for an Economic Valuation of Environmental Damage to Coastal Ecosystems.**

*2:25 – 3 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Report on North American Committee on Cooperation for Wilderness Conservation (NAW Committee) Working Group Activities**

*3 – 3:15 BREAK*

*3:15 – 3:45 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Systematization of information of the “Wildlife Without Borders - México” binational cooperation program.**

*3:45 – 4:45 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Synthesis & Discussion: Ecosystem Services**

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## **Invasive Species**

*10:15 – 10:50 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 11: North American Invasive Species Network (NAISN)**

*10:50 – 11:25 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 12: Progress Report on Invasive Alien Species: Official List for Mexico**

*11:25 – Noon*

**AGENDA ITEM 13: Bureau of Land Management's Weed Management and Invasive Species Program**

*Noon – 1:15 LUNCH*

*1:15 – 1:50 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 14: Restoration of Native Grasslands in the Great Basin: Cheatgrass Control and Native Soil Bacteria- Opportunities, Challenges, and Research Needs**

*1:50 – 2:25 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 15: Preliminary Results of Protection program for Athel trees of social interest focused on the mitigation of the saltcedar beetle impacts released as a biological control in the Rio Grande**

*2:25 – 3 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 16: USFWS Regional Invasive Species Strike Team Program**

*3 – 3:15 BREAK*

*3:15 – 3:45 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 17: Advance Regional Management of Invasive Species on Island and Large Scale Landscapes - Conservation and Restoration of the Islands of Canada, the United States, and Mexico**

*3:45 4:15 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 18: Towards the conservation of the Mexican island territory: the implementation of the national strategy and the publication of the island catalog**

*4:15 – 5:15 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 19: Synthesis & Discussion: Invasives Species**

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**Landscape Scale Conservation and Design  
Island Conservation and Restoration**

*1:15 – 1:50 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 20: North American MPA Network – Adapting to Climate Change and Integrating with Broader Seascape Conservation Efforts**

*1:50 – 2:25 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 21: Identification of priority areas for conservation and their connectivity under climate change scenarios: a basis for the design of new protected areas.**

*2:25 – 3 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 22: Proposal of binational interest areas to maintain the connectivity of shared wildlife populations.**

*3 – 3:15 BREAK*

*3:15 – 3:45 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 23: Progress Report on Desert LCC/NatureServe Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Strategies for Protected Areas in the Mojave and Sonoran Desert**

*3:45 - 4:15 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 24: Long-Term Monitoring in the Gulf of Mexico**

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*10 - Noon*

**AGENDA ITEM 26: ECWT Closeout and Preparation of Final Report to the Executive Table**



## **Work Table: Law Enforcement**

**Room 107/Instructional East Bldg.**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Review/draft new 3-5 year strategic plan for the NAWEG**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Training on Covert Computer Investigations and Intelligence and identifying operational areas that are needed by all three countries**

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Update and inform about the results of the established Accredited Wildlife Law Enforcement Training Program in Mexico**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Building Forensic Capacities in North America.**

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Implementation of Intelligence-Led Law Enforcement Model in North America**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Marine Species Workshop**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Expansion of Law Enforcement Cooperation in Collaboration with Other Regional Enforcement Groups**

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Investigation into the Illegal Wildlife Trade via Electronic Tools (e Commerce).**

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Improvement of notice mechanisms for irregular cross-border movements.**

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Climate Change and Future Challenges for Conservation to law enforcement agencies in North America**

## **Work Table: Migratory Birds**

Co-Chairs: Brad Bortner, Chief Division of Migratory Birds and Habitat, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.; Humberto Berlanga, Coordinador de NABCI/ICAAN - México Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad, Mexico; Basile van Havre, Director, Population Conservation and Management, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, Canada.

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Room: 111/Instructional East Bldg.

### **LOGISTICS AND UPDATES:**

**9:00 – 9:15: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda**

**9:15 – 9:30: 2012-13 Action Items Report**

**9:30 – 10:00: Migratory Bird Table Strategy**

**Break: 10:00am – 10:15am**

**10:15 – 10:45: Country Updates**

**10:45 – 11:00: Trinational State of the Birds Report**

**11:00 – 11:30: NABCI Updates**

**11:30 – 11:40: NMBCA Grant Pilot Program**

**11:40 – 11:50: NAWCA Grant Program Update**

**11:50 – 12:00: NAWMP Revisions**

**Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:15pm**

### **LANDSCAPE-LEVEL CONSERVATION**

**1:15 – 2:15: Advancing Flyway and Full Life-Cycle Conservation**

**2:15 – 2:45: Mapping Avian Responses to the Effects of Climate Change.**

**2:45 – 3:00 USGS Bird Banding Lab and Bird Banding Coordination in North America**

**Break: 3:00 – 3:15pm**

**3:15 – 3:30: Chihuahuan Grassland Coordinated Conservation**

**3:30 – 4:15: An overview of progress made in cooperative, landscape scale grassland bird conservation**

**4:15 – 4:45: Southern Wings Program**

**4:45 – 5:00: Catch up and Adjourn**

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**10:15 – 10:45: Collaboratively assess population trends of select species of raptors based on data from the Veracruz River of Raptors and Panama's Ocean to Ocean monitoring projects.**

**10:45-11:10: Mexico Wintering Waterfowl Survey**

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: SEMARNAT (DGVS), CONAMP, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - DMBM

**11:10 – 11:35: Detecting climate change impacts on birds and their habitats in the Sonoran Joint Venture region and beyond**

**11:35 – 12:00: Great Lakes Full Life Cycle Species Vulnerability Assessments**

**Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:15pm**

**1:15 – 1:45 Reddish Egret Conservation**

#### **MANAGING HUMAN-INDUCED CAUSES OF MORTALITY**

**1:45 – 2:45: Human induced mortality management**

**2:45 – 4:00: Incidental Take: Country Updates \*\* Break within\*\***

**4:00 – 4:30: Collaboration on minimizing adverse wildlife impacts of Wind Energy Development**

#### **AVIAN CONSERVATION MEASURES: APPROACHES AND TOOLS**

**4:30 – 5:00: Avian Conservation Measures Development**

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Room: 111/Instructional East Bldg.

**8:30 – 11:-00: Thematic Joint Session (Auditorium)**

**11:00 – 12:00: Special Presentation: Habitat connectivity, landscape conservation, and protecting mobile and migratory species at national and international scales: perspectives from the U.S. National Park Service.** Presenter: Raymond M. Sauvajot, Ph.D., NPS Natural Resource Programs

**12:00 – 1:15 Lunch**

**1:15 – 2:15: Advance Regional Management of Invasive Species on Island and Large Scale Landscapes: JOINT SESSION**

**2:15 – 3:00: Tool for Providing Guidelines to Prevent Nest Destruction**

**3:00 – 3:15 Break**

**3:15 – 4:15: Avian Knowledge Network (AKN) (**

**4:15 – 5:00: Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC)**

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Room: 111/Instructional East Bldg.

**9:00 – 12:00: Action Item Report Review, Topic catch-up, and Table Close Out**

**12:00 – 1:15 Lunch**

**1:15 – 3:15: Presentation to Executive Table**

**3:15 – 4:30: Tables Adjourned**

**4:30 – 5:30: Executive Table response**

## Work Table: Species of Common Conservation Concern

Co-Chairs: Dr. Gabriela Chavarria, Science Advisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.; Omar Eduardo Rocha Gutiérrez Subdirector de Manejo y Desarrollo de Poblaciones DGVS-SEMARNAT, Mexico.

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**Room: 114/Instructional East Bldg.**

*(9 am – 10 am): Table Convenes*

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda and Logistics (10 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Continuing Tri-National Black-footed Ferret Recovery Efforts (Previously presented Black-footed Ferret efforts/Tri-lateral application in Mexico, Canada, and the United States). (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 3:** Grassland and black-tailed prairie dog conservation. (25 min)

*(10-10:15 am): Break*

*(10:15 am – 12 pm): Table Reconvenes*

**AGENDA ITEM 4:** North American Bat Working Group; Ongoing U.S. - México project (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 5:** Conservation and capacity building for the conservation of bats in northwestern Mexico. Ongoing U.S. - México project (10 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 6:** Conservation and capacity building for the conservation of amphibians in Sonora, Sinaloa, and Chihuahua. Ongoing U.S. - México project (10 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 7:** Binational partnerships to recover and conserve listed and sensitive species of mutual concern in Sonora, Sinaloa, Chihuahua, and Arizona (Ongoing U.S. - México project) (10 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 8:** Conservation of the imperiled species of the Río Sonoyta watershed, Sonora/Arizona. (Ongoing U.S. - México project) (10 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 9:** Native aquatic vertebrate conservation in the Río Yaqui basin, Sonora, Chihuahua, and Arizona. Ongoing U.S. - México project (10 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 10:** Conservation of Imperiled Fish Species through the Creation of a “Refuge Area” at the Arroyo Cajón Bonito, Rio Yaqui Watershed, in the US – México Border. (25 min)

***(12-1 pm): Lunch***

***(1-3pm): Table Reconvenes***

**AGENDA ITEM 11:** Mexican Wolf Recovery in the United States and Mexico. This is an ongoing U.S.-Mexico project that has previously been presented to the SCCCW. (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 12:** PACE: Lobo Mexicano (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 13:** Northwestern Jaguar Recovery Ongoing U.S. - México project (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 14:** Update on Ocelot Recovery Actions (Ongoing U.S.-México project that has previously been presented to the SCCT.) (30 min)

***(3-3:15 pm): Break***

***(3:15 – 5 pm): Table Reconvenes***

**AGENDA ITEM 15:** Rabies Management Plan (TBD) (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 16:** PACE: Bisonte. Bison reintroduction to historic range in Northern Mexico (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 17:** Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery Ongoing binational projects (30 min)

***Co-Chair daily wrap-up (15 min)***

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**Room: 114/Instructional East Bldg.**

*(9 – 10 am): Welcome Ceremony*

*(10 – 10:15 am): Break*

*(10:15 am – 12 pm): Table Convenes*

**AGENDA ITEM 18:** Update on the status of the California condor (on-going project) (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 19:** Status of the Action Program for the Recovery of the Species: California Condor (PACE: C6ndor de California) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SEMARNAT and USFWS endorsing this binational conservation effort. (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 20:** Southern Wings Program (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 21:** Masked Bobwhite Recovery (MBQ) Project Update (25 min)

*(12 – 1 pm): Lunch*

*(1-3 pm): Table Reconvenes*

**AGENDA ITEM 22:** Light-footed Clapper Rail Captive Propagation - Enhancement of the light-footed clapper rail captive propagation Program (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 23:** Status Update- MX- US Kemp's Ridely Project (Ongoing MX-US Project previously presented to SCCCWT.) (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 24:** Sea Turtle Conservation - North Pacific Loggerheads and East Pacific Leatherbacks (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 25:** VAQUITA CONSERVATION (30 min)

*(3 – 3:15 pm): Break*

*(3:15 – 5pm): Table Reconvenes*

**AGENDA ITEM 26:** Border Governors Conference Wildlife Table Update (30 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 27:** Advance Regional Management of Invasive Species on Island and Large Scale Landscapes - Conservation and Restoration of the Islands of Canada, the United States, and Mexico (20 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 28:** Migratory Dragonfly Partnership (30 min)

*Co-Chair Daily Wrap-Up (15 min)*

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*(8:30 – 10 am): Thematic Session*

*(10 – 10:15 am): Break*

*(10:15 – 11 am): Breakout Groups for Discussion*

*(11 am – 12 pm): All Delegates - Habitat Connectivity, Landscape Conservation, and Protecting Mobile and Migratory Species at National and International Scales: Perspectives from the U.S. National Park Service.* Presenter: Raymond M. Sauvajot, Ph.D., NPS Natural Resource Programs)

*(12 – 1 pm): Lunch*

*(1-3 pm): Table Reconvenes*

**AGENDA ITEM 29:** Defining Biological Outcomes Using a Surrogate Species Approach (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 30:** Priority Species for Conservation (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 31:** Process of updating the list of endangered species in Mexico. (25 min)

**AGENDA ITEM 32:** Update on Countries' Program for Endangered Species Conservation (PROCER) (25 min)

*Co-Chair Daily Wrap-Up (15 min)*

*(3 – 3:15 pm): Break*



*(3:15 – 5 pm): Co-Chairs and Facilitator Reconvene*

**Thursday, May 16, 2013**  
**Room: 114/Instructional East Bldg.**

*(9 – 10 am): Table Convenes – All Delegates Review final 2012-10213 Action Item Report and draft 2013-2014 Action Item Report – SCCCWTCloseout*

*(10 – 10:15 am): Break*

*(10:15 am – 12 pm): Table Co-Chairs and Facilitator Reconvene – Prepare Final Report*

*(12 – 1 pm): Lunch*

*(1 – 3 pm): All Delegates - Presentation of Final Reports to the ET*

*(3 – 3:15 pm): Break*

*(3:15 – 4:30 pm): Working Tables adjourned/ET prepares response to WT reports*

*(4:30 – 5:30 pm): All Delegates ET delivers responses and endorses the reports presented by the Working Tables, Signature of Cooperative Declaration*