

**CITES WORKING TABLE – ACTION ITEM REPORT**  
**XIX Trilateral Committee Meeting**  
**Querétaro City, Querétaro, Mexico**  
**May 26-30, 2014**

**The following Action Item report covers activities of the CITES Table from May 2014 to April 2015.**

<b>CITES Table activities 2014-2015</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<p><b>Action Item 1</b> – The CITES Working Table agrees that an annual meeting of NAR CITES Authorities is useful and relevant to achieving joint CITES priorities. The Working Table serves as the forum for exchange of information on CITES committee meetings, preparations of CoP, implementation issues, regional workshops and other issues of common concern.</p>	All	Ongoing	Ongoing
<p>Goals: Where possible and appropriate, strive to develop regional positions on issues for CITES meetings. Regional consensus is not necessary but carries more weight when the regional member on the Animals Committee or Plants Committee expresses an opinion as representing a regional consensus.</p>			
<p>Requested Action from ET (if any): N/A</p>			
<p>Results: Representatives from the CITES Authorities of Canada, Mexico, and the United States met by teleconference and in person on to key issues in advance of the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Animals Committee (April 28-May 3, 2014) and the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Plants Committee (May 2-8, 2014), and the 65<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee (July 7-11, 2014).</p> <p>Representatives from the CITES Authorities of the three countries will meet in April 2015 to discuss issues before the CITES Committees (in preparation for meetings to be held in fall 2015 and winter 2016), as well as joint regional CITES priorities.</p> <p>CITES Authorities from the North American Region have developed a project proposal on “Strengthening conservation and sustainable production of selected CITES Appendix II species in North America,” which has been submitted to the Commission for Environmental Cooperation for funding. The project is a two-year initiative that will result in specific action plans aimed at improving the legal, sustainable, and traceable trade of species of regional interest.</p>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<b>Action Item 2</b> – Canada and the United	Canada	July 1, 2015 (due date)	

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States are collaborating on the Periodic Review of <i>Puma concolor cougar</i> and <i>Puma concolor coryi</i> as part of our commitment toward the completion of the Periodic Review of the Felidae.	United States	for submission of documents to the next meeting of the Animals Committee)	
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Goals: Submission of Periodic Review for *P.c. cougar* and *P.c. coryi* by the Animals Committee's due date for submission of documents for the 28th meeting of the Animals Committee

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

Results: Draft prepared by Canada in October 2013 is under review by the United States.

Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
Action Item 3 – Mexico and the United States are collaborating on the Periodic Review of <i>Sclerocactus</i> spp. (a genus shared by both countries).	Mexico United States	August 2015 (due date for submission of documents to the next meeting of the Plants Committee)	Pending

Goals: Co-present recommendations on the Period Review of *Sclerocactus* spp. As a working documents for PC22 (Georgia; October 2015)

Results: The United States developed preliminary recommendations on endemic and native species (based on a study developed in 2011) and presented them at the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Plants Committee (May 2-8, 2014). In compliance with the Committee's recommendation, Mexico is in the process of hiring a consultant to review, complete, and endorse (when applicable) the U.S. recommendations on *Sclerocactus* species native and endemic to Mexico (approximately 13 species).

### Wildlife Trafficking

Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<b>Action Item 1</b> – Develop activities to address illegal wildlife trade from Mexico to the United States.	Mexico United States	In process	Ongoing

Goals: Develop collaborative mechanisms to effectively tackle the illegal trade in plants and wildlife from Mexico to the United States

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

Results: Implementation of measures on information exchange, aimed toward the prevention of illegal wildlife trade of regulated and/or protected species under Mexican and US legislation. Specifically, Mexico has developed actions on vigilance, inspection, and intervention on the following levels: national territory (on different links of the value chain); and import and export points of merchandise (ports, airports, and border

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<b>Action Item 2</b> – Continue to work on educational outreach concerning illegal wildlife trade in the region.	All	Ongoing	
Goals: Effectively address illegal wildlife trade within the region			
Requested Action from ET (if any): N/A			
<p>Results: Environment Canada has continued to build on its wildlife compliance outreach activities with publication of brochures for importers/exporters, Canadians traveling abroad, and businesses. The brochures provide information on legal obligations under domestic and international law related to endangered species and travel, trade and traditional medicine. Environment Canada also engaged directly with auction house operators who may sell or receive CITES-listed wildlife species and installed two new CITES displays at Canada's busiest airport in Toronto.</p> <p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has developed a webpage for the shark species (oceanic whitetip shark, three species of hammerhead sharks (scalloped, great, and smooth), and porbeagle shark) listed at CoP16, including a permitting flow chart for the regulated fishing community in the United States. See <a href="http://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-species/sharks-and-rays.html">http://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-species/sharks-and-rays.html</a>. In addition, we developed a new brochure for wild American ginseng. The targeted audience is ginseng dealers and exporters and the brochure is intended to inform them of the CITES export requirements for this species. See <a href="http://www.fws.gov/international/plants/american-ginseng.html">http://www.fws.gov/international/plants/american-ginseng.html</a>.</p> <p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as part of the U.S. National Strategy for Combating Wildlife Trafficking, has committed to launching a national public awareness campaign involving a coalition of stakeholders to reduce demand for illegally traded wildlife and wildlife products in the United States.</p>			
Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<b>Action Item 3</b> – Develop activities to prevent illegal wildlife trade in North America.	All	In process	Ongoing
Goals: Develop effective mechanisms of collaboration aimed at preventing the illegal trade of North American wildlife species.			
Requested Action from ET (if any): Issue recommendation to the CEC, in order to ensure the continuation of this work and to position the CITES North American Region in the global agenda on combating illegal wildlife trade.			
Results: Under the framework of the NAWEG WG on Law Enforcement, the Region has implemented capacity			



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building actions relevant to the prevention of illegal wildlife trade in species regulated or protected in the North American Region. Protocols and procedures on information exchange have been developed, as well as capacity building activities on the use of investigation and intelligence technologies relevant to combating illegal wildlife trade. At the last meeting of the Working Group, held in Merida, México; February 10 to 12, 2015, it was agreed to intensify these actions, address specific issues, and present results in 2016.