

Letter of Intent on Bat Conservation



Bat Conservation

- Many bat species in all 3 countries are conservation concern – several species are listed (SAR, ESA)
- Many threats affecting species including habitat loss, disturbance, wind energy, and White-nose Syndrome
- Working together can facilitate conservation efforts



Forms of Cooperation



- Strengthen capacity in all 3 countries
- Exchange of information and approaches
- Sharing technology and new science
- Cooperating in planning and implementation of conservation actions
- Environmental education and outreach
- Fund-raising for conservation action

Achieving cooperation



- Appoint representative from each country
 - Interim: Charles M. Francis (Canada), Rodrigo Medellín (Mexico), Jeremy Coleman (USA)
- Develop effective bat monitoring programs:
 - North American Bat Monitoring Program (NABat)
 - Sistema Mexicano de Monitoreo Acústico (SIMMA).
- Support communication and planning through a North American Bat Conservation Alliance

North American Bat Conservation Alliance

- Steering committee chaired by trilateral representatives
- Roles:
 - develop and maintain Strategic Plan and Action Plans for bat conservation
 - Facilitate communication among and within countries to bat conservation and research communities
 - Encourage existing working groups and collaborations to deliver on-the-ground action

