

29th Annual Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management – May 12-15, 2026

Law Enforcement Working Table (LEWT)

	Tuesday May 12	Wednesday May 13	Thursday May 14	Friday May 15
TIME	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual	Virtual
12:00-1:00pm EDT / 10:00-11:00am CST (1 hour)	<p>Trilateral Committee welcome remarks from CAN, MX & US (5 min each country = 15 min)</p> <p>Plenary theme: 30th anniversary of Trilateral Committee Canada - land acknowledgement – 5 min</p> <p>Plenary opening – setting the scene (David Brackett, Canada and photo montage?) – 15 min</p> <p>Plenary Session (order of speakers can be changed): Speaker 1 (MX) – 20 min Speaker 2 (US) – 20 min Speaker 3 (CA) – 20 min Wrap up / summary – 15 min Closing remarks – 10 min</p> <p>Opening and plenary total time = 2 hours</p>	<p>12:00-12:30 Co-Chairs ONLY +++++</p> <p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <p>12:30 – 2:00pm</p> <p>Canada to present on: Canada's Field Wood Identification Project Presenters: Jean-Francois Dubois and Hector Niemba. Centre of Expertise, Wildlife Enforcement Directorate- ECCC</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>12:00-12:30 Co-Chairs ONLY +++++</p> <p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <p>12:30 – 2:00pm</p> <p>Canada to present on: Exploring trilateral collaboration for Canada's international wildlife intelligence priorities: intel priorities (pet trade and succulents): overview, potential nexus to the 3 countries, request for input/collaboration</p> <p>Presenters: Alfred Neitsch and Didier Soeharjono from ECCC-Enforcement Intelligence Unit</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>12:00-12:30 Co-Chairs ONLY +++++</p> <p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <p>Cross Border Cooperation, Investigations and Support discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) forum for law enforcement officers to share experiences. b) Modus operandi in illegal cross-border movements c) Hunting on the border <p>Registration needed</p>
1:00-2:00 pm EDT (1 hour)				<p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review LEWT MOU • Update on 2025 action plan • drafting 2026 action plan <p>***Only co-chairs</p>
<i>2:00-2:15 pm</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>	<i>Break</i>

<p>2:15-3:15 pm EDT (1 hour)</p>	<p>Welcome And Introductions Agenda Agency Overviews and housekeeping</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>Working Table Session LEWT</p> <p>USA to present on: Turtle Trafficking (US/CA)- GAME OF SHELLS: Criminal investigation into the organized international smuggling ring of both native and foreign turtle and tortoise species into and out of the United States. Cooperative effort between ECC and FWS on the northern U.S border.</p> <p>Presenter: ASAC Matt Martin</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <p>Mexico to present on:</p> <p>1) Regional Procedures on return/repatriation of live specimens</p> <p>Presenters: Jose Bernal PhD., Director General of Environmental Inspection at Ports, Airports and Borders, PROFEPA</p> <p>2) Mexico to present on: North America Action Plans on CITES species: law enforcement activities to do.</p> <p>Updated information will be presented on international wildlife trade and its association with illegal trafficking in the Americas. A brief presentation will be given on the progress of each Plan.</p> <p>Presenters: Francisco Navarrete, Biol., Director of Wildlife and Phytosanitary Inspection at Ports, Airports and Borders, PROFEPA</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>Prep for ET session and debriefing</p> <p>Only co-chairs</p>
<p>3:15-3:30 pm</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>

<p>3:30-4:30 pm EDT (1 hour)</p>	<p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <p>Canada to present on: Advancing methods to support wildlife enforcement: Wildtech eels <i>pilot</i>, CTD, GEO INT developments</p> <p>Presenters: Chad Boyko, Joseph Kuchar and Aidan Nicks from ECCC-Enforcement NPPD</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>Working Table Session LEWT</p> <p>Mexico to present on: Legal Trade and Illegal Trafficking on Wildlife: Updated information will be presented on international wildlife trade and its associated illegal trafficking in the Americas.</p> <p>Presenters: Adrian Reuter, Biol. Former TRAFFIC North America Representative in Mexico.</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>Working Table Session LEWT:</p> <p>USA to present on:</p> <p>1- Spider Trafficking (US/CA) - Civil case out of Detroit. Commercial shipment of live jumping spiders (<i>Phidippus</i> species) shipped via UPS ground into Windsor, Ontario, CA.</p> <p>Presenter: FSWI Ryan Colburn</p> <p>2- Feather Trafficking (US/MX) - Civil case involving the commercial shipment of bird feathers from Mexico from a subject traveling from Michoacan Mexico.</p> <p>Presenter: WI Estrella Posada</p> <p>Registration needed</p>	<p>ET & Co-chairs Session</p>
<p>4:30-5:00 pm EDT (30 min)</p>	<p>Wrap-up and closing the day</p>	<p>Wrap-up and closing the day</p>	<p>Wrap-up and closing the day</p>	<p>Working Table Session Closeouts (ECWT, LEWT, MBWT, SCCCWT) (20 min). TBC if needed</p>

NOTE: Schedule is subject to change.

Live interpretation will be available in 3 languages (French, English and Spanish)