

29th Meeting of the Canada/Mexico/U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem
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CITES Working Table

Co-Chairs:

- **CANADA:** Carolina Caceres, Director, International Biodiversity Policy
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Working Table 2026 Priorities

Foster dialogue and advance mutual understanding related to matters to be discussed at the upcoming CITES meetings:

CITES Implementation

- Amendments to Appendices and implementation of CoP20 outcomes
- Source Code for “rewilded” species/non-native species reproducing in the wild
- Purpose codes - Add purpose code N to the intersessional discussions as it relates to impacts on wild populations in importing countries
- Pernambuco – Implementation of Annotation #10; development and management of stockpile registration system(s); traceability; conversion factors
- Nomenclature
- CITES export quotas
- Bilateral arrangements for movement of hunting trophies as personal effects

Strategic & Operational Matters

- Approaches to look-alike species
- Enhancing the work and efficiency of the Convention/ Decision-making processes, such as the prioritization approach
- Timing of committee meetings during the current intersessional period
- Compliance matters
- Matters related to endemic species and legal acquisition findings and anticipated path forward
- Preparation for AC/PC Meetings

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Wednesday May 13, 2026

Zoom Link: TBD

12:00 – 12:30pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 1:</u> Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs – Carolina Caceres (ECCC); Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (CONABIO); Naimah Aziz (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Welcome and introductions of new and returning participants to the working table. Provide an orientation to the table’s business for the week and any expectations for the week’s proceedings. Report on observations from the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Standard agenda item.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Adoption of the agenda.</p>
12:30 – 1:15pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 2:</u> Amendments to Appendices and Implementation of CoP20 Outcomes</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Carolina Caceres, Marie-Eve Paquet, Erin Down, Marc-André Cyr, Katherine Laplante (ECCC); Gabriela López Segurajáuregui, Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano Gutiérrez and Miguel Ángel Flores Mejia (DGVS-SEMARNAT), Jose Francisco Bernal Stoopen, and Mario Duarte Villarello (PROFEPA); Naimah Aziz, Patricia De Angelis, Debra Abercrombie, Shireen Yousef, Anne St. John (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Discuss implementation of CoP20 amendments, including needs for identification materials, application of non-detriment findings (NDFs), and management of quotas.</p> <p>BACKGROUND:</p> <p><u>Flora:</u> <i>Commiphora wightii</i> (Guggul) – At the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20; Samarkand, November/December 2025), <i>C. wightii</i> (from which a form of incense is derived) was included in Appendix II with new Annotation #19: “Extracts (including resins, gums and essential oils) and powder, except the following finished products, packaged and ready for retail trade: finished tablets,</p>

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capsules, pills, perfumes, cosmetics, solutions, emulsions or suspensions (such as infused oils, hydrolates, tinctures), and manufactured incense products (such as incense sticks and incense cones).” The United States is a minor importer of these raw materials. The new terms and specimens in the annotation highlight the need for identification materials beyond readily recognizable specimens. The expectation for discussions is to explore available or needed frontline and forensic tools for enforcement and trade monitoring.

Podocarpus parlatoresi (Parlatore’s podocarp) – Transferred from Appendix I to II at CoP20, with Annotation P7: “*Zero export quota for wild-taken specimens for commercial purposes.*” Including a zero-export quota in an annotation is unusual under CITES. The Table will discuss the merits of suggesting this quota be published on the CITES website in the CITES export quota database. This species is sold by U.S.-based vendors, and the United States will be responsible for evaluating export requests. However, range wide information (e.g., for Bolivia) was missing from the proposal, which could make it difficult to make the required determinations - non-detriment findings (NDFs) and legal acquisition findings (LAFs). At CoP20, some Parties reported obtaining additional information from Bolivia. The Table will also consider whether trade is anticipated in Canada and Mexico and explore obtaining any needed additional information.

Fauna / Marine

Mustelus spp. (dogfish) – The genus was included in Appendix II with 18-month delayed implementation (effective June 5, 2027). In the United States, the smoothhound shark fishery (consisting of three species, smooth dogfish (*Mustelus canis*), Florida smoothhound (*M. norrisi*), and Gulf smoothhound (*M. sinusmexicanus*) is federally managed as a complex by NOAA Fisheries in federal waters and by the states in state waters. Reported commercial landings of smoothhound sharks primarily come from smooth dogfish in the mid-Atlantic region with limited commercial landings for all smoothhound sharks in the Gulf of America. Smooth dogfish, along with spiny dogfish (*Squalus acanthias*, which is not included in Appendix II) are harvested for export (mainly to Europe), which will now require NDFs and LAFs. The Table will discuss whether Canada and Mexico anticipate such trade and assess the implications of the new NDF and LAF requirements for ongoing export fisheries.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Discuss approaches for addressing identification, NDF, and quota issues at upcoming CITES scientific committee meetings.

Flora

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Commiphora wightii</i>: Identify needs and opportunities for frontline and forensic identification materials beyond readily recognizable specimens. • <i>Podocarpus parlatorei</i>: Confirm whether this quota should be included in the CITES quota database and seek opportunities to ensure future decision-making is science driven. <p><u>Fauna / Marine</u> <i>Mustelus spp.</i>: Assess implications of new NDF and LAF requirements for ongoing export fisheries.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: United States of America</p>
<p>1:15 –2:00pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 3:</u> Pernambuco – Implementation of Annotation #10; development and management of stockpile registration system(s); traceability; conversion factors</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Marc André Cyr, Katherine Laplante (ECCC); Leonel Urbano Gutiérrez and Miguel Ángel Flores Mejia (DGVs-SEMARNAT), Jose Francisco Bernal Stoopan, and Mario Duarte Villarello (PROFEPA); Naimah Aziz, Patricia De Angelis, Anne St. John, Shireen Yousef (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This session will provide an opportunity to develop a regional approach to considering these issues during the current intersessional period.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: At the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20; Samarkand, November/December 2025), the Parties adopted a revised Annotation #10 as it concerns pernambuco (<i>Paubrasilia echinata</i>), and various decisions with regard to the species. In particular, Decision 20.239 urges Parties to develop a harmonized approach for traceability of finished bow, bow blacks, and wood stockpiles; conversion factors for determining the number of bows that can be made from a given volume of wood; and stockpile management. Further, the interpretation of Annotation #10 with regard to scenarios including the permitting requirement for foreign buyers traveling to another country to purchase a bow and then returning to their country of usual residence, should be discussed as divergent perspectives exist.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Understanding of the issue and developing a consensus regional approach, as appropriate, for best way to incorporate issue into key discussions.</p>

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	SUBMITTED BY: United States of America
2:00 – 2:15pm (EDT)	BREAK
2:15 – 3:15pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 4:</u> Enhancing the work and efficiency of the Convention/ Decision-making processes, such as the prioritization approach</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Carolina Caceres, Solemne Bouchard, Erin Down (ECCC); Sol Guerrero, Gabriela López Segurajáuregui (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano, Miguel Flores (DGVS-SEMARNAT), Jose Francisco Bernal Stoopan, and Mario Duarte Villarello (PROFEPA); Naimah Aziz, Thomas Leuteritz, Shireen Yousef, Anne St. John (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this agenda item is to share perspectives and views on the proposed matrix and assessment factors as well as other proposed or possible actions to enhance the work and efficiency of the Convention through the permanent Committees. The session will also consider the use of the informal annotation review mechanism.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: At the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20; Samarkand, November/December 2025), the Chairs of the Animals, Plants and Standing Committees submitted a document to raise concern regarding the unprecedented and increasing volume of work for the Committee. The chairs proposed the use of a prioritization matrix and the exploration of innovative ways to focus more effectively on the Convention’s core mandates. An intersessional working group of the Standing Committee was established to further advance this work. Subsequent to CoP20, the Standing Committee Chair put forward an initial workplan and piloted the use of the matrix. Additionally, through Notification to the Parties No. 2026/021, the Secretariat invited Parties and observers to provide opinions and views on the draft assessment factors contained in Document CoP20 Doc.14, including the prioritization matrix in Annex 2. The input will be discussed by the Standing Committee’s intersessional working group.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Understanding of the issues and developing a consensus regional approach, as appropriate, for best way to incorporate issues into key discussions.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada; Mexico; United States of America</p>

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3:15 – 3:30pm (EDT)	BREAK
3:30-4:15pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 5:</u> Compliance matters</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Carolina Caceres, Solemne Bouchard (ECCC), Leonel Urbano, Miguel Flores (DGVS-SEMARNAT), Jose Francisco Bernal Stoopen, and Mario Duarte Villarello (PROFEPA); Naimah Aziz (USFWS), Shireen Yousef (USFWS), Anne St. John (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This session will explore ideas on ways to improve how the Standing Committee addressed compliance matters.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: At CoP20, Parties requested the Standing Committee to consider options to improve how it addresses compliance matters in line with Resolution Conf. 14.3 (Rev. CoP19) and submit its recommendations to the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share perspective on ways to improve processes related to compliance matters in advance of the Standing Committee meeting. <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
4:15-5:00pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 6:</u> Timing of committee meetings during the current intersessional period</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Carolina Caceres, Erin Down (ECCC); Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (CONABIO); Naimah Aziz, Thomas Leuteritz, Monica Horton, Shireen Yousef, Anne St. John (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this session will be to discuss the timing of the Committee meetings during the current intersessional period in order to maximize opportunities for making meaningful progress in implementing the over 250 Decisions adopted at the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20; Samarkand, November/December 2025).</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The current intersessional period between CoP20 and the 21st meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP21; expected Panama City, November 2028) is anticipated to be three years. During the intersessional period, there will be two meetings each of the CITES Committees (Standing Committee, Animals Committee, and Plants Committee). The next meetings are scheduled as follows:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34th meeting of the Animals Committee (AC34; July 13-17, 2026) • 28th meeting of the Plants Committee (PC28; July 17-23, 2026) • 81st meeting of the Standing Committee (SC81; November 2-6, 2026) <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Developing a consensus regional approach for suggestions to the Committees and Secretariat regarding the timing of the second set of meetings during the current intersessional period.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: United States of America</p>
<p>Thursday May 14</p>	
<p>Zoom Link: TBD</p>	
<p>12:00 – 1:15pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 7:</u> Matters related to endemic species and legal acquisition findings and anticipated path forward</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Marc-André Cyr, Dena Cator, Philippe Drolet, Carolina Caceres (ECCC); Hesiquio Benítez (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano y Miguel Flores (DGVS-SEMARNAT), Jose Francisco Bernal Stoopen, and Mario Duarte Villarello (PROFEPA); Naimah Aziz, Coby McDonald, Amanda Lamberson, Michelle Turton (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this session will be to explore ideas to enhance the protection of endemic species within the scope of CITES. This session will also explore themes related to LAF, including concepts such as chain of custody, founder stocks and legality.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: At CoP20, Brazil and Ecuador submitted a document related to the trade of endemic species. Several decisions were adopted to enhance the protection of endemic species. Various countries (Fiji, Ecuador, Brazil) have issued notifications over the last decades to seek that foreign MA consult these countries prior to issuing CITES permits or re-export certificates.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Foster dialogue related to the protection of endemic species from international trade.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
<p>1:15 – 2:00pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 8:</u> Source Code for “Rewilded” species/non-native species reproducing in the wild</p>

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	<p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Marc-André Cyr, Marie-Eve Paquet, Ruben Boles (ECCC), Hesiquio Benítez (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano, Miguel Flores (DGVS-SEMARNAT); Naimah Aziz (USFWS), Thomas Leuteritz (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: By “rewilded” (we could look for a more suitable term), we mean non-native species that are introduced into the wild (exotic species that could be invasive) and establish successful and growing populations. When intended for export, the use of source codes and other CITES dispositions is subject to interpretation, as they are not precisely wild (native) nor captive bred (not managed in a controlled environment) and trade in them does not necessarily have an impact on natural native wild populations of the species.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP18) on <i>Permits and certificates</i>, Guidelines for the Application of CITES Source Codes. Examples include: Bighorn sheep (Appendix II for Mexican populations) introduced in Isla El Carmen; Hippopotamus in Colombia, pythons in the Everglades, USA. During the 2024 Trilateral Committee meeting, it was agreed that NAR would present an NDF case study on this issue but it has not been developed yet.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss possible definition of a new source code • Implications for NDF (extraction/export from a non-native/invasive species outside its natural range) • Discuss relevant amendments to existing Guidelines or Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev.CoP18) on Permits and certificates for orientation on “rewilded” species <p>SUBMITTED BY: Mexico</p>
<p>2:00 – 2:15pm (EST)</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>2:15 – 3:15pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 9:</u> Approaches to look-alike species</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Dena Cator (ECCC), Gabriela López (CONABIO), Jose Francisco Bernal Stoopen, and Mario Duarte Villarelo (PROFEPA); Thomas Leuteritz (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This session will provide a venue to share information on the interpretation of and experiences using criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on look-alike listings, and any resulting problems or benefits</p>

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	<p>regarding implementation and regulations.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: At CoP20, the United Kingdom submitted a proposal to facilitate exchange of information among Parties regarding the interpretation of and experiences using criterion A of Annex 2b of Resolution Conf. 9.24 (Rev. CoP17) on look-alike listings. While the Conference of the Parties (CoP) did not accept the proposal, it is anticipated that this topic will be re-introduced at future CITES meetings.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Foster dialogue and seek mutual understanding related to the application of the look-alike criterion in anticipation of future CITES discussions on this topic.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:30pm (EDT)</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>3:30 – 4:15pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 10 (a):</u> Nomenclature</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Ruben Boles (ECCC); Sol Guerrero Ortiz (CONABIO); Patricia De Angelis (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Discuss challenges with trinomials (subspecies) in the CITES Checklist, particularly for U.S.-native cacti and some aloes, the timing of nomenclature changes proposed for species under consideration at the same meeting, and the implications for non-detriment findings, enforcement, and review.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The Standard Reference for cacti (Hunt) and the new aloe checklist converted many former species into subspecies (trinomials). Although we were assured the full names would be included in the CITES Checklist, it generally only reflects binomials, leaving these subspecies effectively unrecognized. U.S.-native and federally listed species were subsumed as subspecies, creating enforcement challenges because trade in federally listed taxa requires additional permits. Previous discussions with the Nomenclature Working Group included assurances that trinomials would be accounted for, though such detail is usually included only in specific cases. UNEP-WCMC, which developed the CITES Checklist on behalf of the Secretariat, has indicated that further discussion is needed and suggested that the relevant binomials could be added as species-level synonyms while a standardized approach is developed.</p> <p>Resolution Conf. 12.11 (Rev. CoP20) on <i>Standard nomenclature</i> recommends that</p>

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final recommendations to update or adopt standard nomenclatural references be shared with Parties at least 150 days before a meeting of the Conference of the Parties. At the past two CoPs, the Plant Nomenclature Specialist submitted addenda with recommendations alongside species proposals, which are also only made available 150 days before the meeting. Not only does this assume that all proposals require a standard reference be adopted, but the compressed timeline leaves Parties with less than the intended review period for the references associated with species proposals. We want to consider approaches to ensure timely review and gather suggestions from Canada and Mexico for engaging the Plant Nomenclature Specialist, the scientific committees, and UNEP-WCMC on this issue.

REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Obtain support and practical suggestions from Canada and Mexico on next steps to resolve trinomial recognition, including engagement with the Plant Nomenclature Specialist, Technical Committees, and UNEP-WCMC. Identify next steps to improve review timing and coordination with relevant parties on Nomenclature recommendations made at CoPs.

SUBMITTED BY: United States of America

AGENDA ITEM 10 b): The presentation of the CITES Checklist; hybrid taxa

COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Ruben Boles (ECCC); Sol Guerrero Ortiz (CONABIO); Patricia De Angelis (USFWS)

DESCRIPTION: Discuss the inclusion and the presentation of naturally occurring hybrid orchids in the CITES Checklist. Discuss potential downsides of the format used, which does not allow Checklist users to distinguish between hybrids and full species.

BACKGROUND: The Standard References for Orchidaceae include the names of naturally occurring hybrid taxa (e.g., *Paphiopedilum x aspersum* Aver. (2002)). All of these hybrid taxa have been included in the CITES Checklist, where they are represented as binomials but without the standard multiplication symbol used for hybrids (e.g., *Paphiopedilum aspersum*). The inclusion of Orchidaceae hybrid taxa in the CITES Checklist appears counter to Annex 1 of [CoP20 Inf. Doc. 83 \(Hybrids subheading\)](#) in which UNEP-WCMC describes how the database underpinning the Checklist is managed. In that document, it is noted that Parties have been advised to report known hybrids by indicating the genus (or family, for hybrids between different genera) plus the word “hybrid”, where possible (e.g. *Falco* hybrid) and as such, the stated approach is not to include hybrid names to the CITES Checklist.

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	<p>Following the inclusion of hybrids in the CITES Checklist however, hybrid names have appeared in permits and appear in CITES trade database outputs.</p> <p>The lack of the multiplication symbol for hybrid taxa as they appear in the CITES Checklist creates confusion because short of specific knowledge of the taxon, there is no way of distinguishing it from a full species. In correspondence with Canada, UNEP-WCMC suggested that the omission of the multiplication symbol facilitated searchability by non-experts (details can be shared). It is not clear however, why the hybrid names were included on the CITES Checklist in the first place.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Generate awareness within NAR regarding the inclusion of naturally occurring orchid hybrids in the CITES Checklist as it is somewhat cryptic. Determine whether there are implications for their inclusion and if it would be useful for NAR to make suggestions on the matter.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
<p>4:15 – 5:00pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 11:</u> Purpose codes - Add purpose code N as it relates to impacts on wild populations in importing countries</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Marc André Cyr, Marie-Eve Paquet (ECCC); Sol Guerrero Ortiz (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano Gutiérrez and Miguel Ángel Flores Mejía (DGVs-SEMARNAT); Naimah Aziz, Anne St. John, Monica Horton, Angela Galarreta, Heather Downey (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This session will provide a venue to share information on the interpretation of and experiences using Purpose-of-transaction code “N” (Reintroduction or introduction into the wild) and considering the best way to incorporate the topic into discussions during the current intersessional period.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: During previous intersessional discussions regarding the development of a definition/additional guidance concerning the application of purpose-of-transaction code N, the Parties have considered what constitutes a “conservation introduction” outside indigenous/natural and historical range of a species, noting that conservation introduction may include assisted colonization and ecological replacement. During previous intersessional discussions, the United States had unsuccessfully sought to have further discussions on purpose-of-transaction code N and in particular, to more clearly define what actions would be considered a ‘conservation introduction’ outside of the natural or historical range of species. More recently, concerns have been raised about the potential deleterious impact on wild populations of introductions of captive-bred specimens of the species, and the United States believes that it would be appropriate to again raise</p>

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	<p>these matters in the ongoing discussions in the Standing Committee’s working group on purpose-of-transaction codes.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Understanding of the issue and developing a consensus regional approach, as appropriate, for best way to incorporate issue into key discussions.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: United States of America</p>
<p>Friday May 15</p>	
<p>Zoom Link: TBD</p>	
<p>12:00 – 1:15 (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 12:</u> CITES export quotas</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Carolina Caceres (ECCC) ; Gabriela López Segurajáuregui (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano Gutiérrez and Miguel Ángel Flores Mejia (DGVs-SEMARNAT); Patricia De Angelis (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Discuss interpretation and management of CITES export quotas, including timing and annual republishing requirements.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: The effective period for quotas can be difficult to interpret, for example when a quota is posted mid-year it can be difficult to determine to which calendar year it applies. Specifically, when a quota is issued mid-year for the current year, its application may be subject to interpretation as to whether it applies retrospectively or from the date of issuance. In addition, under current practice, Resolution Conf. 12.3 on <i>Permits and certificates</i> requires Parties to submit quotas annually unless otherwise directed by the Standing Committee, creating administrative burdens and the potential for lapses in coverage. Exploring approaches for maintaining quotas until a Party requests an amendment could streamline management and reduce annual submission requirements, potentially under the guidance of the scientific committees rather than requiring full Party approval.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Identify feasible approaches for interpreting quota timing and minimizing administrative burden, including whether oversight should be coordinated via the Animals and/or Plants Committees or the Standing Committee.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: United States of America</p>

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1:15 – 2:00pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 13:</u> Bilateral arrangements for movement of hunting trophies as personal effects</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Carolina Caceres, Marc André Cyr (CWS/ECCC) Philippe Van Dyk (Enforcement Branch/ECCC); Sol Guerrero, Gabriela López Segurajáuregui (CONABIO), Leonel Urbano, Miguel Flores (DGVS-SEMARNAT), Jose Francisco Bernal Stopen, and Mario Duarte Villarello (PROFEPA); Naimah Aziz, Anne St. John, Monica Horton, Office of Law Enforcement (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this agenda item is to review the existing bilateral arrangement between the United States and Canada and consider whether it would be appropriate to enter into a similar arrangement with Mexico.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Control of trade in personal and household effects</i> states that hunting trophies do not qualify for personal and household effects exemption, and therefore CITES documents are required. However, CITES documents are not required for hunting trophies if certain conditions are met. In particular, two neighboring countries must have entered into bilateral arrangements for cross-border trade that include the required findings in Article IV of the Convention and other means of monitoring trade in hunting trophies. Additionally, specimens must be worn, carried, or included in a hunter’s personal accompanying baggage at the time of import, export, or re-export.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Determining if the existing bilateral arrangement between Canada and the United States requires updating and deciding whether a similar bilateral arrangement between Mexico and the United States should be drafted.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: United States of America</p>
2:00 – 2:15pm (EDT)	BREAK
2:15 – 3:15pm (EDT)	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 14:</u> Preparation for AC/PC Meetings</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Erin Down (ECCC); Hesiquio Benítez (CONABIO); Thomas Leuteritz (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Under this session, the CITES WT will review the agendas for the AC/PC meetings and discuss coordination among the North American Region.</p>

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	<p>BACKGROUND: The Animals and Plants committees are scheduled to take place from July 13 - 17 and July 17 – 23, 2026 respectively.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: Facilitate coordination in advance of the scientific committee meetings. Identify next steps for regional meetings and develop regional positions for AC/PC.</p> <p>SUBMITTED BY: Canada</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:30pm (EDT)</p>	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM 15:</u> Closing Remarks</p> <p>COLLABORATORS & CONTACTS: Co-chairs – Carolina Caceres (ECCC), Hesiquio Benítez Díaz (CONABIO), Naimah Aziz (USFWS)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: Closing of the WT meeting.</p> <p>BACKGROUND: Standard agenda item.</p> <p>REQUESTED SPECIFIC OUTCOMES: N/A</p>