

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

**Querétaro, Querétaro, Mexico  
May 26 – 30, 2014**

**AGENDA – SUMMARIZED (FINAL)**

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

**Co-Chairs:** Sue Milburn Hopwood, Director General – Canadian Wildlife Service, Canada;  
Jorge Maksabedian de la Roquette, Director General for Wildlife- SEMARNAT, Mexico &  
Dan Ashe, Director - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

**Room:** Diamante Lobby

**9:00 am: Joint Session – Monarch Butterfly Conservation**

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

**12:00 pm**

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

**12:15pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Country Updates**

**1:00pm: Lunch**

**2:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: 2013-2014 Accomplishments**

**2:15 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 4: 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**

**2:45 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Landscape Conservation Cooperatives and Surrogate Species**

**3:15 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 6: UMA's Systems in Mexico**

**3:45 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Report on the Development and Publication of the Mexican Priority Species List for Conservation**

**4:15 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Canada's Species at Risk Act – Updates and Issues of Trinational Interest**

**4:45 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Technical Report Presentation on the Recovery and Progress of**

the California Condor (*Gymnogyps californianus*) to former ranges in Mexico.

*5:15 pm*

**AGENDA ITEM 10:** Status of the Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*) since it's withdrawal from the Endangered Species List (ESA) and change from APENDIX I to II of CITES

*5:30 pm: Adjourn*

*5:30 pm:* Signing of the CAN/MX/U.S. LOI Island Conservation and MOU California Condor

**Thursday, May 29, 2014**

**Room:** Diamante Lobby

*9:00 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 11:** The Decline of the Monarch Butterfly and Addressing the Challenges

*10:30 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 12:** 2015 Trilateral Committees Meeting

*10:45 am*

**AGENDA ITEM 13:** Closeout and Preparation of the Executive Table Report to Working Tables

*11: 15pm – Adjourn*

## **WORK TABLE: ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION**

**Co-Chairs:** Jeffery Rupert, Chief, Division of Natural Resources, Conservation Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, DOI/USFWS, USA, Margarita Caso Chávez, Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático INECC.

### **Development of ECWT Agenda**

This year's agenda was developed based on the following criteria identified in the 2013-2014 Action Items Report. It also responds to the presidential commitment of addressing the monarch butterfly migratory process in order to identify its threats and current status.

### **Executive Table Priorities 2014-2017**

- Climate Change with a Focus on Adaptation
- Landscape and Seascape Conservation Including Connectivity and Area Based Conservation Partnerships
- Wildlife Trafficking

### **ECWT Priorities for 2013-2014**

- Landscape and Sea-Scape Scale Conservation priority with activities occurring in the areas of Ecosystem Service Valuation
- Invasive species (terrestrial, aquatic, and marine)
- Climate change and biodiversity

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

**Room: Diamante III**

**9:00 – 9:35 am**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome, Introductions, and Adoption of the Agenda; 2013-14 Action Items Report; and Country Updates**

**Landscape and Sea-Scape Scale Conservation priority with activities occurring in the areas of Ecosystem Service Valuation**

**9:35 – 10:10 am**

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative (DLCC); Update.**

**10:10 – 10:45 am**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (México) Strategy 2040**

**11:00 – 11:15 am BREAK**

**11:15-11:50 am**

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Binational Workshop: Binational interest areas to maintain the connectivity of shared wildlife populations across de border wall.**

**11:50 – 12:15 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 5: USAID-Mexico – Support for Mexico’s Climate Change Programs**

**12:15 – 12:50 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Network of potential terrestrial connectors for the conservation of biodiversity facing climate change scenarios (Red de conectores potenciales terrestres para la conservación de la biodiversidad ante escenarios de cambio climático).**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm LUNCH**

**2:00 – 2:35 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Status Report on Commission for Environmental Cooperation 2013-2014 Project – North America’s Blue Carbon: Assessing the Role of Coastal Habitats in the Continent’s Carbon Budget**

**2:35 – 3:10 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Overview of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program**

**3:10 – 3:45 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Climate Change Adaptation Measures in the Coastal Wetlands of the Gulf of Mexico (Medidas de adaptación al cambio climático en humedales costeros del Golfo de México).**

**3:45 – 4:00 pm BREAK**

**4:00 – 5:00 pm Welcome Ceremony**

**5:00 – 5:35 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Water Quality Management Report for the Wider Caribbean Region-México. (Reporte de la calidad de agua y fuentes de contaminación de la región del Gran Caribe - México).**

**5:35 – 6:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Synthesis & Discussion: Landscape and Seascape Conservation.**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

**Room: Diamante III**

**Monarch Butterfly / Invasive Species**

**12:00 – 12:35 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 12: Bi-national Program Wildlife Without Borders - Mexico, USFWS – INECC. (Programa binacional Vida Silvestre sin Fronteras).**

**12:35 – 1:10 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 13: Risk Assessment for Invasive species in North America**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm LUNCH**

**2:00 – 2:35 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 14: Bio-Island Security for Natural Protected Areas Managers in Mexico**

**2:35 – 2:55 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 15: Status Report on Project to Restore Native Grasslands in the Great Basin & Management of Sage-Grouse Habitat – Biocontrol of Cheatgrass Using Native Soil Bacteria: Opportunities, Challenges, and Research Needs**

**2:55 – 3:30 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 16: U.S. Monarch Joint Venture (MJV) Conservation Efforts and Implementation of the North American Monarch Conservation Plan**

**3:30 – 3:45 BREAK**

**3:45 – 4:20 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 17: Conservation Efforts at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, CONANP.**

**4:20 – 4:55 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 18: Conversation on opportunities for the three countries protected areas systems. Exchanges and opportunities (Co-Chairs).**

**4:55 – 5:20 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 19: Synthesis & Discussion: Monarch Butterfly / Invasive Species**

**Thursday, May 29, 2014**

**Room: Diamante III**

**9:00 – 1:00 pm**

**AGENDA ITEM 20: ECWT Closeout and preparation of ET report & ppt  
Prepare Final Reports/AIRs**

## **WORK TABLE: LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**ITEM 1: Welcome - Adoption of the Agenda**

**ITEM 2: Regional Policy on Law Enforcement and Compliance**

**ITEM 3: Regional Capacity for Information- and Intelligence- Sharing**

**ITEM 4: Application of the Intelligence-Led Law Enforcement Model in North America.**

**ITEM 5: Transboundary Trade**

**ITEM 6: Bilateral or Trilateral Enforcement Cases**

**ITEM 7: General Matters**



## **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/ICAAAN - 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.

This year's agenda was developed based on the following criteria identified in the 2013-2014 Action Items Report. Special consideration was given to the following priorities:

### **Executive Table Priorities 2013-2014**

- Climate Change with a Focus on Adaptation
- Landscape and Seascape Conservation Including Connectivity and Area Based Conservation Partnerships
- Wildlife Trafficking

### **Working Table Priorities for 2013-2014**

- Birds and Global Climate Change
- Incidental Take (includes collisions)
- Birds & Manmade Structures
- Birds & Contaminants
- North American Flyway System
- Passerine Harvest & Trade
- Partnership Opportunities for Birds
- Landscape-scale Conservation

**Agenda Sections: 1) Logistics and Updates; 2) Partnerships; 3) Species-specific issues; 4) Landscape and Seascape Monitoring and Conservation, 5) Managing anthropogenic threats and incidental take; and 6) Data management, monitoring, and tools.**

**Monday, May 26, 2014**

**Room: Diamante IV**

### **MORNING SESSION: Logistics and Updates**

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

**9:15 – 9:30: 2013-14 Action Items Report**

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

***10:00–10:15 am: Break***

**10:15 – 10:45: Country Updates**

**10:45 – 11:00: State of the Birds Report**  
**11:00 – 11:10: Centennial Celebration Planning**  
**11:10 – 11:40: NABCI Updates**  
**11:40 – 11:50: NMBCA Grant Pilot Program**  
**11:50 – 12:00: NAWCA Grant Program Update**

*12:00 - 1:15 pm: Lunch*

**AFTERNOON SESSION: Partnerships**

**1:15 – 1:30: Southern Wings Program Update**  
**1:30 – 2:00: Developing tools for detecting climate change impacts on birds and their habitats in the desert southwest.**  
**2:00 – 3:00: Joint Venture and Bird Conservation Plan Partnership Collaboration Vision**

*3:00 – 3:15 pm: Break*

**Topic #3: Species-specific Issues**

**3:15 – 3:45: Movements of Red Knots between Texas, Mexico, Canada, and Alaska: Update on results from a four-year color-marking and geolocator study.**  
**3:45 – 4:15: Mexico Wintering Waterfowl Survey (last year's agenda description used – update needed)**  
**4:15 -4:45: Overabundant geese**  
**4:45 – 5:00: Catch up and Adjourn**

**Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

**Room: Diamante IV**

**9:00 – 10:00: Golden Eagle: US, MX, and CA approaches to Management**  
**10:00-10:30: Wintering Brant in Mexico**

*10:30 – 10:45 am: Break*

**Session Topic # 4: Landscape and Seascape Monitoring and Conservation**

**10:45 – 11:45: Landscape Scale Grassland Bird Conservation (DRAFT)**  
**11:45 – 12:00: Advance Regional Management of Invasive Species on Island and Large Scale Landscapes (Last year's agenda description used – need updated text)**

*12:00 - 1:15 pm: Lunch*

**1:15 – 1:45: USGS Bird Banding Lab and Bird Banding Coordination in North America**

**Session Topic # 5: Managing Anthropogenic Impacts to Bird Conservation**

**1:45 – 2:15: Collaboration for the management and conservation of migratory birds at Texcoco lake with regard to the potential project to build a new airport for México City.**  
**2:15 – 3:00: Stressor Management Approach to addressing systemic threats**

***3:00 – 3:15 pm: Break***

**3:15 – 3:45: On-shore and Offshore Windpower Management**  
**3:45 – 4:45: Building Glass and Lighting Impacts to Bird Conservation**  
**4:45 – 5:00: Catch up and Adjourn**

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**Room: Diamante IV**

**9:00 – 9:15: Address relevant parking lot items**  
**9:15 – 10:15: Human induced mortality management**

***10:15 – 10:30 pm: Break***

**10:30 – 11:00: Bird Impact Papers: A presentation of findings**

**Session # 6: Data management, monitoring, and tools**

**11:00 – 12:00: Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)**

***12:00 - 1:15 pm: Lunch***

**1:15 – 2:15: Tool for Providing Guidelines to Prevent Nest Destruction**  
**2:15 – 3:00: Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC)**

***3:00 – 3:15 pm: Break***

**3:15 – 3:45: Tracking Take of Migratory Birds and Eagles via USFWS ECOS**  
**3:45 – 4:45: Trinational Management of Migratory Bird Data Needs and Tools**  
**4:45 – 5:00: Catch up and Adjourn**

**Thursday, May 28, 2014**

**Room: Diamante IV**

**9:00 – 12:00: Coordination of international bird conservation -**

***12:00 - 1:15 pm: Lunch***

**1:15 – 5:00: Report out to Executive Table**

**5:00pm: Adjourn**

## **WORK TABLE: SPECIES OF COMMON CONSERVATION CONCERN**

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

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### **Executive Table Priorities 2013-2014**

- Climate Change with a Focus on Adaptation
- Landscape and Seascape Conservation Including Connectivity and Area Based Conservation Partnerships
- Wildlife Trafficking

### **Working Table Priorities for 2013-2014**

- Landscape and Seascape Conservation Including Connectivity and Area Based Conservation Partnerships

### **Monday, May 26, 2014**

**Room:** Lobby of the Hotel/Passage 8<sup>th</sup> floor

Participant Arrival and Registration – SCCCWTT will not convene.

### **Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

**Room:** Diamante Lobby

*(9:00 – 11:00 pm: SCCCWTT Convenes)*

*(9:00 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 1:** Welcome – Adoption of the Agenda and Logistics *(15 min)*

*(9:15 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 2:** Black-footed ferret recovery at widely separated sites in continuous black-tailed prairie dog habitat across the United States, Mexico, and Canada *(25 min)*

*(9:40 am)*

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

*(10:05 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 4: PACE: Perrito Llanero de Cola Negra/Black-Tailed Prairie Dog (25 min)**

*(10:30 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Pure-gene Bison reintroduction to historic range in Northern Mexico (25 min)**

***11 – 11:15 am BREAK***

*(11:15am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Sonoran Pronghorn Recovery. Ongoing U.S. - México project (20 min)**

*(11:35 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 7: Implementation of the North American Rabies Management Plan. (20 min)**

*(11:55 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 8: Update on Ocelot Recovery Actions (20 min)**  
*(Ongoing U.S.-México project that has previously been presented to the SCCT.)*

*(12:15 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 9: Mexican Wolf Recovery in the United States and México. (40 min)**  
*(This is an on-going U.S.- México project that has previously been presented to the SCCT.)*

***1 – 2 pm LUNCH***

***(2:00 – 3:35 pm Table Reconvenes)***

*(2:00 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 10: Northwestern Jaguar Recovery. Ongoing U.S. México project (20 min)**

*(2:20 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 11: Update of the U.S.-Mexico Border Governors Conference (BGC) Wildlife Table (15 min)**

*(2:35 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 12: 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. (20 min)**

*(2:55 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 13: Native aquatic vertebrate conservation in the Río Yaqui basin, Sonora, Chihuahua, and Arizona. Ongoing U.S. - México project. (10 min)**

*(3:05 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 14: Conservation of the imperiled species of the Río Sonoyta watershed, Sonora/Arizona. *Ongoing U.S. - México project. (10 min)***

*(3:15 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 15: Conservation and capacity building for the conservation of amphibians in Sonora, Sinaloa, and Chihuahua. *Ongoing U.S. - México project. (10 min)***

*(3:25 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 16: 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)***

*(3:35 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 17: Conservation and capacity building for the conservation of bats in northwestern Mexico. *Ongoing U.S. - México project. (10 min)***

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

**Room: Diamante I**

*(12:00 – 1:00 pm Table Convenes)*

*(12:00 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 18: Update in the establishment of a Tri-National Committee for Bat Conservation in the context of the Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management *(30 min)***

*(12:30 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 19: Bats and White-Nose Syndrome – USFWS *(30 min)***

*1 – 2 pm LUNCH*

*(2:00 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 20: Migratory Dragonfly Partnership *(25 min)***  
*Project partners are working in Canada, the US, and Mexico.*

*(2:25 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 21: Southern Wings Program *(25 min)***

*(2:50 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 22: Masked Bobwhite Recovery (MBQ) Project Update *(20 min)***

*(3:10 pm)*

**AGENDA ITEM 23: Annual report of Program for Endangered Species Conservation (PROCER) *(20 min)***

**3:30 – 3:45 pm BREAK**

**(3:45 – 5:30 pm Table Reconvenes)**

**(3:45 pm)**

**AGENDA ITEM 24: Species Conservation Action Plan (PACE) for the Great White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) in Mexico (20 min)**

**(4:05 pm)**

**AGENDA ITEM 25: Conservation and Restoration of the Islands of Canada, the United States, and Mexico (This item was presented to the SCCCWTT at the 2013 meeting and is trilateral in nature) (20 min)**

**(4:25 pm)**

**AGENDA ITEM 26: Report on the Development and Publication of the Mexican Priority Species List for Conservation (30 min)**

**(4:55 pm)**

**AGENDA ITEM 27: Update - Surrogate Species – United States (30 min)**

**Co-chair daily wrap-up (5 min)**

**Thursday, May 29, 2014**

**Room: Diamante I**

**(9:00 – 10:00 am Table Reconvenes)**

**(9:00 am)**

**AGENDA ITEM 28: California Condor Recovery Program update, background and status report (15 min)**

**(9:15 am)**

**AGENDA ITEM 29: California Condor Reintroduction and Management in Baja California, Mexico. (15 min)**

**(9:30 am)**

**AGENDA ITEM 30: Wildlife Without Borders – Mexico Support to the California Condor Release Program in Baja California, Mexico (2005 – 2014). (15 min)**

**(9:45 am)**

**AGENDA ITEM 31: Status of the Binational Program for the Reintroduction of the California Condor in the Sierra de San Pedro Mártir, Baja California, Mexico, and Display, Management and Mexico City Chapultepec Zoo California condor education Program (15 min)**

*(10:00 am)*

**AGENDA ITEM 32: California condor conservation path forward *(15 min)***

**TO BE PRESENTED BY:** Lizardo Cruz, CONANP

*Co-chair final wrap-up (10 min)*