

**MIGRATORY BIRD WORKING TABLE – ACTION ITEM REPORT**  
**XIX Trilateral Committee Meeting**  
**Querétaro, Mexico**  
**May 29, 2014**

**The Working Table conducted its working session on May 26-30, 2014. The following Action Items were agreed upon and address the current priorities of the Trilateral Committee.**

<b>Climate Change with a Focus on Adaptation</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<p><b>Action Item 1- USGS Bird Banding Lab and Bird Banding Coordination in North America:</b> Agreed to complete a Letter of Agreement between Canada, USA and Mexico to cooperate in development of a Mexican bird-banding program that is compatible with the existing USA/Canada banding program</p> <p>Table leads to ensure final document has undergone review and revision at technical level by end of Nov 2014, then distribute to Executive table for their review to ensure final copy is ready for signature at 2015 Trilateral</p> <p>Indicate to the Executive Table that this will be coming for signature prior to the next Trilateral</p>	Charles Francis, co-chairs	April 2015	
Goals: To increase our ability to manage shifting populations and changing landscapes adaptively by providing and allowing for data management, consultation, guidance, and coordination among the three nations to develop a North American banding effort.			
Requested Action from ET (if any): <b>Sign Letter of Agreement at next Trilateral</b>			
Results: The technical revision of the Letter of Agreement between Canada, USA and Mexico to cooperate in the development of a Mexican bird-banding program has been completed. This draft Letter of Agreement has been submitted for agency review and approval within each country. The review and approval process is still occurring with the expectation that this process will be completed prior to the Trilateral Meeting in April where the Letter of Agreement will be submitted to the Executive Table for their endorsement and signature.			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Due</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
<p><b>Action Item 2- Expansion of the Breeding Bird Survey to México:</b> Migratory Bird Working Table endorses this effort and would like to foster joint programs and encourage recruitment of expertise. Should explore ways to use LCCs to help support BBS as a monitoring component.</p>	Co-chairs	Ongoing	
Goals: To increase our ability to manage shifting populations and changing landscapes adaptively by strengthening this effort Trinationally (e.g., one option might be to pay people to run BBS routes (at least cover			



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expenses, not salary). Note that in Canada this approach is being explored to fill gaps in northern parts of some provinces. Also, many government staff (e.g., CWS, USGS, FWS) run routes in Canada and USA as part of their job – not all participants are volunteers.)

Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a

Results:

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

Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<p><b>Action Item 1- Landscape Scale Grassland Bird Conservation:</b> The Migratory Bird Working Table agrees this issue is a high priority and brought this up to the Executive Table to encourage action at the political level to stop this problem from continuing.</p> <p>We will need to follow-up to see whether any action has happened or whether further measures may be required</p>	Co-chairs	Unknown	

Goals: Support efforts to advance cooperative, landscape scale grassland bird conservation, including highlighting progress and next steps identified by the CEC and RMBO, PIF V Workshop, USFWS Focal/Surrogate Species Programs, and regional initiatives and determine the need for Trilateral committee members to support, endorse, and implement activities identified in these plans.

Requested Action from ET (if any): Please encourage action at the political level to stop Unauthorized land use change in Chihuahua, which has resulted in the destruction of continentally-important grasslands and loss of endangered species.

Results: The Migratory Bird Program will be funding a grassland investment audit of Neotropical Migratory Bird Grants that have been given in an attempt to target investments more strategically in the future.

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<p><b>Action Item 2 - Trinational NABCI:</b> Suggest inviting members of 3 national NABCI committees to join trilateral MB table to discuss next steps on advancing NABCI (two of three are already present)</p>	<p>NABCI coordinators: Humberto for Mexico U.S. and Canada positions are vacant</p>	Ongoing	Ongoing

Goals: To clarify the roles, responsibilities, and strategic focus of this existing conservation partnership.

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<b>Action Item 3 - Improving Engagement between the Joint Ventures, Bird Conservation Plan Partnerships, and NABCI:</b> Brad Bortner to encourage Canada/ Mexico participation in a meeting at San Pedro Island in Texas on how to better integrate JV and Bird Conservation Plan partnerships, possibly LCCs .	Brad Bortner	December 2014	
Goals: To increase communication and coordination among existing conservation partnerships to increase conservation efficacy.			
Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a			
Results:			
Wildlife Trafficking			
Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<b>NO ITEMS IN THIS CATEGORY</b>			
Goals:			
Requested Action from ET (if any):			
Results:			

<b>(Insert other WT Priorities)</b>			
Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<b>Action Item 1: Working Table Strategy.</b> Update MBWT priorities for 2014 – 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Birds and Global Climate Change</li> <li>▪ Human induced mortality management (science and actions)</li> <li>▪ Management of Passerine Harvest and Trade</li> <li>▪ Incidental Take Regulatory Issues (policy)</li> <li>▪ Partnership Opportunities for Birds               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conservation business plans</li> <li>○ Landscape-scale Conservation, including coordination via JVs, LCCs, conservation business plans,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Co-chairs	Immediately	May 27, 2014

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>and other existing landscape cooperatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ North American / Western Hemisphere Flyway System</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Collaborative data management and monitoring</li> </ul>			
Goals: MBWT agreed to consider priorities from a 5-year perspective rather than revisiting them annually. The MBWT would like to focus on cross-cutting discussions that show how to leverage advances among priority topics like climate change, invasive species and bird conservation.			
Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a			
Results:			
Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<p><b>Action Item 2: Trinational State of the Birds Report.</b> Form team to develop report and will invite participants from all 3 countries, including NABCI Trinational leads</p> <p>Note: Charles is handling all SOTB report action items</p>	Charles Francis, Humberto Berlanga, and Allison Vogt	Ongoing	ongoing
Goals: Determine how to best secure high-level government support? Define if this is a Trilateral vs. TriNational vs. three governments reporting, independently. Is this a trinational NABCI report or a trilateral report or an agency report?			
Requested Action from ET (if any):			
Results:			
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<p><b>Action Item 3: Overabundant Geese.</b> CWS will keep USA and Mexico informed of results on ongoing evaluations, and also of any plans to undertake additional control measures for light geese</p>	Charles Francis	unknown	
Goals: Canada is seeking opportunities for collaboration with its US and Mexican counterparts in addressing this wildlife management challenge.			
Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a			
Results: COUNTRY CONTACTS IDENTIFIED. PLANNING STARTS IN SEPT 2014			
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<p><b>Action Item 2: Data Management - AKN.</b> The Migratory Bird Working Table recognizes the value of AKN as a tool for improving data</p>	Co-chairs	Ongoing	Ongoing

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management and sharing. Need to consider how this fits into the broader data management requirements for migratory birds.			
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Goals: Need to consider how this tool fits into the broader data management requirements for migratory birds.

Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a

Results:

Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<b>Action Item 2 - Trinational Management of Migratory Bird Data Needs and Tools.</b> Create a team to consider ways to improve management of migratory bird data	Chair & US Lead: Emily Silverman; Canadian Lead: Charles Francis; Mexican Lead: Vincente Rodriguez. Additional participants from US NABCI to include: Katie Koch, Leo Salas	April 2015	

Goals: Team will identify principles of data management (monitoring may be different) and objectives for path forward.

Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a

Results:

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<b>Action Item 3- Stressor Management Approach to addressing systemic threats.</b> Create a compendium of what is known in Mexico (Rafael will lead), what is shared trilaterally, and present it at next Trilateral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use Trilateral website to post trinational BMPs and Mexican compendium</li> <li>Form a working group within the table</li> </ul>	Charisa Morris (US) Charles Francis (CA), Rafael (MX)	Ongoing	Ongoing

Goals: To increase trilateral conservation capacity by developing, sharing, and implementing conservation measures that reduce bird take that results from anthropogenic actions.

Requested Action from ET (if any): Support the use of the Trilateral Website as an information sharing tool

Results:

Action	Responsible Party	Due	Date Completed
<b>Action Item 3- Coordination of international</b>	Co-chairs	April 2015	



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<p><b>bird conservation.</b> Trilateral to identify best ways to cooperate at trinational and hemisphere level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Propose holding a one-day workshop at 2015 trilateral in San Diego to advance continental cooperation</li> <li>Invite coordinators of NABCI</li> <li>Co-chairs to identify a lead from each country to organize workshop.</li> </ul>			
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Goals:

Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a

Results:

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<p><b>Action Item 4- 2016 Centennial of U.S./Canada treaty Celebration Planning</b> . U.S. FWS to develop a strategy for celebration of centennial and will invite Canadians to participate in team developing strategy (leads: Rachel Levin, Jennifer Duberstein and others)</p> <p>Canada and Mexico will each develop ideas and share with each other and U.S. team</p>	<p>Rachel Levin, Jennifer Duberstein</p>	<p>April 2015</p>	

Goals:

Requested Action from ET (if any): n/a

Results: