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## **The future of cross-border collaborations**

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### **Session 12. The Future of Invasive Plant Management**

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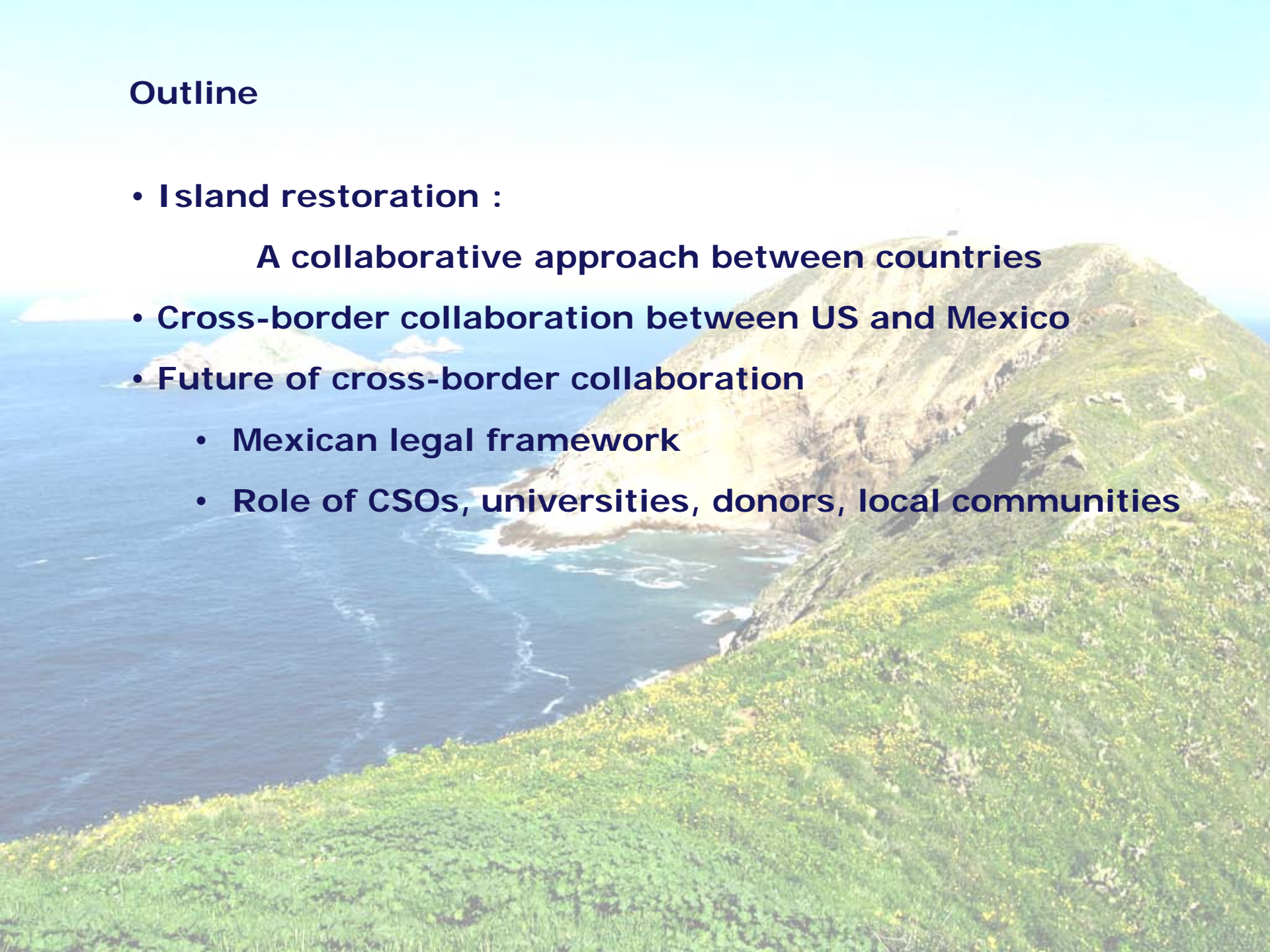
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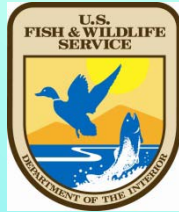
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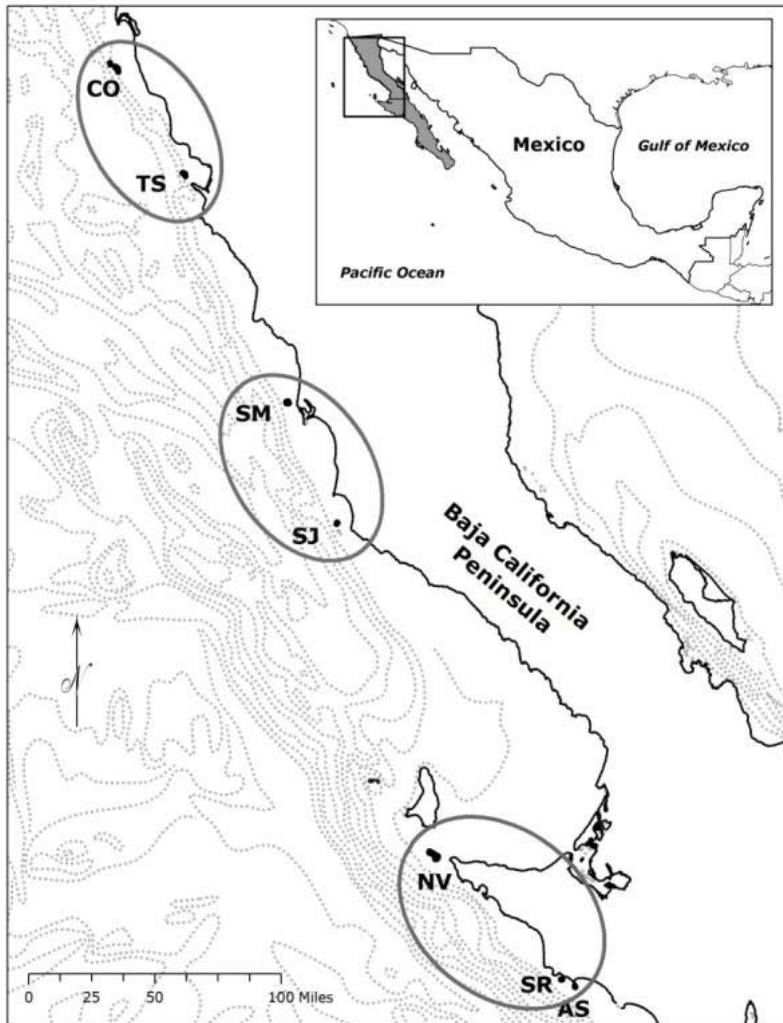
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  - **Role of CSOs, universities, donors, local communities**





# Seabird Restoration – Baja California Pacific Islands



## Project outline:

- Long-term vision (2013-2017)
- 7 island groups (34-736 ha)
- 9 target seabird species
  
- **Montrose Settlement Restoration Program and Luckenbach Trustee Council**
  
- **GECI, FMCN, Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, FWS, NOAA, NFWF, Fishermen Coops, Mexican Navy**



GPE  
SB

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SOC

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BCH



## GEF Project on islands

CONABIO, CONANP, Mexican Navy, GECI

**Goal:** To enhance **biosecurity** and to keep the pace on IAS management to protect island ecosystems and their biodiversity.

# Island Biosecurity Workshop for Protected Area Managers in Mexico

- Ensenada, B.C. and Todos Santos Island, March, 2014
- **CONABIO-GEF, USFWS (Wildlife Without Borders), GECI**



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## Rio Colorado – *Tamarix* spp.

- Colorado River Delta Restoration Project
- Sonoran Institute, Pronatura Noroeste, Ecological Association of Users of the Colorado and Hardy Rivers (AEURHyC), Research Center for Nutrition and Development (CIAD), communities such as Cucapá, University of Arizona, University of Baja California
- SEMARNAT, CONANP, CONAGUA, CICESE, EPA, TNC, NFWF, Sonoran Joint Adventures, Alas del Delta, BOR, CILA, Geosystems Analysis, etc.

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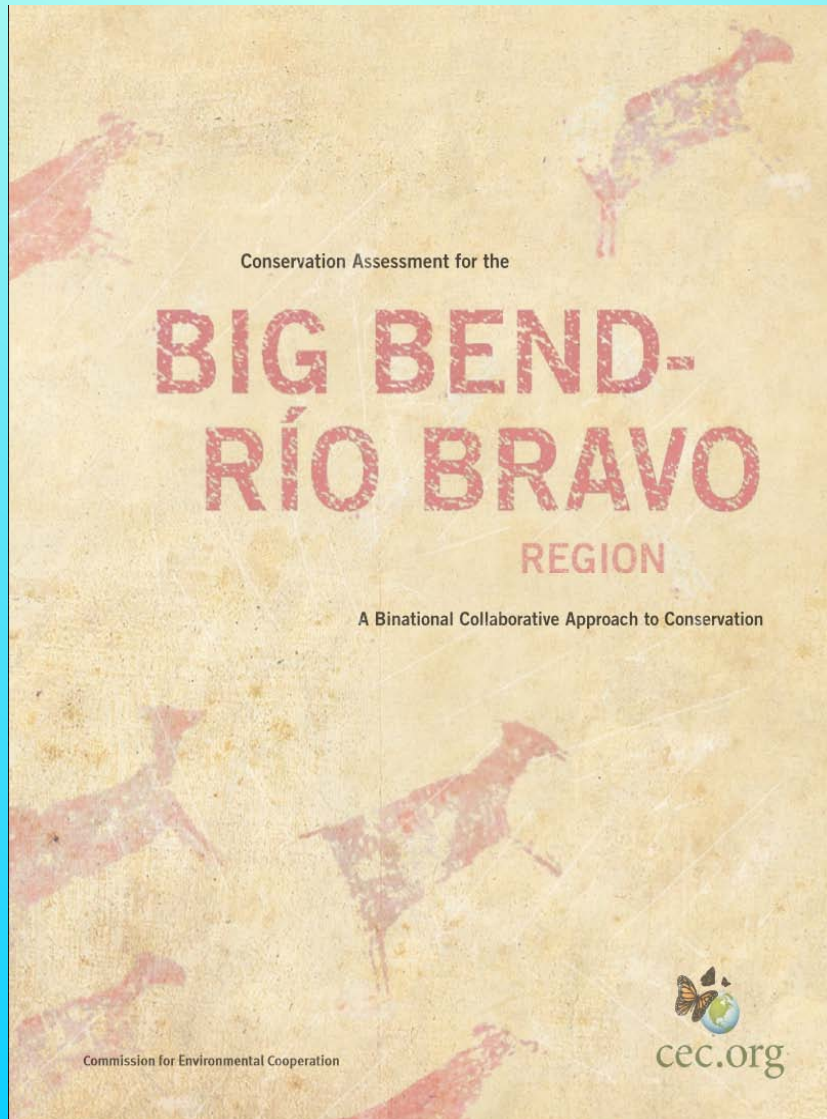


# Rio Bravo – *Tamarix* spp. and *Arundo donax*



- USFWS
- National Park Service
- TNC
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
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- SEMARNAT (Ministry of Environment)
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- Mexican Institute of Water Research
- University of Texas
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- World Wildlife Fund-HSBC

- CEC. 2014. *Conservation Assessment for the Big Bend-Río Bravo Region: A Binational Collaborative Approach to Conservation*. Montreal, QC: Commission for Environmental Cooperation. 106 pp.



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## Mexico's legislation regarding invasive species

- Well established framework - management of plant and animal quarantine pests through phytosanitary and zoosanitary norms:

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA)

National Service of Agro-Alimentary Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA)

Ministry of Health (SS)

- Base for the implementation of others applicable for invasive species - not necessarily a threat to agriculture or human health, but to the environment:

Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT)

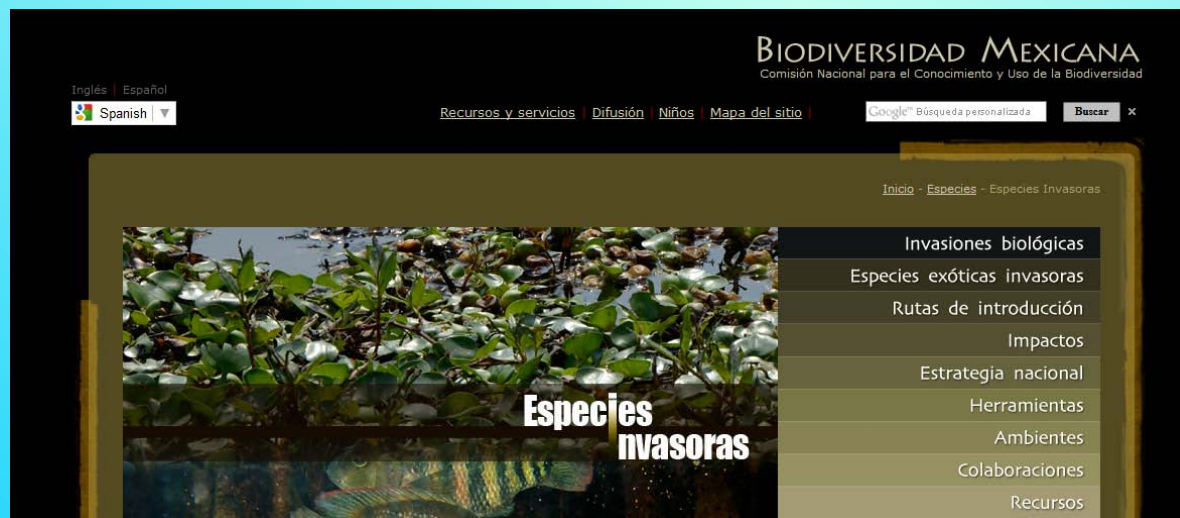
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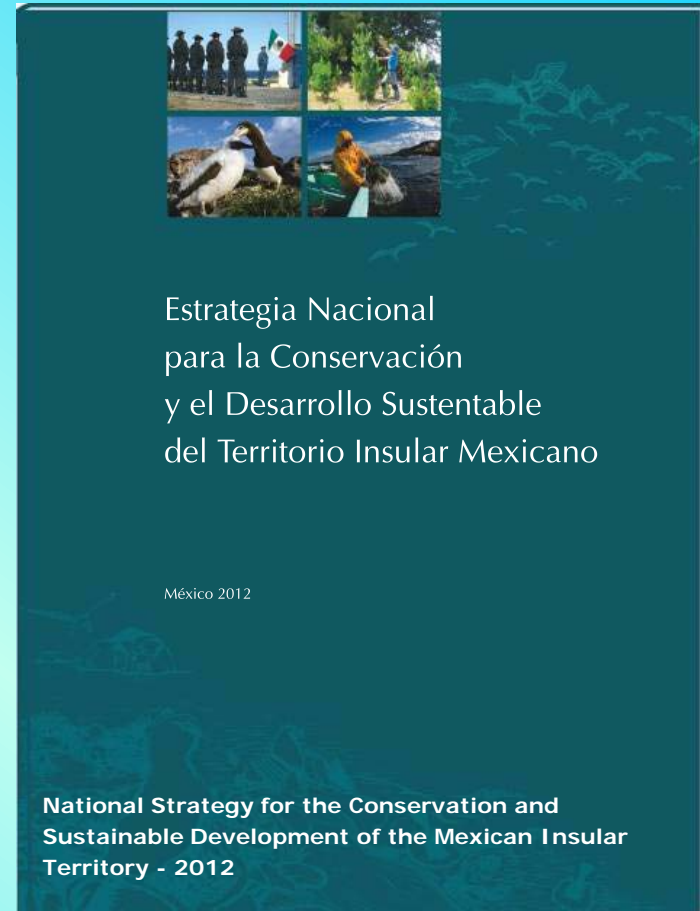
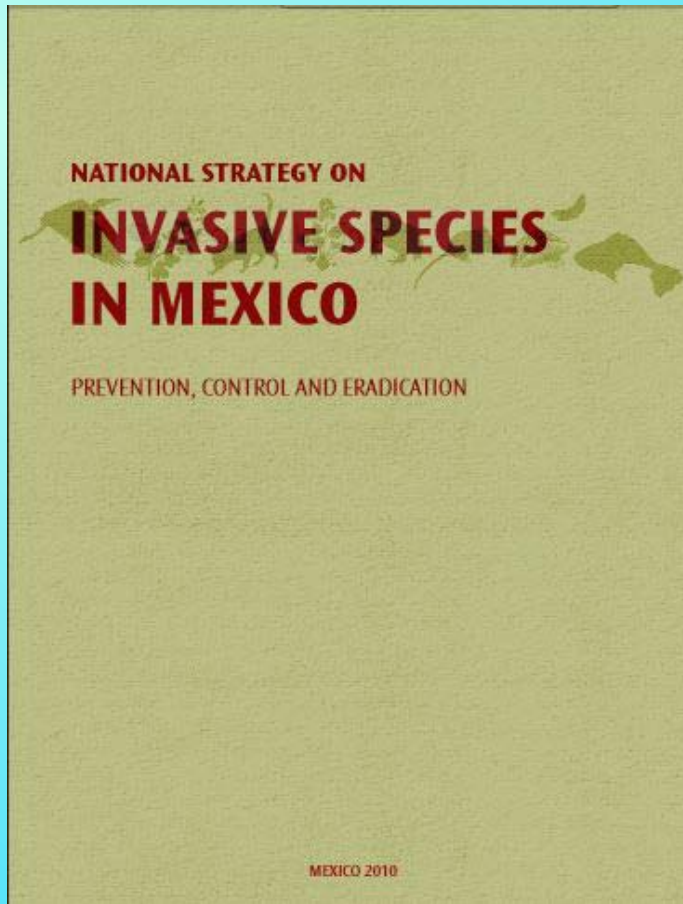
National Water Commission (CONAGUA)

# National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (CONABIO)

- Created in 1992
- In 2005, SEMARNAT designs CONABIO as the national leading institution on invasive species
- The Invasive Species Department was created in 2007:
  - Support the decision making
  - Follow up and collaboration on **international initiatives**
  - Funding projects
  - GEF project for invasive species in Mexico

Source: <http://bugwoodcloud.org/mura/naisn/assets/File/documents/2010/Gonzalez.pdf>





- The Global Environment Facility (**GEF**) through the United Nations Development Program and **CONABIO** is funding a program to **implement** the Mexican National Strategy for IAS

# International Trilateral Cooperation



- Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
- At National and International level CONABIO is the Government Agency which coordinates and represents Mexico - IAS



## Weeds Across Borders



- Biennial trilateral conference – NA weed management and regulation
  - Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds (FICMNEW)
  - CONABIO
  - Environment Canada – Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- “North America: Building Collaboration Across International Borders – *An overview from each country on addressing invasive species*”



# The future of cross-border collaboration

## Government (Mexico)

- Leading agencies such as CONABIO and CONANP regarding IAS
- CONABIO integrates information, inform decisions, provide funding. Collaborates closely with SEMARNAT (DGVS) and CONANP.
- Other agencies as CONAGUA, SAGARPA if needed.
- Counterparts in US.

## Non-government

- Civil society organizations, research and academic institutions, local communities – National and International donors
- Organisms such as the CEC could support collaborations
- Working through ecoregions could lead to make projects more attractive for funding
- Already some shared funds such as NFWF-USFWS (WWB)

<http://www.fws.gov/invasives/partnerships.html>; <http://www.nfwf.org/pti>.



- **Letter of Intent** - Signed at 2014 Trilateral Meeting
- “Seeks to strengthen collaboration between Canada, Mexico, and the United States on the conservation and restoration of islands”
- “Cooperative activities to promote environmentally sustainable policies and effective methods in support of island conservation and restoration”
- Trinational Island Working Group working on Plan of Action

# Trilateral Island Initiative

Working Table  
April 14, 2015



## Black rat eradication

- Murchison and Faraday Islands, BC, Canada, 2013
- Parks Canada Agency, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Island Conservation, GECI, advisors from NZ



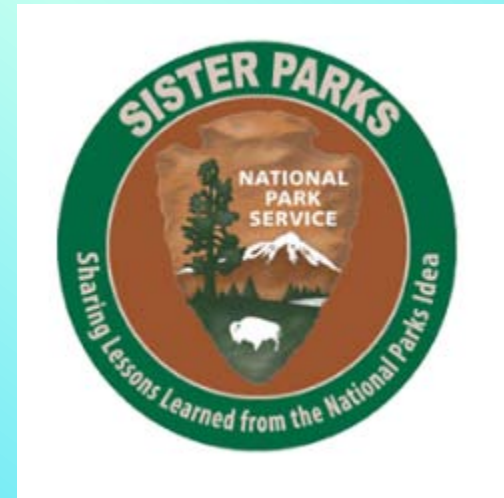
## NPS Sister Park Relationships

In recognition of shared plants, animals, and conservation interest.

- **Big Bend NP/Maderas del Carmen BR & Cañón de Santa Elena PA**
- **Channel Islands NP/Isla Guadalupe NP**
- **Chiricahua/Coronado NMs/Ajos-Bavispe FR/WP**
- **White Sands NM/Cuatrociénegas BR**
- **Channel Islands NP/Bahía de Loreto NP**

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