



U.S. - Mexico At a Glance

Environmental Issues

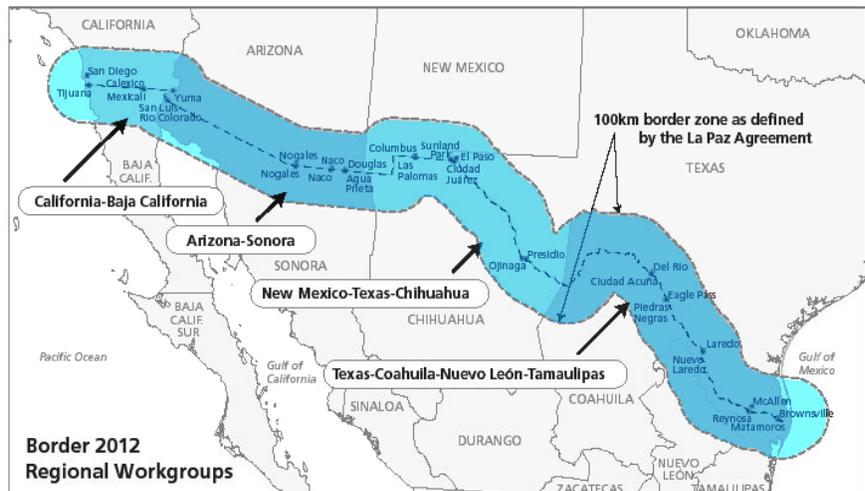
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JOINT U.S./MEXICO RESEARCH ON VAQUITA

With the purpose of assisting Mexico's efforts to save the endangered marine species "vaquita", scientists from the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service and Mexico conducted a joint cruise in the Gulf of California aimed at developing acoustic equipment that would allow better monitoring and understanding of the vaquita's habitat use, and to assess the quantity and quality of available vaquita habitat.

This project is expected to assist Mexico's efforts in recovering this marine mammal, an indigenous species at great risk of extinction.

- Agricultural and urban development along both sides of our shared US-Mexico border depend on water that flows in both directions across the border. The United States and Mexico jointly manage our shared boundary waters of the Rio Grande (Rio Bravo) and Colorado River. Our countries also share sewage-treatment plants in a number of communities along the border. This cooperation benefits the citizens of both countries.
- U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program (Border 2012) is a collaboration between the United States and Mexico to improve the environment and protect the health of the nearly 12 million people living along the border. This bi-national program focuses on cleaning the air, providing safe drinking water, reducing the risk of exposure to hazardous waste, and ensuring emergency preparedness in the region



- The United States and Mexico are cooperating closely on steps to reduce carbon emissions in our countries. Mexico is a leader in the Americas in establishing an interagency commission to develop a national climate change policy.



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