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Brief History

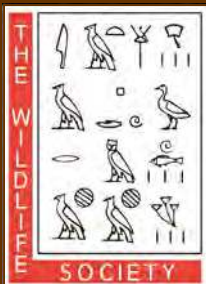
The initiative to form a Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society has been a decades-long objective. However, it was about 6 years ago, after having hosted the first (13-16 November 2018) and second (12 -15 November 2019) Mexico national wildlife conferences in the State of San Luis Potosí, that we initiated efforts for its formation. We were encouraged to proceed with establishing a Mexico Chapter after initial conversations with then TWS president Gary White, who attended the second national conference, and SW Section President Dr. Fidel Hernandez, who attended both conferences. We assumed the role of leading the initiative. The first step was to establish a nonprofit wildlife conservation organization with which we could then become associated with TWS. The formation of a national nonprofit was a learning process that required numerous meetings with lawyers and fulfilling various legal requirements. Finally on October 24, 2023, the Mexican government approved the nonprofit organization under the name of Wildlife Mexico Chapter TWS Asociación Civil. This NGO includes participating professors and students of the Colegio de Postgraduados Campus San Luis Potosí, Universidad Juárez del Estado de Durango, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, and Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí. The objectives of this nonprofit organization are to bring together professionals, students, technicians, producers, public and private institutions, and others who have an interest in wildlife management and environmental conservation and who promote natural resource sustainable development at the national,



Gary White and Dr. Luis Tarango on left and Dr. Fidel Hernandez and Dr. Luis Tarango on right at inauguration of second Mexico National Wildlife Conference. Photo courtesy Dr. Luis Tarango.



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regional, and community level. The official decisions of the Mexico Chapter, according to Mexican regulations, will be voted on through in-person and/or virtual meetings and with agreements and minutes signed by each of the Mexico Chapter members. The Wildlife Mexico Chapter address is Zacatecas, No. 13, Colonia Ampliacion la Fe, Guadalupe, Zacatecas, CP 98615.

Next steps

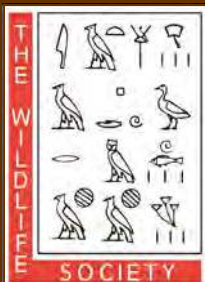
- 1.- It is necessary to prepare more detailed regulations.
- 2.- Build the Web Page of the Wildlife Mexico Chapter TWS Civil Association and invite other individuals and organizations to join the Chapter.
- 3.- Prepare and review the Memorandum of Understanding between The Wildlife Society and the Wildlife Mexico Chapter NGO.
- 4.- Elaborate a work plan to consolidate the objectives of the Mexico Chapter.



Collaborators from Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society and Wildlife Mexico Chapter TWS Asociación Civil during the second Mexico National Wildlife Conference. Photo courtesy Dr. Luis Tarango



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Attendees of the Second Mexico National Wildlife Conference. Photo courtesy Dr. Luis Tarango.



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