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Human beings are the only living things that care about lines on a map. Wild animals and plants know no borders, and they are unaware of the social and economic forces that determine their future. Because many of these creatures are migratory or distributed across the artificial boundaries that we humans have drawn, they cannot be conserved without the cooperation of government, private sector, and scientific partners in each of the affected countries. Such wide-scale participation is essential for applying an ecosystem approach to wildlife conservation. This edition of the Bulletin features some examples of cooperative activities for the survival and recovery of rare plants and animals in Mexico and bordering areas of the United States.



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A lesser long-nosed bat feeds on the nectar of a saguaro cactus flower, at the same time gathering and depositing pollen for the next seed crop.

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The pond at Quitobaquito provides vital desert wetland habitat for unique fish, turtle, and snail species.

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