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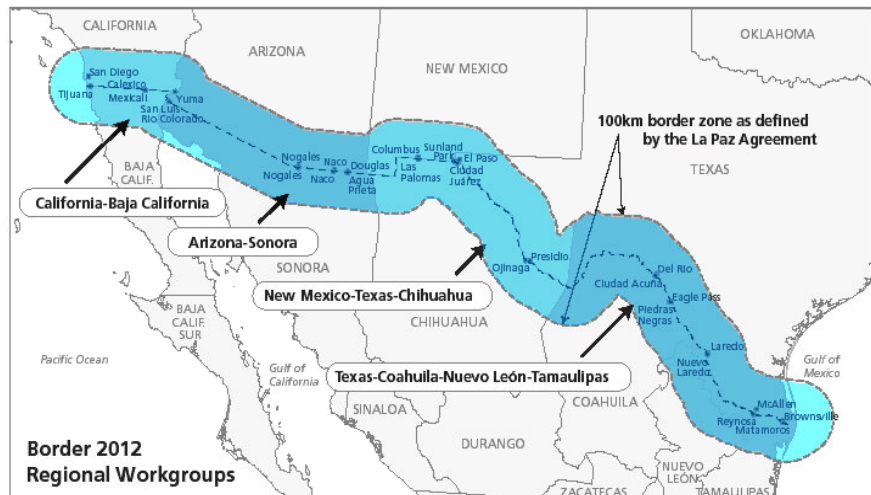
Environmental Issues

JOINT U.S./MEXICO RESEARCH ON VAQUITA

With the purpose of assisting Mexico's efforts to save the marine "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 a better monitoring and understanding of the vaquita and its habitat.

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

- Agricultural and urban development along both sides of our shared border depends on water that flows in both directions across that border. The United States and Mexico jointly manage our shared boundary waters in 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. The bi-national program focuses on cleaning the air, providing safe drinking water, reducing the risk of exposure to hazardous waste, and ensuring emergency preparedness along the U.S.-Mexico border.



- The United States and Mexico are cooperating closely on steps to reduce carbon emissions in our countries. Mexico has taken a leadership role in the Americas by establishing an interagency commission to develop a national climate change policy. President Obama and President Calderon have discussed working together to develop a post-Kyoto global climate change policy.



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