

## USMCA Environment Monitoring & Enforcement

The USMCA Implementation Act allocated \$40 million to USTR to enforce USMCA environmental obligations during fiscal years 2020 through 2023. USTR has used these supplemental appropriations to fund seven interagency agreements. These agreements:

### **Improve Information and Strengthen Enforcement Capacity**

- ✓ Strengthen U.S. capabilities to produce and use data to more effectively target high-risk shipments and increase environmental-related seizures.
- ✓ Install new mobile forensics lab on the southern border to speed forensic analysis and enable on-the-spot seizures of illegal shipments.
- ✓ Increase inspector and K9 presence along the southern border and deploy new infrared devices to enhance inspections and interdictions of wildlife from Mexico.
- ✓ Enhance vessel pollution enforcement and investigative targeting and analysis of illegally traded non-compliant engines, chemicals, and ozone-depleting substances.
- ✓ Engage with environmental NGOs to develop subject-matter expertise and enhance communication and coordination.

### **Promote Sustainable Forest Management and Combat Illegal Logging**

- ✓ Improve Mexico's capabilities for wood identification and inspection, monitoring of land-use, and enforcing environmental regulations concerning its forests.
- ✓ Develop machine learning model to automate identification of illicit trade and fraud in U.S. Lacey Act Declarations.
- ✓ Collaborate with timber producing communities in southern Mexico to improve forest management and increase opportunities for trade in legally harvested forest products.

### **Promote Sustainable Fisheries Management and Marine Species Conservation**

- ✓ Improve information on North Atlantic right whale distribution to provide for better protective measures.
- ✓ Develop innovative fishing gear technologies to increase industry use and reduce right whale entanglement.
- ✓ Conduct rapid sea turtle bycatch assessments along Mexico's Pacific coast to comprehensively identify areas of opportunity for bycatch reduction efforts.