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CANADA-MEXICO BILATERAL CO-OPERATION and the ENVIRONMENT

- 1988** Environment Canada and counterpart agencies in the United States and Mexico sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Migratory Birds and their North American Habitats. This agreement aims to preserve and maintain migratory bird populations and conserve their habitats. The Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada is the Canadian executing agency for this ongoing Canada-Mexico-United States project.
- March 1990** During an official visit to Mexico by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, 10 bilateral agreements are signed, including an Agreement on Environmental Co-operation.
- As a result of this Agreement, Canada and Mexico have:
- . completed a feasibility study for municipal waste rehabilitation in the Coatzacoalcos-Minatitlan industrial area, Veracruz state. In addition, a separate plan to deal with industrial waste in the same area has been completed. Both phases of this project were funded by CIDA-INC, with a total investment exceeding \$900,000 to date.
 - . addressed the protection and rehabilitation of the Lerma-Chapala watershed area in Jalisco state through the transfer of a Canadian water management software package. An Environment Canada water management technical mission provided advice on lake science (toxics and nutrients) and waste treatment.
- July 1991** Representatives from Environment Canada and External Affairs and International Trade Canada meet with their counterparts in Mexico City to exchange views on environmental co-operation.
- August 1991** An interdepartmental Environmental Review Committee is formed to liaise with Canadian negotiators of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and to prepare a report on the potential environmental effects of a NAFTA for Cabinet consideration.
- October 1991** Representatives from Mexican public and private sectors visit Ontario to participate in two major conferences and company visits. A mission program is designed to expand the bilateral knowledge base, commercial relationships and strategic partnerships.