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U.S. AND MEXICO AGREE ON JOINT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Snow geese and endangered masked bobwhite quail are among the wildlife that will benefit from joint U.S.-Mexican conservation efforts agreed upon at a recent international meeting, Frank Dunkle, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

Representatives from wildlife agencies of the two nations agreed on the projects at the eleventh meeting of the Mexico-U.S.A. Joint Committee for Wildlife Conservation held December 2-4, 1986, in Mexico. Dunkle headed the U.S. team while Mexico was led by Jose Domingo Gonzalez Solorio, Director General for Ecological Conservation of Natural Resources for the Secretariat of Urban Development and Ecology.

"I believe both sides felt this was the most successful meeting in the history of the Mexico-U.S.A. Joint Committee," Dunkle said. "Among other things, this was the first meeting in which Mexican nongovernmental institutions participated. They will add significant expertise, resources, and continuity to implementation of the joint projects." Representatives from eight Mexican conservation groups, research organizations, and universities attended the meeting.

Major projects agreed to at the meeting include:

- o Continuation of important surveys of white-winged doves and wintering waterfowl species shared by the U.S. and Mexico.

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