

## **Project Update: April 2019**

We are finishing the monitoring of the primates and felines in e-commerce in Mexico. The Facebook monitoring took so much time and it is a never ending work, as one page or group closes down and a new one opens with the same or similar names. Finally we finished few weeks ago.

Anyhow we are very happy to announce the following:

1) CATCA EWS will have a side event at the CITES CoP18 and our referee for this project, the Ian Redmond OBE, has agreed to be the primate expert supporting my presentation. On top of that, Ian and I decided to have the side event jointly, so we are very honoured about it.

2) The Government of Bolivia has invited us to go to their country in July 2019 to give a presentation of the e-commerce of jaguars and other felines in Mexico and the Americas. We will be accompanying INTERPOL, CITES, IUCN, TRAFFIC, and many Latin American CITES authorities.

My jaguar expert colleagues from Mexico (I met them at the RF workshop in Los Cabos), are collecting additional data for my 45-60 minute presentation in Bolivia.

In other news, as soon as I finish with analysing and writing the two reports about the e-commerce of felines and primates in Mexico, I will send you the links of the PDF report version online to post in the RF website.

After this CoP18, we will continue with the monitoring of the e-commerce of all the other animal species (Plan B).