



THEME **B** BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

Under Theme **B** the Environmental Cooperation Program **COMBATS ILLEGAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES, PROTECTS WILDLIFE** and **PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT**. See below for examples of Theme **B** Activities. For more information, visit www.caftadr-environment.org.

COMBATING ILLEGAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES



MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CITES

Multi-faceted capacity-building for implementing the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Pictured left, a CITES workshop on basic animal handling techniques for police, customs, immigration and animal quarantine officials, ministry and military personnel, and local NGOs.

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PROTECTING WILDLIFE

SAVING SEA TURTLES

Work with coastal communities to reduce poaching of turtle eggs on beaches and to encourage use of “turtle excluder” devices which help turtles escape accidental by-catch in fishing nets. All turtle species in CAFTA-DR waters are endangered or threatened.

Photo: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loggerhead_turtle



PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT



MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS

Comprehensive strategies and plans to promote government, user and community action to improve ecosystem management. At left, one of a set of panels designed to help tourists and local people understand the ecological significance of Nicaragua’s La Flor Wildlife Refuge.

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