

## Updates Since the Regional Workshop for the Hawksbill Turtle in the Wider Caribbean and Western Atlantic (Puerto Morelos, 2009)

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**CITES COP 15 Presents Decision for Further Collaboration Between CITES, SPAW, and IAC Secretariats:** COP15. Doc 50 was presented at the CITES COP 15 in Qatar in March, 2010, encouraging further collaboration between the CITES Secretariat and the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles (IAC) and the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean region (Cartagena Convention) and its Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW Protocol) through the development of a joint proposal that takes into consideration the outcome of the regional workshop on hawksbills. <http://www.cites.org/eng/cop/15/doc/E15-50.pdf>

**USFWS Marine Turtle Conservation Fund Awards Grant to IAC:** The IAC submitted a proposal based on 3 of the 4 profiles created during the hawksbill workshop (Direct take, Genetics and Strengthening Regional Cooperation) to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Marine Turtle Conservation Fund. We are pleased to announce that one proposal, strengthening regional cooperation through increased relations between the IAC and countries of the WCR, was accepted. If you would like a copy of the proposal, please contact the PT Secretariat at: [contact@iacseaturtle.org](mailto:contact@iacseaturtle.org).