

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Request for Nominees for the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominees.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), after consultation with the Co-Chairs of the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking (Task Force), is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the Advisory Council on Wildlife Trafficking (Council).

DATES: Nominations must be received by September 21, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations, preferably by email, to Mr. Cade London, Special Assistant to the Assistant Director for International Affairs, at Cade_London@fws.gov. You may also send nominations via U.S. mail to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Attention: Mr. Cade London; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Cade London, Special Assistant to the Assistant Director for International Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via email at Cade_London@fws.gov, via phone at (703) 358-2584, or via fax at (703) 358-2115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Council's Role**

The Council conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA; 5 U.S.C. Appendix). It reports to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking through the Secretary of the Interior or his/her designee and functions solely as an advisory body. It advises and makes recommendations on issues relating to combating wildlife trafficking, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Effective support for anti-poaching activities,
- (2) Coordinating regional law enforcement efforts,
- (3) Developing and supporting effective legal enforcement mechanisms, and
- (4) Developing strategies to reduce illicit trade and consumer demand for illegally traded wildlife, including protected species.

The Council meets approximately four times annually, or as often as is necessary to complete its work.

Nominating Potential Council Members

The Department of the Interior (Department) is seeking nominations for individuals to be considered as Council members. Nominations should include a resume providing contact information and a description of the nominee's qualifications that is adequate enough to enable the Department to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Council.

Requirements for Council Membership

Members must not be employees of the Federal Government. Membership includes knowledgeable individuals from the private sector, former governmental officials, nongovernmental organizations, and others who are in a position to provide expertise and support to the Task Force. Individuals who are federally registered lobbyists are ineligible to serve on all FACA and non-FACA boards, committees, or councils in an individual capacity. The term "individual capacity" refers to individuals who are appointed to exercise their own individual best judgment on behalf of the government, such as when they are designated Special Government Employees, rather than being appointed to represent a particular interest.

Council members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior. Appointments will be for 3-year terms.

Dated: August 11, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; 5-Year Status Reviews of 14 Caribbean Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating 5-year status reviews of 14 Caribbean species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). A 5-year review is an assessment of the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are

requesting submission of information that has become available since the last review of each of these species.

DATES: To allow us adequate time to conduct these reviews, we must receive your comments or information on or before October 21, 2016. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how to submit information and review information we receive on these species, see "Request for New Information."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For species-specific information, see "Request for New Information."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Why do we conduct a 5-year review?**

Under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain lists of endangered and threatened wildlife and plant species in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.11 (for wildlife) and 17.12 (for plants). Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the Act requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, go to <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>, scroll down to "Learn More about 5-Year Reviews," and click on our factsheet.

Species Under Review*Endangered*

This notice announces our active review of 12 species that are currently listed as endangered:

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Yellow-shouldered blackbird (*Agelaius xanthomus*)

Puerto Rican plain pigeon (*Patagioenas inornata wetmorei*)

Puerto Rican boa (*Epicrates inornatus*)
Virgin Islands boa (*Epicrates monensis granti*)

Plants

Auerodendron pauciflorum (no common name)

Catesba melanocarpa (no common name)

Elaphoglossum serpens (no common name)

Mitracarpus maxwelliae (no common name)

Mitracarpus polycladus (no common name)

Polystichum calderonense (no common name)

Tectaria estremerana (no common name)