

## PROGRAM ACTIVITY REPORT (PAR)



## Disease Workshop in Peru

The NWDP strives to build strong collaborations with other U.S. agencies as well as other countries throughout the world to protect U.S. agriculture and other resources associated with wildlife. Capacity building workshops ensure that wildlife officials in other countries are aware of disease risks in various wildlife species, and that they have the tools to determine the most appropriate management actions. Typically the workshops focus on sharing knowledge about the surveillance programs in the U.S. and other countries neighboring the host country, to provide an overview of the types of systems that can be implemented.



Representatives from the NWDP recently traveled to Peru to assist the Wildlife Conservation Society and Direccion de Sanidad Animal, Direccion de Vigilancia Epidemiologica (SENASA) with a two part APHIS-sponsored training for Peruvian wildlife and national park officials entitled "Strengthening the Surveillance System for Peruvian Wildlife with a focus on "One Health." The first two days of the workshop were dedicated to providing back-



ground information on diseases, control strategies, and assessing risk to agriculture and humans. This part of the workshop was conducted at the SENASA office in Lima with the primary purpose of involving the deci-

sion-makers at the key wildlife agencies.

The second part of the workshop was held in Iquitos in the north-eastern part of Peru. Some presentations related to sample collection were given and practical experience trapping rodents and bats in addition to an exercise involving an outbreak and the use of appropriate personal protective equipment were included. The NWDP presented

information on surveillance and control of wildlife diseases in the U.S. and sample collection techniques, storage, and shipping. In addition to providing information about the disease surveillance programs in the U.S., the status of the cooperative agreement established to fund the workshop was reviewed to ensure the objectives were being met.

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