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Ms. Araujo serves as International Affairs Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and helped to establish the program in the early 1990s when Texas co-chaired with the state of Coahuila the Ecology Committee of the U.S.-Mexico Border Governors Conference. She holds an M.S. degree in Urban Studies with a specialization in regional planning from Trinity University, began her career as a planner in the state parks division and helped to establish the Department's Marketing Branch. She manages the Department's participation in the Canada / Mexico / U.S. Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and other cross border forums and helps to negotiate cooperative agreements such as the agreement former Governor George W. Bush signed with Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (SEMARNAT). She coordinates implementation activities of cooperative agreements with Mexico's wildlife agencies.