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Armando Martin Jaramillo Legorreta



Armando passed away on 28 August 2024 after a long and difficult illness. Armando was born in Mexico City and was a global expert on acoustic methods to study small cetaceans. He was a member of the IWC Scientific Committee from 2008 to 2024 and acted as the Mexican Head of Delegation in 11 meetings (2011-2024). Armando was also the current Commissioner for Mexico since September 2022.

Armando was a pioneer in the study and the conservation of the Vaquita and was responsible for the design and implementation of acoustic studies to monitor the trends of this critically endangered porpoise for over 25 years. Apart from his exceptional scientific skills, Armando was known for his passion and commitment to the conservation of the Vaquita... and for his amazing human qualities.

Our hearts are with Armando's family and friends.

Martha Rojas Urrego
IWC Executive Secretary