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Ms. Stewart has been Director for Environment and Natural Resources at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative in the Executive Office of the President (USTR) since January 2013. Ms. Stewart's portfolio is focused on overseeing implementation of the Environment Chapters of U.S. trade agreements in the Western Hemisphere, including the United States – Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (PTPA), United States – Central America – Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA – DR), United States – Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, United States – Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, and the United States – Chile Free Trade Agreement. Ms. Stewart's responsibilities also include managing implementation of the PTPA Annex on Forest Sector Governance, and establishment of secretariats for environmental enforcement matters under the PTPA, and TPAs with Colombia and Panama.

Ms. Stewart also monitors issues concerning green government procurement, environmental standards, and trade in wildlife and timber species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to ensure consistency of U.S. environmental laws and policy with U.S. trade policy and international trade obligations.

Prior to joining USTR's Environment and Natural Resources Office, Ms. Stewart held the position of Senior Attorney for International Law and Trade at The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) since December 2012, and was Special Counsel for International Trade Policy for Humane Society International (HSI) since August 2007. Prior to HSUS/HSI, Ms. Stewart was an associate with the Law Offices of Stewart and Stewart from September 2002 to August 2007. Ms. Stewart received a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from Lehigh University in 1997, and a law degree with honors from the American University's Washington College of Law in 2002.