

Law Enforcement at a Glance

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Strategic Plan

Our mission is to protect plant and wildlife resources. Through the effective enforcement of Federal conservation laws, we contribute to FWS efforts to manage wildlife populations and respond to climate change. We help recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, safeguard fisheries, combat invasive species, and promote international wildlife conservation.

We focus on potentially devastating threats to wildlife and plant resources – illegal trade, unlawful commercial exploitation, injurious species, habitat destruction and degradation, environmental contaminants, and industrial hazards. We investigate wildlife crimes; regulate wildlife trade; help Americans understand and comply with Federal conservation laws; and work in partnership with Federal, State, Tribal, and international counterparts to conserve wildlife and plant resources.

Goals:

- Prevent the unlawful import/export and interstate commerce of foreign fish, wildlife, and plants and injurious species
- Protect the Nation’s fish, wildlife, and plants from unlawful exploitation, industrial hazards, and habitat loss
- Facilitate the expeditious movement of legal wildlife
- Manage Office of Law Enforcement resources to ensure program performance, efficiency, and effectiveness



Forensics Laboratory scientist



Special Agent at work



Wildlife Inspector with canine partner



FWS-led training in Botswana

Budget (\$000)

Fiscal Year	Operations	Equipment Replacement	Total
2008	\$58,663	\$977	\$59,640
2009	\$61,690	\$977	\$62,667
2010	\$64,801	\$977	\$65,778
2011	\$62,061	\$869	\$62,930
2012	\$61,168	\$975	\$62,143
2013 ^a	\$56,932	\$910	\$57,842
2014	\$63,365	\$910	\$64,275
2015	\$65,827	\$910	\$66,737
2016	\$73,815	\$910	\$74,725

FY 2013 Sequestered Level

Agent Staffing (as of October 1 of each fiscal year)

Fiscal Year	# SA's on Board	Hired during FY	Left during FY
2008	199	19	17
2009	201	10	16
2010	195	18	11
2011	202	25	8
2012	219	10	7
2013	222	0	9
2014	213	0	2
2015	211	3	9
2016	205	37	4

Inspector Staffing (as of October 1 of each fiscal year)

FY	# WI's	FY	# WI's	FY	#WI's
2008	112	2011	124	2014	130
2009	117	2012	143	2015	124
2016	116	2013	140	2016	124

Designated Ports of Entry

Anchorage, AK	Atlanta, GA	Baltimore, MD
Boston, MA	Chicago, IL	Dallas/Ft Worth, TX
Honolulu, HI	Houston, TX	Los Angeles, CA
Louisville, KY	Memphis, TN	Miami, FL
New Orleans, LA	New York, NY	Newark, NJ
Portland, OR	San Francisco, CA	Seattle, WA

Non-Designated Ports of Entry

Agana, GU	Blaine, WA	Brownsville, TX
Buffalo, NY	Calais, ME	Champlain, NY
Denver, CO	Detroit, MI	Dulles, VA
Dunseith, ND	El Paso, TX	Guaynabo, PR
Laredo, TX	Nogales, AZ	Pembina, ND
Port Huron, MI	San Diego, CA	St. Paul, MN
Sweetgrass, MT	Tampa, FL	



Educational display at Repository



Ivory Crush – June 2015



Wildlife Inspector with seized coral



Service's Forensics Lab in Oregon

Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents

- Break up international and domestic wildlife trafficking rings that target protected animals and plants here and around the world
- Protect wildlife from environmental contaminants/industrial hazards
- Safeguard habitat for threatened and endangered species and support landscape conservation
- Enforce Federal migratory game bird hunting regulations and work with States to protect other game species and preserve legitimate hunting opportunities
- Work with other Federal, State, and Tribal law enforcement officers to safeguard U.S. species and their habitats and with international counterparts to combat global wildlife trafficking
- Train Federal, State, Tribal, and foreign law enforcement officers
- Conduct outreach to industry, trade groups, and others to promote wildlife conservation and secure voluntary compliance with wildlife laws
- Engage Americans as conservation partners by connecting people with nature

Inspection Workload

During FY 2016, Service inspectors processed over 182,010 declared shipments of wildlife and wildlife products worth more than \$6,246 billion. The Nation's busiest ports of entry for wildlife trade that year are shown below:

Port of Entry	# of Shipments
New York, New York	29,274
Los Angeles, California	27,490
Newark, New Jersey	18,553
Memphis, Tennessee	12,999
Miami, Florida	11,636
Louisville, Kentucky	9,595
Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas	8,443
Chicago, Illinois	7,975
San Francisco, California	5,860
Honolulu, Hawaii	4,722

Investigative Caseload (by fiscal year)

Act Description	2014	2015	2016
African Elephant Conservation Act	58	43	40
Airborne Hunting Act	5	5	2
Archeological Resources	3	8	4
Conspiracy	67	58	49
Eagle Protection Act	229	205	175
Endangered Species Act	6,403	6,476	6,699
False Statements	25	20	23
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act	16	18	17
Hunting on Indian Lands	3	2	3
Lacey Act	1,946	1,949	2,011
Marine Mammal Protection Act	247	243	304
Migratory Bird/Stamp Act	27	19	13
Migratory Bird Treaty Act	664	550	511
National Wildlife Refuge	11	6	6
Obstruction of Justice	10	9	7
Other Federal/Foreign Laws	115	87	96
Permit/License	4	4	5
Rhino Tiger Act	39	34	20
Smuggling	90	86	99
State Law	142	113	127
Wild Bird Conservation Act	53	46	52
Total	10,157	9,968	10,263

Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife Inspectors

- Are stationed at major international airports, ocean ports, and border crossings
- Serve as the Nation's front-line defense against illegal international trade in wildlife and wildlife products
- Inspect wildlife shipments to ensure compliance with laws and treaties and detect illegal trade
- Prevent the introduction and interstate spread of injurious wildlife
- Work closely with counterparts from Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to maintain import/export controls and interdict smuggled wildlife
- Work the passenger terminals at airports and conduct inspections at international mail facilities

Forensics Laboratory Scientists

- Identify the species or subspecies of pieces, parts, or products of an animal
- Determine the cause of death of an animal
- Help wildlife officers determine if a violation of law has occurred
- Identify and compare physical evidence in an attempt to link suspect, victim, and crime scene
- Work at the only lab in the world dedicated to crimes against wildlife

Annual Penalty Statistics (by fiscal year)

Category	2014	2015	2016
Fines (millions of dollars)	\$10.1	\$6.2	\$9.5
Prison (years)		34	44
Probation (years)		287	342
Civil Penalties (millions of dollars)	\$2	\$1.4	\$2

National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repositories

- Provide a central location for the receipt, storage, and distribution of bald and golden eagles that are found dead, and their parts
- Ship eagles and parts to enrolled Native Americans for use in religious and cultural ceremonies
- Receive wildlife items that have been forfeited or abandoned
- Donate wildlife items for scientific or educational purposes