





#### What do we do?



The Service law enforcement focuses on potentially devastating threats to wildlife resource, illegal trade, unlawful commercial exploitation, habitat destruction, and environmental contaminants.

■ The Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) investigates wildlife crimes, regulates wildlife trade, helps people understand and obey wildlife protections laws, and works in partnership with international, federal, state, and tribal counterparts to conserve wildlife resources.

# Wildlife Inspectors

- Nation's front-line defense against the illegal wildlife trade, a criminal enterprise that threatens species worldwide.
- These professional import/export control Officers ensure that wildlife shipments comply with U.S. and international wildlife trade laws, treaties & regulations.
  - Compliance monitoring
  - Smuggling interdiction
    - Stationed at major airports, ocean ports, & border crossings
    - Wildlife Inspectors monitor an annual trade worth more than \$4 billion.
    - Investigations can involve substantial assessments of civil penalties and civil forfeiture actions.



## Wildlife Inspection Offices





#### **OLE Goals**



- Enforce U.S. and international laws and treaties that protect wildlife, including but not limited to:
  - ESA (Endangered Species Act) U.S. Law
  - Lacey Act U.S. Law
  - CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species)
- Investigate the unlawful take and unlawful commercialization of foreign and native species
- Breaking up international and domestic smuggling rings that target imperiled animals.



#### **OLE Goals**



- Protecting wildlife from environmental hazards and safeguarding critical habitat for endangered species.
- Inspecting wildlife shipments to ensure compliance with laws and treaties and detect illegal trade.



#### **ESA**



- Approximately 2,270 species are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA. Of these species, about 650 are foreign species, found only in areas outside of the U.S. and our waters.
- With limited exceptions (scientific research, breeding, or similar acceptable purposes that contribute to the species conservation) <u>none</u> may be imported, exported, commercialized either alive, as parts or products, or as hunting trophies without specific permits.



# Lacey Act



- The Lacey Act helps foreign countries and our individual States enforce their wildlife conservation laws.
- Under the Lacey Act, it is a violation of Federal Law to import, export, transport, sell, receive, acquire, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce any fish or wildlife or plant, that were taken, transported, possessed, or sold in violation of any State or Foreign Law.
- Many countries prohibit the export of certain species, and the United States may also ban the importation of wildlife from individual foreign nations.

#### CITES



- Under CITES, a total of 184 nations are regulating international trade to prevent the decline of species threatened (listed in Appendix I of CITES) or potentially threatened (listed in Appendix II) with extinction.
- Trade, which is defined as import, export, or re-export, of a long list of such threatened animal and plant species, is either virtually prohibited or restricted.
- International shipments of these species and products requires an import or export permit, or both, issued in **advance** by the official Management Authorities of the countries involved.

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#### Other Wildlife Laws and Regulations

- African Elephant Conservation Act
- American Antiquities Act
- Antarctic Conservation Act
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- CITES
- Clean Water Act
- Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988
- Federal Insecticide, Act of 1988
- Fish and Wildlife Revenue Enhancement Act of 1988

- Fish and Wildlife Service Conservation Act
- Fur Seal Act
- Hunting, Fishing, Trapping on Military Reservations
- Injurious Wildlife Regulations
- Humane Transport Regulations
- Lacey Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Native American Graves and Repatriation Act
- Prohibitions in Mailing Poisonous Wildlife
- Recreation Act
- Recreational Hunting Safety Act of 1994
- Rhino/Tiger Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act.

# **Live Animal Shipments**



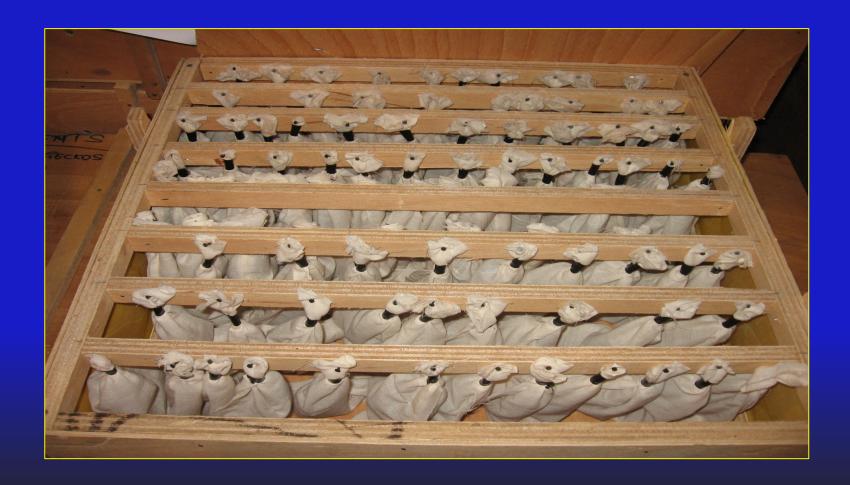




The complexity of these shipments is the urgency to move these live animals within the same day.



- One reptile shipment out of 5 cleared on O.T. containing:
  - ✓ A total 32 crates 4,484 CITES reptiles











## IATA / Inhumane Violations















■ Passenger baggage items and product shipments at the Ft. Lauderdale Hollywood Intl. Airport & Port Everglades Seaport



# Wildlife products concealed within a shipment of furniture from Nicaragua consisting NON CITES & CITES APP II.





# Wildlife Inspectors participate in blitzes and respond to illegal shipments found at FED EX and DHL









## **Imports of Hunting Trophies**



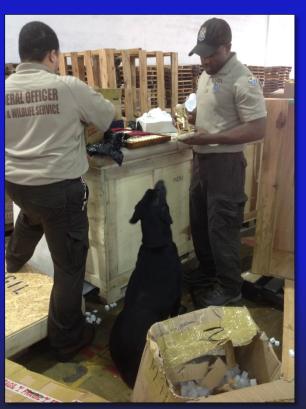
#### Puma with Black Antelope trophy from Argentina



Failure to declare Puma and no CITES permit for Puma

# **Antique Shipments**









# **Intransit Shipments**





#### Zebra Mussel (Dreissena polymorpha)



#### Mitten Crabs (Eriocheir sinensis)



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