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Purpose

With offices in Annapolis, Cambridge and BWI International Airport, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents and wildlife inspectors ensure compliance with federal wildlife laws protecting endangered plants and animals, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fishes and other species in Maryland.



They also carry out U.S. enforcement obligations under international agreements. These laws and agreements include:

African Elephant Act
Airborne Hunting Act
Archeological Resources Protection Act
Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
Endangered Species Act
Exotic Wild Bird Act
Lacey Act
Marine Mammal Protection Act
Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended
National Wildlife Refuge Act
Recreation Act

Enforcement Activities

Wildlife Inspectors

- Check documents, licenses and permits at ports of entry.
- Inspect shipments to ensure that protected species are not illegally imported or exported.

Criminal Investigators

- Investigate fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws, protecting migratory birds, bald eagles and threatened and endangered species.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife and their products.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.

- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.
- Make presentations about wildlife law enforcement to school groups and respond to inquiries about federal wildlife laws.

Highlights

Criminal investigators and wildlife inspectors are influential in enforcing federal laws and regulations pertaining to the import and export of wildlife and wildlife products.

Criminal investigators work closely with the Maryland Natural Resources Police to protect fish and wildlife resources.

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