



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM**

**An Introduction to the Endangered Species Act of 1973**

**Module 11 of 11 – Penalties and Enforcement**

**Time: (0:35)**

**Slide 1** (Music Plays)

**Slide 2**

Section 11, Penalties and Enforcement, provides for civil or criminal penalties for violations of the Endangered Species Act.

Civil penalties can be up to \$25,000 per violation, and criminal penalties can include fines up to \$50,000 and/or a year in prison per violation.

The ESA also provides the ability for citizens to file lawsuits to compel the Secretary of the Interior to enforce the law.

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