New Orleans
Wildlife Inspection Office

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Staffing Levels
- One Special Agent.
- Two Wildlife Inspectors.

Facts
- Activities related to fish and wildlife resources by U.S. citizens generate over $100 billion/year to the American economy.
- The black market trade of fish and wildlife resources is international in scope, with values estimated to be in the billions of dollars.
- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employs about 220 Special Agents and 100 Wildlife Inspectors nationwide to enforce U.S. conservation laws.

Objective
- To inform citizens of Federal laws and regulations relating to the protection of fish, wildlife and plants.
- Enforce Federal conservation statutes, protect domestic and foreign wildlife species that enter into interstate and international commerce.
- Uncover major commercial activity involving illegal trade of protected wildlife and wildlife products.
- Enhance legitimate use and enjoyment of all our wildlife resources.

Laws Enforced
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
- Bald & Golden Eagle Protection Act.
- Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act.
- National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act.
- Airborne Hunting Act.
- Endangered Species Act.
- Lacey Act.
- Marine Mammal Protection Act.
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act.
- African Elephant Conservation Act.
- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act.
- Antarctic Conservation Act.
- Conservation Recreation Act.

(The statutes are found in Title 16 United States Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations.)

Wildlife Investigation Program
- Wildlife Inspectors are stationed at Ports of Entry to ensure that fish or wildlife protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and other laws do not enter into illegal international trade.
- Over 140 nations are party to CITES and more than 1,000 species of animals and plants are officially listed under U.S. law as endangered or threatened.
- Wildlife Inspectors also enforce regulations requiring the humane shipment of fish and wildlife being legally imported into or exported from the U.S.