

## **Office of Law Enforcement**

### **Mission**

- To protect wildlife resources
- Through the effective enforcement of Federal laws, we contribute to FWS efforts to:
  - Recover endangered species
  - Conserve migratory birds
  - Preserve wildlife habitat
  - Safeguard fisheries
  - Combat invasive species
  - Promote international wildlife conservation
- Our work focuses on potentially devastating threats to wildlife resources:
  - Illegal trade
  - Unlawful commercial exploitation
  - Habitat destruction
  - Environmental hazards

### **Strategic Goals**

- Protect the Nation's fish, wildlife, and plants from unlawful exploitation and industrial hazards
- Prevent the unlawful import/export and interstate commerce of foreign fish, wildlife, and plants
- Facilitate the expeditious movement of legal wildlife
- Create a strong management system and culture to improve program performance

### **Enforcement Staffing**

- 191 special agents (criminal investigators stationed nationwide) \*
- 123 wildlife inspectors (import/export control at 38 specific ports of entry) \*

### **Core Work**

- Investigate wildlife crimes
- Regulate wildlife trade
- Help Americans understand and comply with wildlife protection laws
- Work in partnership with international, Federal, State, and Tribal counterparts to conserve wildlife resources

\* As of April 1, 2010