

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement Special Agent James Hampton



Global Tiger Initiative

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Office of Law Enforcement Mission

Through the effective enforcement of Federal laws, we contribute to FWS efforts to recover endangered species, conserve migratory birds, preserve wildlife habitat, and promote international wildlife conservation.



OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

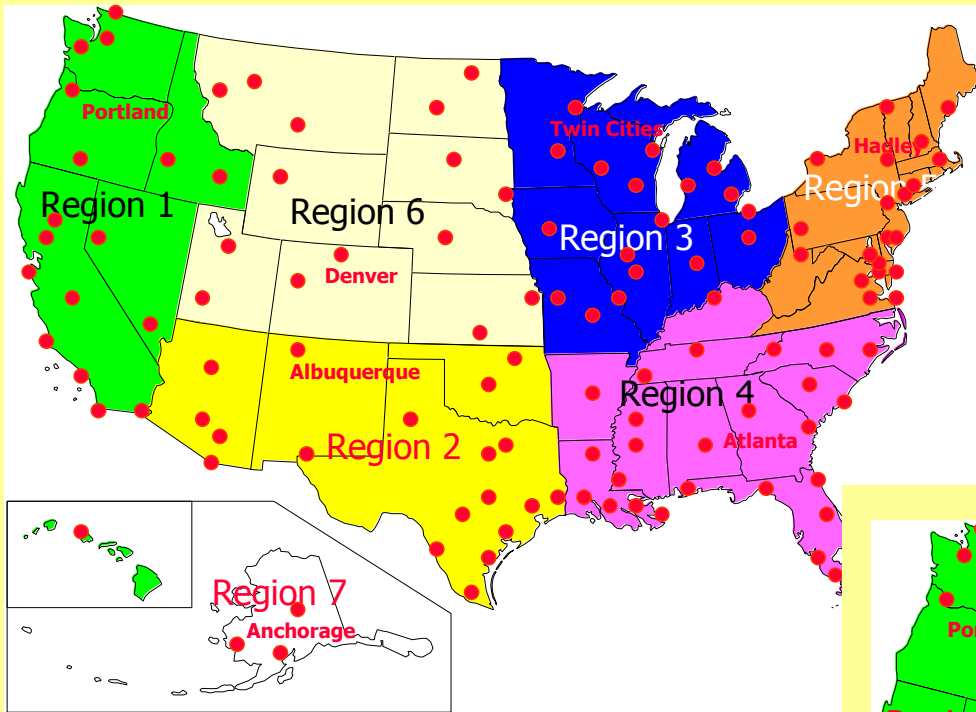


Laws and Treaties

- Endangered Species Act
- CITES
- Lacey Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act
- Rhinoceros-Tiger Conservation Act
- Archeological Resources Protection Act



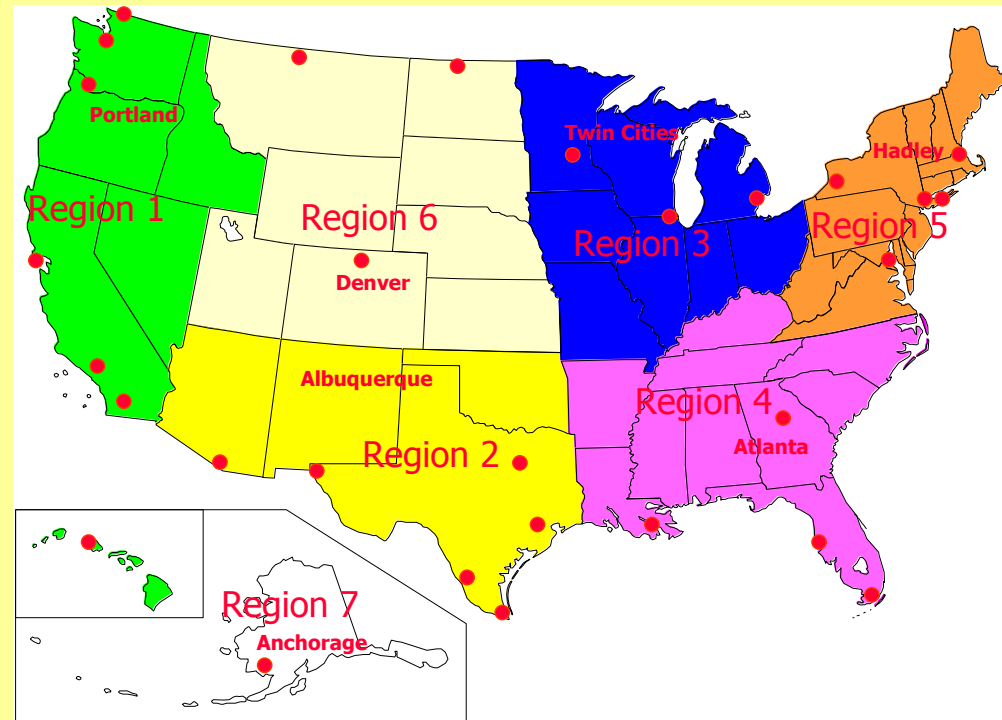
Special Agent Duty Stations



Special Agents – 191

9,105 investigations/yr

Wildlife Inspector Duty Stations



123 Wildlife Inspectors

150,000 shipments/yr

Staffing

- 191 special agents
- 123 wildlife inspectors
- 19 forensic scientists
- 4 intelligence analysts



SPECIAL AGENTS

- **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS**
- **COMPLEX, SENSITIVE VIOLATIONS**
 - **CONSPIRACIES**
 - **COMMERCIALIZATION, domestic and international**
 - **ILLEGAL TAKE**
 - **MAJOR IMPACTS ON RESOURCE**



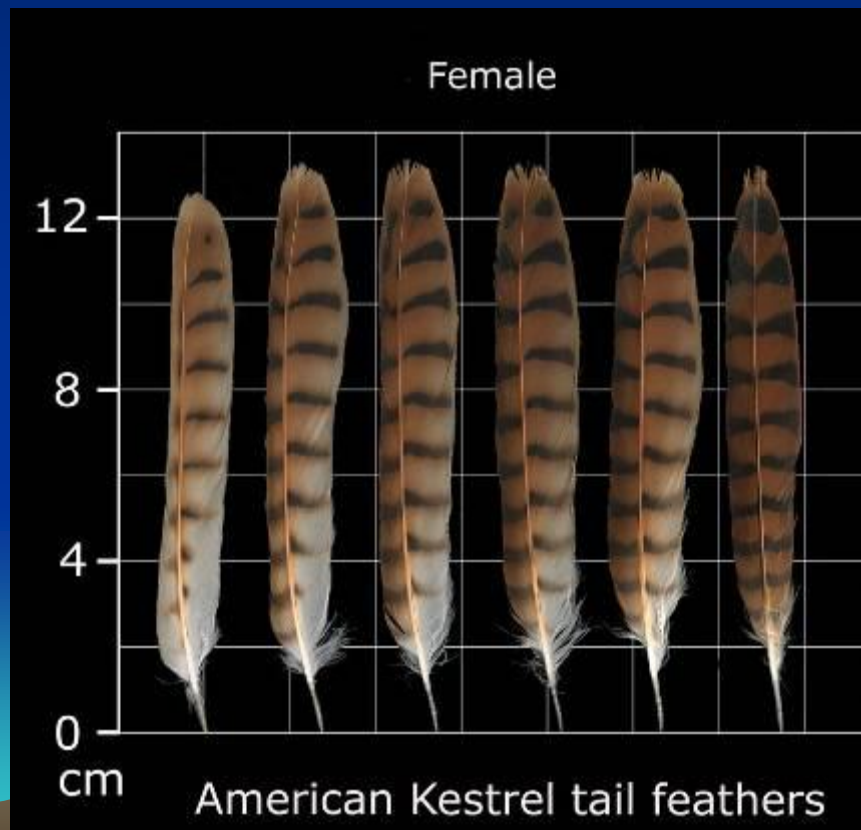
National Fish & Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory

<http://www.lab.fws.gov/agents.php>



The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory is the only lab in the world dedicated to crimes against wildlife.

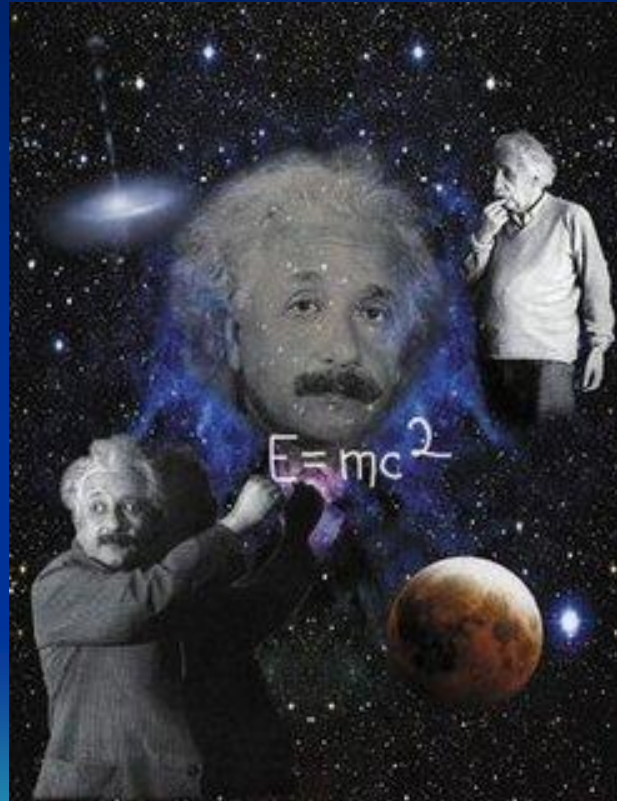
- To assist SPECIAL AGENTS, WILDLIFE INSPECTORS AND REFUGE OFFICERS



Intelligence Unit

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Daily activities

- Respond to requests for assistance
- Identify and locate subjects
- Conduct analysis of financial, phone, and other communications records as well as seized documents
- Conduct open source and other research
- Prepare materials and information for court
 - Examples: identify wildlife values to be used in court sentencing; prepare visual link charts
- “Deconflict” - coordinate information and activities so there is no duplication of effort
- Identify illegal wildlife for sale on the Internet and develop enough information to start an investigation



Intel Unit types of work...

- **Reactive work**
 - Special Agent and Wildlife Inspectors and Refuge Officers request our help.
- **Proactive work**
 - Strategic projects to develop more effective wildlife enforcement, identify trends, etc.



Recent Arrests & Sentencing's:

- February 2010 – A South Dakota man was found guilty of two felony Lacey Act counts. He was one of a group of eight defendants involved with smuggling leopards out of South Africa. The other five United States citizens pled guilty to felony and misdemeanor Lacey Act violations. In addition, two South African nationals were arrested in the United States. Both pled guilty to felony Lacey Act violations and received sentences of up to 18 months custody in the Bureau of Prisons.
- February 2010 – A North Carolina man was sentenced to six months Bureau of Prisons followed by one year supervised release for illegally transporting and selling fifty-one bear gall bladders.
- February 2010 – A California man and a Thai resident were indicted in California on 11 counts: conspiracy, smuggling, and felony Lacey Act for their role in an ivory smuggling operation.





QUESTIONS?

