

# Leaving a Lasting Legacy

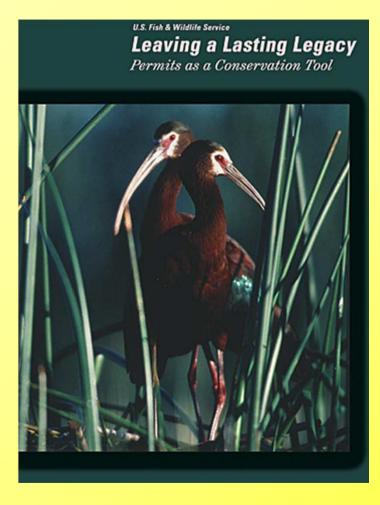
#### Permits as a Conservation Tool Role of the USFWS International Program





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# Permits Strategic Plan



•Uses permits to promote long-term conservation of wildlife and their habitats by ensuring that international trade does not threaten their survival in the wild.

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# Permits Legal Mandates

- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)
- Endangered Species Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle
  Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Wild Bird Conservation
  Act





- Law Enforcement HQ/Regional/Port Offices
- Endangered Species Regional Offices
- Migratory Bird Regional Offices
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http://permits.fws.gov



# **Permits**

- Enable legitimate activities that would otherwise be prohibited by law
- Ensure activities are carried out in a manner that safeguards wildlife:
  - Consider risks and benefits of proposed activities
  - Base permit decisions on best available science
- Promote conservation:
  - Authorizing scientific research and monitor activities consistent with species enhancement
  - Generate data
  - Allow wildlife management and rehabilitation



# Permits...

- Help to conserve wildlife and their habitats, although most people are unaware of the role
- Can tell us something useful about the resources they regulate
- Allow us to monitor activities to determine how they affect protected wildlife populations
- Enable scientists to conduct research on protected species to develop information needed to assist with their conservation.



#### **DMA - Permits**

- A significant way that DMA implements CITES is through the permit issuance process
- In FY2011, DMA issued approximately 25,000+ permits and documents under CITES, ESA, Lacey Act, WBCA, and MMPA
- The vast majority of these issuances however were under CITES





# • YEAR REPTILES AMPHIBIANS

- 2010 7,000 68
- 2011 **7,500 79**
- 2012 5,760 **18**



#### Please be aware..



• If specimens are protected by other laws and/or treaties such as the Endangered Species Act, you are required to obtain additional authorizations prior to any export, re-export or import of specimens.

# **Application Forms**

- Submit application form (3-200-xx) and proper processing fees
  - 24 (live captive born)
  - 27(export wildlife removed form the wild)
  - 73 (re-export of wildlife)
  - 42 (injurious wildlife)
- Processing time (60 days)
- Valid for six months
- Comply with Special Conditions
- Comply with Foreign country laws

### Questions? Please contact us:

- Phone: 1-800-358-2104
  Or email <u>managementauthority@fws.gov</u>
- Updates on current listings, CITES application forms, permits, and inspection requirements:
  - www.fws.gov
  - www.cites.org
  - www.usda.gov



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# Permits: A Conservation Tool

