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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.



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**





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Who We Work With in the FWS

- Law Enforcement HQ/Regional/Port Offices
- Endangered Species Regional Offices
- Migratory Bird Regional Offices
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Permits



<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**





CITES Permits Issued

• YEAR	REPTILES	AMPHIBIANS
• 2010	7,000	68
• 2011	7,500	79
• 2012	5,760	18



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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 from 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**



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Questions? Please contact us:

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





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