

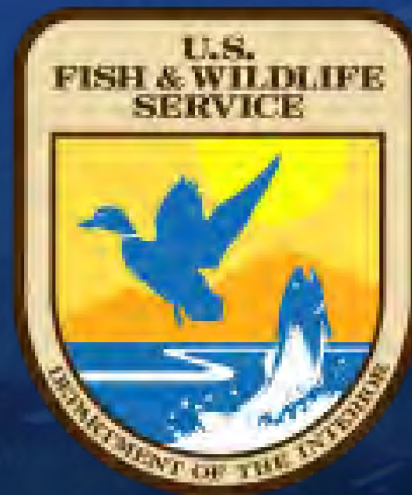
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# U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## Overview Presentation



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# **Our Mission**

***“Working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people”***



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# **DOI Operations Priorities**

## **Priorities for new Administration:**

- **Comprehensive Plan for Reforming the Federal Government and Reducing the Federal Civilian Workforce**
- **Hiring Controls memo for DOI**
- **Managing Grants Cooperative Agreements and other Significant Actions before decisions**
- **Secretarial Orders on American Energy Independence, Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation, etc**



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# By the Numbers

## Our work spans the globe, including:

- **565** National Wildlife Refuges
- **20 Million Acres** of Wilderness
- **72** National Fish Hatcheries
- **80** ES Field Offices
- **7** National Monuments
- **8 Law Enforcement Agents** at U.S. Embassies worldwide
- Projects funded in more than **75 countries**





# National Wildlife Refuge System

- Nearly **48 Million** annual visitors
- Major **rural economic driver**
- **Significant hunting and fishing opportunities**
- **Ongoing work to support SO 3347 to promote additional hunter and angler access**

**565 National Wildlife Refuges** provide key habitat for:

- **220+ mammal species**
- **700+ bird species**
- **1000+ fish species**
- **380+ Threatened or Endangered species**





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# Migratory Bird Program

## Sustaining healthy migratory bird populations through:

- Working with partners across North America to **maintain healthy migratory game bird populations**;
- Protecting and conserving non-game migratory bird populations **across their range** in North and South America;
- Administering grant programs **supporting partnership driven bird habitat conservation** projects;
- **Working with landowners** to avoid/reduce development impacts to birds;
- Supporting a **nationwide network** of bird conservation Joint Ventures.





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# Endangered Species Program

**We work to protect and recover 1,966 listed species (U.S. and foreign). Ongoing work to support SO 3349 on regulations and larger Executive Orders:**

- 1,059 Endangered animals and plants in the United States
- 313 Threatened animals and plants in the United States
- 594 endangered and threatened foreign species

## **We work by:**

- Providing consultation to other Federal Agencies;
- Providing, grants, tools and technical assistance to landowners;
- Implementing listing and recovery actions;
- Issuing permits and providing predictability for stakeholders;





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# Fish & Aquatic Conservation

We're focused on science-based conservation & restoration of native fish & aquatic species. Significant support for angling and boating constituencies. Ongoing work to support SO 3347 to promote additional angler access.

- 200+ field stations, including **72 National Fish Hatcheries, 7 Fish Technology Centers**
- **2 million+** annual visitors
- We've worked with **over 700** partners to remove **1,638+** dams and other barriers -
  - Reopened **24,000** river miles
  - Reconnected **170,000** acres of wetlands to natural stream flows





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# International Affairs Program

- Wildlife Without Borders Species, Regional and Global Grant Programs have funded conservation projects in **over 75 countries.**



- We **ensure sustainable wildlife trade**, issuing **20,000+ permits annually.**

- We work with range countries across the globe, **providing tools, training and funding** to help them protect

**and sustainable species, including elephants, rhinos and tigers.**





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# Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration

- Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs provide **vital funding for conservation at the state and local level**, including habitat restoration, research and recreation. **Significant support for hunting, angling and boating including Three R's.**
  - Over **\$1 Billion annually in dedicated funding** from excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment
- WSFR Grant Programs also fund infrastructure for **recreational boating and fishing.**
- We administer State and Tribal Wildlife Grants to **support their priority conservation efforts.**





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# Office of Law Enforcement

- OLE works domestically and internationally to **enforce wildlife laws and protect vulnerable species. Strong partnership and cooperation with State Fish and Game Agencies.**
  - **208 special agents** conduct investigations of poaching and illegal trade; and
  - **140 wildlife inspectors** stationed at U.S. ports examine cargo shipments to ensure compliance with U.S. laws.
- National Wildlife Forensics Lab - **analysis of evidence in wildlife crimes**
- **Training and technical investigative support** for foreign game wardens and wildlife officers

