



**NOAA
FISHERIES**

**Office of Law
Enforcement**

NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement Overview

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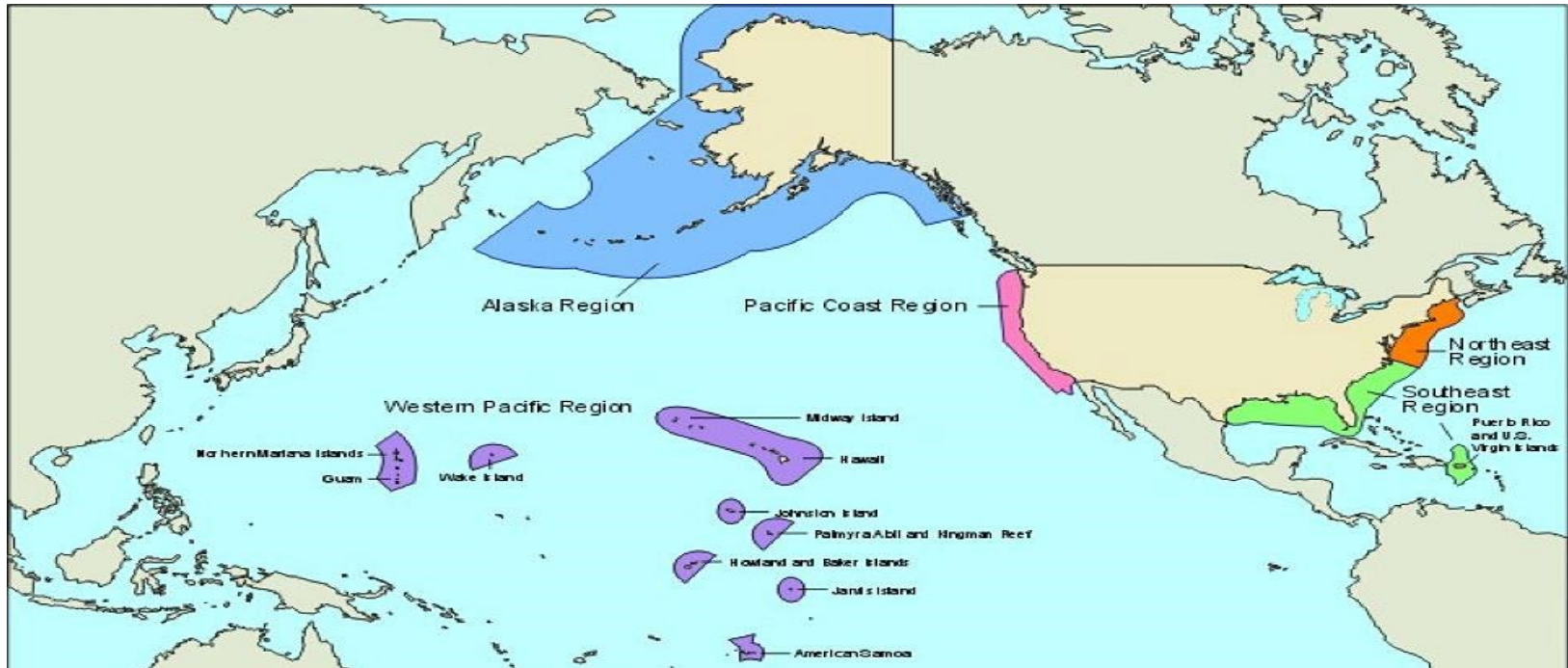
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NOAA Fisheries Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)

- Protects marine wildlife and habitat by enforcing both domestic laws and international treaty requirements.
- OLE is the only federal law enforcement agency fully dedicated to enforcement of marine resource laws.



U.S. Primary Jurisdiction



- **3.36 million sq. miles** of open ocean
- 16 National Marine Sanctuaries and 5 National Marine Monuments
- High seas and international trade relating to U.S. treaties and international law
- **More than 95,000 miles** of U.S. coastline

NOAA Office of Law Enforcement

- Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD
- **Five Divisions** co-located with Regional Offices
- 51 field offices throughout the U.S. and territories
- 74 Special Agents
- 80 Enforcement Officers
- 91 Support Staff (including Fisheries Investigative Analysts)



Select Federal Partnerships

- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center
- U.S. Navy
- INTERPOL
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Marshals Service
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Attorney's Offices



Domestic Law Enforcement

- Patrols & Inspections
- Investigations
- 28 State Cooperative Enforcement Partnerships
(States and Territories)
- Compliance Assistance & Education
- Nationwide Satellite based Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)
- Prosecution Partnership
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section
 - U.S. Department of Justice



*Using VMS, NOAA Enforcement monitors more than **4,500 vessels** to ensure compliance and provides data to the U.S. Coast Guard, State and Territory partners, NOAA scientists, and fisheries managers.*

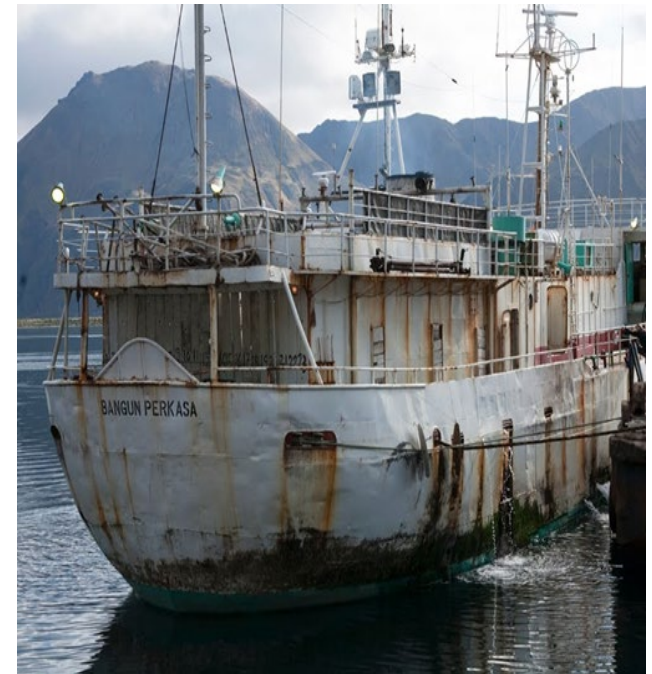
International Law Enforcement



OLE International Engagement

Combating IUUF activity and the trafficking of marine products through:

- Conducting investigations of IUU fishing activity and trafficking in IUU fish & fish products
- Engaging in bilateral and multilateral arrangements
- Participating in regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs)
- Participating in Task Forces on IUU Fishing / Wildlife Trafficking / Seafood Fraud / Forced Labor



OLE International Engagement Continued.

Combating IUUF activity and the trafficking of marine products through:

- Providing fisheries enforcement technical assistance
- Implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement and other IUU-related agreements & legislation
- Coordinating with international organizations (e.g. INTERPOL, International MCS Network)
- Providing fisheries enforcement investigation and analysis support



OLE additionally works to combat:

- Wildlife trafficking (e.g. sea turtle and marine mammal parts)
- Trafficking of marine products (e.g., totoaba)
- Seafood fraud
- Forced labor and Human trafficking

