

Office of Law

Enforcement

NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Overview

SEAFDEC Regional PSM Inspector Training Bangkok, Thailand

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NOAA OLE

- Headquarters in Silver Spring, MD
- Five Divisions co-located with Regional Offices
- 53 field offices throughout the U.S. and territories
- 69 Special Agents
- 58 Enforcement Officers
- 65 Support Staff, including a Fisheries Analyst Team







OLE Analyst Team

Five Full-time Analysts:

- Diverse intelligence backgrounds and experience
- Access to a variety of law enforcement and open source systems
- Experienced in the use of multiple analytical tools and methodologies













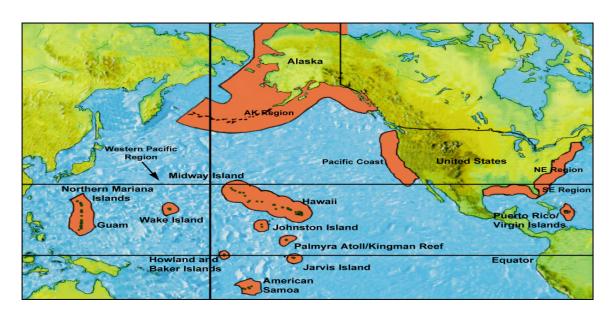
Analytical Team Mission and Support

Provide research and analysis in support of OLE enforcement mission:

- Investigative operations support
- Compliance monitoring
- International Agreements and Policies
- Congressional reporting requirements



U.S. Primary Jurisdiction



- 3.36 million square miles of open ocean
- More than 95,000 miles of U.S. coastline
- 14 National Marine Sanctuaries and 4 National Marine Monuments
- High seas and international trade relating to U.S. treaties and international law



Primary Laws OLE Enforces







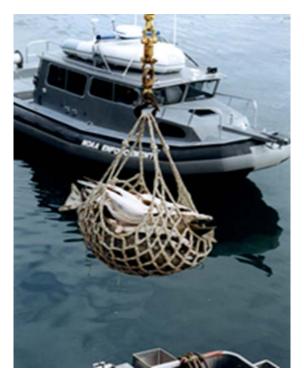


- Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Port State Measures Agreement Act of 2015 (PSMA)
- National Marine Sanctuaries Act
- RFMO Implementing Statutes



Law Enforcement Operations

- Patrols & Inspections
- Investigations
- 28 State Cooperative Enforcement Partnerships
- Cooperation with U.S. Coast Guard
- Federal Partnerships (USFWS, CBP)
- 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 <u>4,500</u> <u>vessels</u> to ensure compliance and provides data to the U.S. Coast Guard, State and Territory partners, NOAA scientists, and fisheries managers.



International Law Enforcement

- Investigations of IUU fishing activity and trafficking in IUU fish & fish products
- Engagement in bilateral and multilateral arrangements
- Port State Measures and other IUUrelated agreements & legislation
- Import Monitoring, Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) Implementation, Trade Monitoring/SIMP
- Fisheries enforcement technical assistance to combat IUU fishing





Technical Assistance to Combat IUU Fishing & International Cooperation

Science, stewardship, monitoring and enforcement



Addressing root problems provides long-term solutions



Technical Assistance/Capacity Efforts

- PSM, Counter-IUU Fishing, MCS, Marine Wildlife Trafficking
- Investigative and Intel Analysis Cooperation
- Partnering Organizations for NOAA:
 - US Agency for International Development (USAID)
 - Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL)
 - UN Food and Agriculture Agency (UN FAO) (PSMA)
 - International MCS Network







NOAA OLE PSMA Training Modules

- 1. International Cooperation and Global Initiatives to Combat IUU Fishing
- Operational Requirements of the Port State Measures Agreement
- 3. U.S. Implementation of the PSMA
- Pre-arrival Activities and Risk Assessment
- 5. Sources of Information to Verify Pre-Arrival Information
- 6. Ethics
- 7. Health, Safety, and Security Issues
- 8. Conservation and Management Measures of Relevant RFMOs
- 9. Collection, Evaluation and Preservation of Evidence

- General procedures such as Notetaking, Report-writing, and Interview techniques
- 11. Information Analysis
- 12. Using Annex C The Inspection Form
- 13. Conducting a PSMA Vessel Inspection
- 14. Initiation of Investigation and Elements of a violation
- 15. VMS and Other Electronic Systems
- Post inspection Activities, Information Sharing, and Reporting
- 17. Reporting Inspection Results
- 18. Conducting PSMA Investigations



International PSMA Workshops

- Indonesia: PSMA Inspector / Managers Training Workshops
- Philippines: Biannual Port State Measures Inspector Training Workshops
- Thailand and Vietnam: PSMA Inspector Training and Implementation Support
- Thailand: High Level Regional PSMA Implementation Workshop
- Five Latin America/Caribbean Nations: PSMA Inspector training & MCS support (Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago)
- Peru: High Level Regional PSMA Implementation Workshop

Upcoming: Indonesia, Thailand, SEAFDEC/SE Asia Region, Vietnam, Philippines, Peru

In collaboration with/support from: Caribbean / Latin America (UN FAO, DOS) and SE Asia (USAID, SEAFDEC, INL, UN FAO)









Broader Combating IUU Fishing Training Modules

- International Cooperation, and Global Initiatives to Combat IUU Fishing
- Prosecutorial Tools for Combating IUU Fishing
- Emerging Technologies for Combating IUU Fishing
- Intelligence Analyst Overview and Resources
- Critical Control Points and Risk Assessment for Combating IUU Fishing
- Initiating / Conducting IUU Fishing Related Investigations



International OLE Training

- SE Asia (USAID, SEAFDEC)
- Thailand Combating IUÚ Fishing and Crimes Associated w/ IUU
- South Korea Collaboration workshop to
- Combat IUU Fishing with MCS
 Philippines Counter-IUU Fishing and Port State Measures Workshop
- Indonesia Counter-IUU Fishing and Port Inspector Training Workshop
 Barbados – Western Central Atlantic Fisheries
- Commission IUU Working Group
- West Africa Combating IUU Fishing
- Ecuador Combating IUU Fishing
- Chile Combating IUU Fishing Workshop







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