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Enforcement

# NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Overview

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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 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

- Investigations of IUU fishing activity and trafficking in IUU fish & fish products
- Engagement in bilateral and multilateral arrangements
- Port State Measures and other IUU-related 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
2. Operational Requirements of the Port State Measures Agreement
3. U.S. Implementation of the PSMA
4. 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
10. General procedures such as Note-taking, 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
16. 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 IUU 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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