





## **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

## IMPORT AND EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC SPECIMENS

## **FWS OFFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- Break up international smuggling rings that target protected wildlife
- Preventing the unlawful commercial exploitation of protected wildlife
- Inspecting wildlife shipments to ensure compliance with laws and treaties
- > Training other federal, state, tribal, and foreign law enforcement officers
- Distributing information to increase public understanding of wildlife conservation and promote compliance with wildlife protection laws







## **DEFINITIONS**

Accredited Scientist: Any individual associated with, employed by, or under contract by an accredited scientific institution for the purpose of conducting biological or medical research, and whose research activities are approved and sponsored by the scientific institution granting accreditation.

Accredited Scientific Institutions: Any public museum, public zoological park, accredited institution of higher education which conducts biological or medical research.

https://www.cites.org/eng/common/reg/e\_si.html







## WILDLIFE PRODUCTS

Any animal, or any part, product, including, but not limited to;

- > Tissue
- > Egg
- > Fur
- > DNA
- > Scale
- > Skin
- > Feather







# DOMESTICATED ANIMALS NOT REGULATED BY FWS

Include, but are not limited to: cats, dogs, pigs, horses, cattle, goats, llamas, lab mice, sheep, pigeons. 50 CFR 14.4







## **NON WILDLIFE PRODUCTS**

#### **Fossils**



Wildlife Byproducts:

- Snake Venom
- > Urine
- > Fecal Matter
- Stricter National Measures

#### **Extinct Species**





### WHAT IS A "PROTECTED SPECIES?"

Protected species are species that require permits under Federal law or international treaty.

#### **Examples include:**

- > Federally listed endangered or threatened species
- Migratory birds
- Marine mammals
- Injurious wildlife



Wildlife protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)



## CERTIFICATE OF SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE (COSE)

- ➤ A COSE authorizes the non-commercial loan, donation or exchange between scientists or scientific institutions registered by a Management Authority of their country, of preserved, dried or embedded specimens, which includes a label issued or approved by a Management Authority.
- ➢ If the specimens are protected by other U.S. laws and/or treaties, such as the ESA, MMPA, MBTA, you are required to obtain additional authorizations prior to import of those specimens.
- > CITES permits are needed for any protected specimens collected in the field.
- ➤ A COSE cannot be used with specimens collected by researchers unless such specimens are accessioned into the collection of a registered facility. For the import or export of specimens that are not part of a scientific institution collection, have not yet been collected, or accessioned into a collection, you will need to submit Form 3-200-37.

https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-39.pdf COSE APPLICATION

https://www.fws.gov.forms/3-200-37.pdf CITES APPLICATION

#### **COSE TRANSFER/LOAN/DONATION**











#### CITES + COLLECTED FROM THE FIELD = CITES PERMIT





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## **INVASIVE SPECIES** 50 CFR 16.22 IF LIVE

MAMMALS, BIRDS, LIVE EGGS, AMPHIBIANS, REPTILES AND AQUATIC SPECIES DECLARE PARTS/PRODUCTS









## **DECLARATIONS 3-177**

- All wildlife must be declared at your first port of entry.
- ➤ If the specimen is unknown, it can be declared in general terms and an amended 3-177 will be required within 180 days.
- > The declaration must identify specimens to the most accurate taxonomic classification reasonably practicable.

50 CFR 14.24 Dead, preserved, dried, or embedded scientific specimens, may be imported or exported at any customs port or through the mail by accredited scientists or accredited scientific institutions (14.4) for taxonomic or systematic research purposes, provided the wildlife does not require a permit under 50 CFR Part 16 (injurious species) Part 17 (ESA) Part 18 (MMPA) or Part 21 (MBTA), or Part 23 (CITES).

Not live + Not protected = Any customs port

## **DECLARATIONS 3-177**

- > Commercial
- Personal
- > Instructions page
- Place outside of shipping container

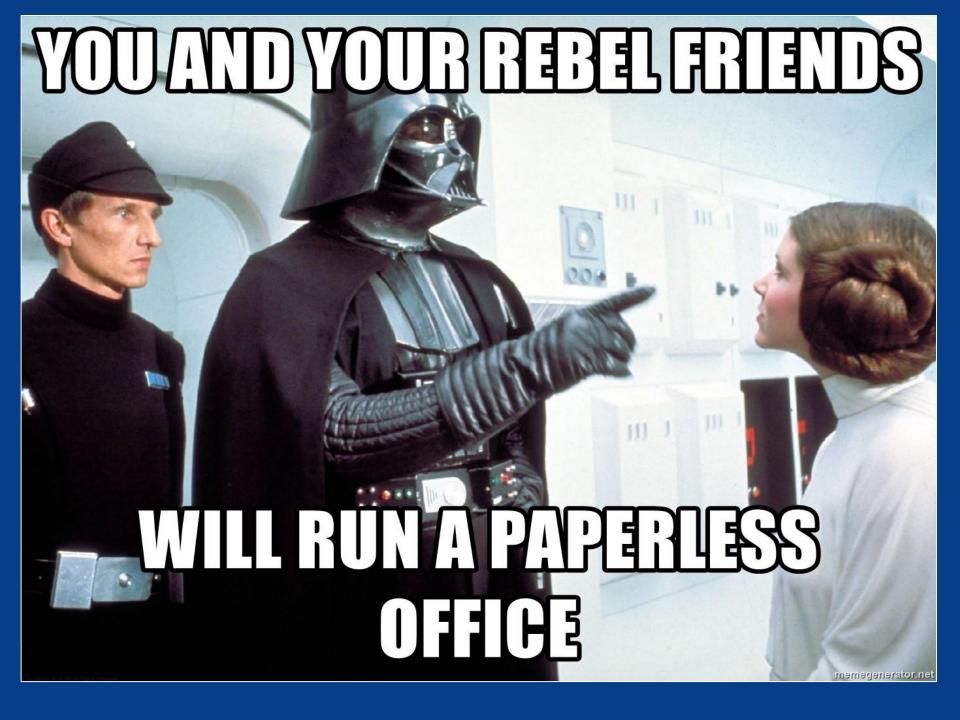
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## **ELECTRONIC DECLARATIONS**

- 1. Go to: www.fws.gov
- 2. Importing/Exporting
- 3. Click "eDecs"
- 4. Create New Account
- 5. Submit declaration electronically
- FWS is aware of your shipment immediately
- Eliminate paper declaration
- Upload supporting documentation

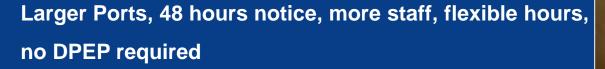




## DESIGNATED PORTS 50 CFR 14.12

- Anchorage, Alaska
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Chicago, Illinois
- > Los Angeles, California
- > Louisville, Kentucky
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Miami, Florida
- New Orleans, Louisiana
- New York, New York
- Portland, Oregon
- San Francisco, California

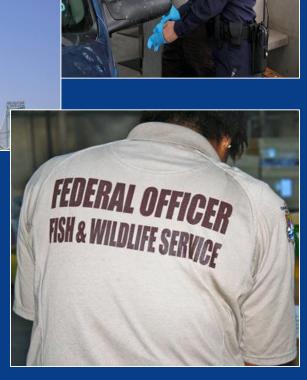




## **NON-DESIGNATED PORTS**

- Blaine, Washington
- > Buffalo, New York
- Derby Line, Vermont
- Detroit, Michigan
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Port Huron, Michigan
- Tampa, Florida





#### **DESIGNATED EXCEPTION PERMIT**

https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-2

- Select criteria (Scientific Purposes)
- Multiple Ports of Entry
- Number of shipments
- Animal Description
- \$100 Application Fee
- Renewable
- Expires after two years
- Required if specimen in live or protected



#### **EXPRESS CONSIGNMENT CARRIERS**

FedEx: Memphis, TN 901-544-3694



**DHL: Erlanger, KY** 859-817-8299



**UPS:** Louisville, KY 502-582-5989



International Mail: Depends



## **PENALTIES**

Violations may result in the seizure and forfeiture of the wildlife, monetary penalties or both.



## **KNOW BEFORE YOU GO**

- Secure a trusted shipper
- Determine port of entry/exit
- Contact Wildlife Inspection Office
- Determine if you need any permits







## **Contact Information**

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To Report a Wildlife Crime:

Email: fws\_tips@fws.gov

Call: 1-844-397-8477

