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# NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Overview

**Focus:** International Operations

# Objectives

- Discuss OLE's Domestic & International Operations
- Identify the importance of interagency cooperation and information sharing
- Discuss ongoing international capacity building efforts

# NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)



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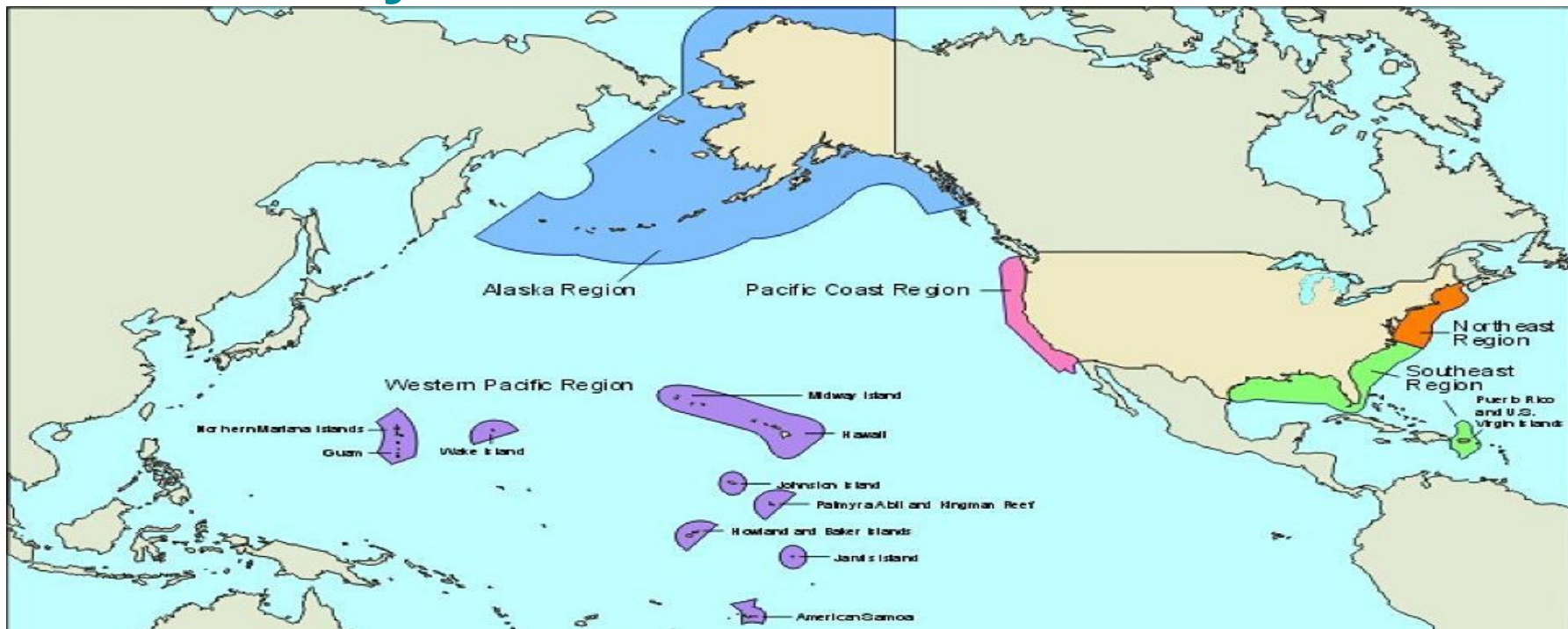
# NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)

- Headquarters: Silver Spring, MD
- **Five divisions** co-located with regional offices
- 51 field offices **throughout the U.S. and territories**
- 65 Special Agents
- 70 Enforcement Officers
- 74 Support Staff (including fisheries intelligence analysts)





# U.S. Primary Jurisdiction



- **3.36 million sq. miles** of open ocean • High seas and international trade relating to U.S. treaties and international law
- 14 National Marine Sanctuaries and 2 National Marine Monuments • **More than 95,000 miles** of U.S. coastline



# What we do



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# Primary Laws OLE Enforces



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





# Domestic Operations

- Investigations
- Patrols & Inspections
- 29 State Cooperative Enforcement Partnerships
- Compliance Assistance & Education
- Collaboration with:
  - U.S. Coast Guard
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Customs and Border Protection
  - NOAA Office of General Counsel Enforcement Section
  - U.S. Department of Justice





# International Operations

- Investigations of IUU fishing activity and trafficking in IUU fish & fish products
- Port State Measures and other IUUF- related agreements & legislation
- Engagement in bilateral and multilateral arrangements
- Technical assistance and Capacity building
- Coordination with international organizations (INTERPOL)

# What is IUU Fishing?

- There are three components
  - **Illegal** Fishing
  - **Unreported** Fishing
  - **Unregulated** Fishing
- Fishing activity that does not comply with national, regional, or global fisheries obligations

# Impacts of IUU Fishing

- **Ecological Impacts**
  - Unsustainable harvests can deplete local fish stocks
  - Unauthorized gear can damage sensitive ecosystems
- **Economic Impacts**
  - Illegal fishery product can compete with and undermine legal fishermen's product
- **Social Impacts**
  - Jeopardizes community food security
  - Can threaten the safety of other mariners
- **Security Impacts**
  - Threat of maritime piracy and transnational organized crime

# Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)



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<http://www.fao.org/port-state-measures/en/>



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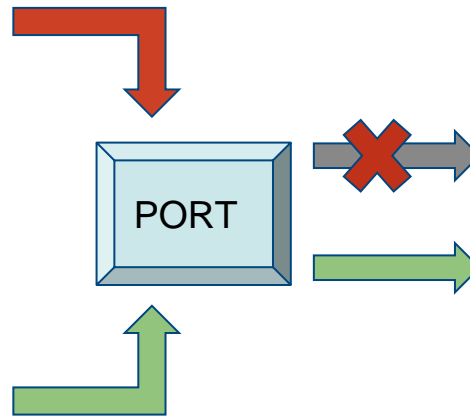
- Entered into force globally June 2016.
- Currently, there are 72 Parties
- Aims to implement effective port State measures to support sustainable marine resource use
- Works to develop enforcement capacity at PSMA ports
- Success relies on international collaboration and information sharing

# Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA)

## Illegal Unreported Unregulated Harvest



## Legal Reported Regulated Harvest



## Market



# Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA): Takeaways

- Removes financial incentives for IUU fishing
- Gathers and communicates valuable law enforcement data
- Improves ability to detect infractions and deter IUU product





# OLE Capacity Building





# OLE Capacity Building: PSMA Workshops

- **Colombia:** PSMA Manager's Workshop
- **Ecuador:** PSMA Manager's Workshop
- **Philippines:** Fishery Inspector Training Workshop
- **Peru:** PSMA Manager's Workshop
- **Thailand:** PSMA Container Inspection & Boarding Exercise Workshops
- **Vietnam:** PSMA Fishery Inspector Boarding Exercises Workshop
- **Upcoming:** Thailand, Ecuador, Indonesia, Philippines, and Colombia



# OLE Capacity Building: NOAA Partnership with GOI

- 2012: MCS Assessment (Coral Triangle Initiative)
- 2015: Counter IUUF Workshop
- 2016: Piloted the NOAA OLE PSM Inspector Training Program in Manado in collaboration with the GOI
- 2018: 2nd Port State Measures Inspector Training Workshop was held in Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2018: Inter-ministry PSM Implementation Workshop for Echelon 1 and 2 in Bogor



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- **Next training: PSMA training curriculum workshop (2022)**



# OLE Capacity Building: Future Support

- Training-of-Trainer workshops
- KKP led inter-ministry PSM Inspector Training workshops
- Speciality Workshops
- **End goal:** 100% Indonesia led and sustained PSMA Program.



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# Questions?



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