



International Cooperation and Global Initiatives to Combat IUU Fishing



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SEAFDEC Port State Measures
Container Inspection Training
Workshop

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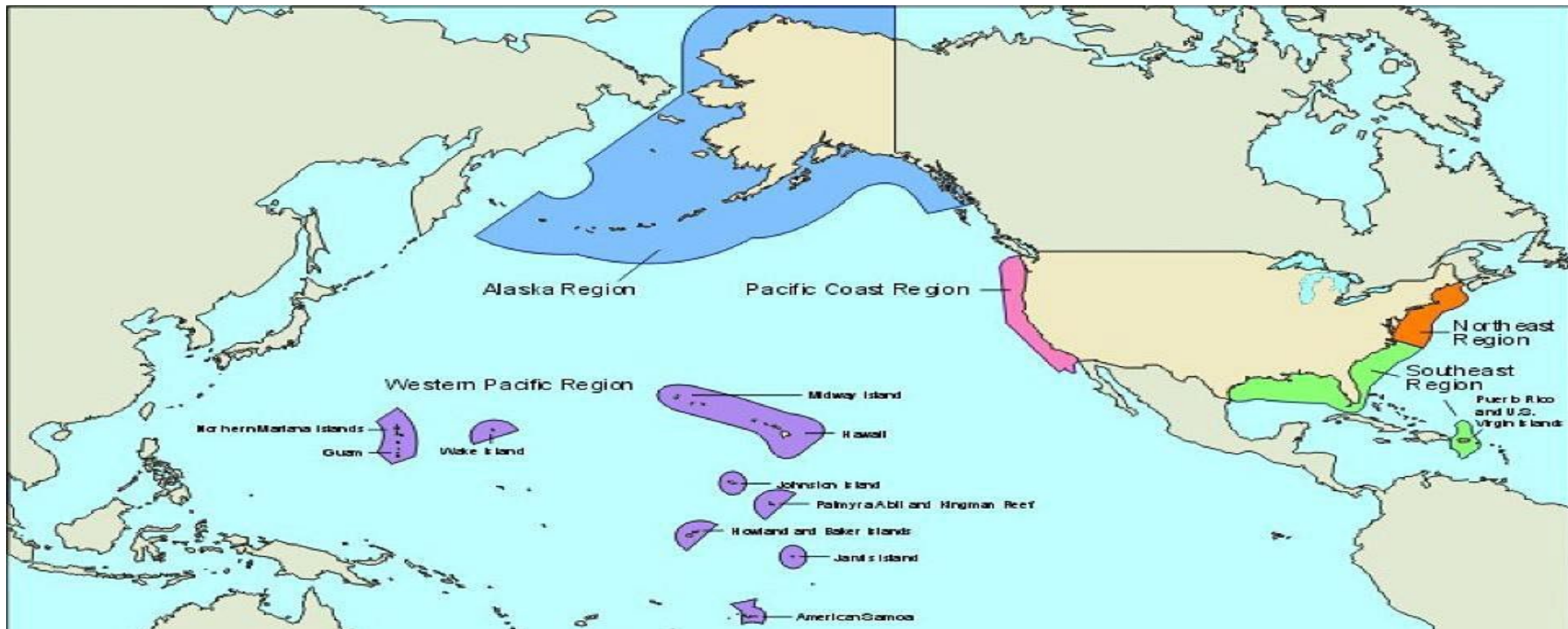
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NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE)

- 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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 - Fishing in another country's Exclusive Economic Zone without permission



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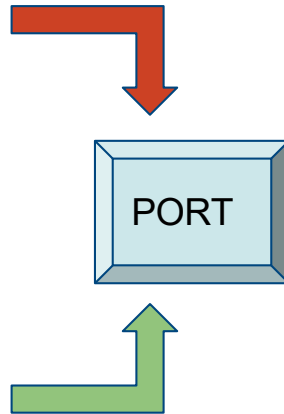


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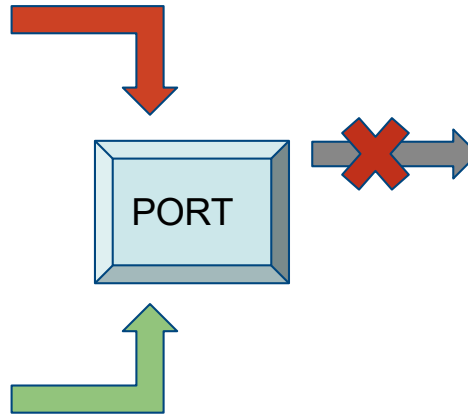


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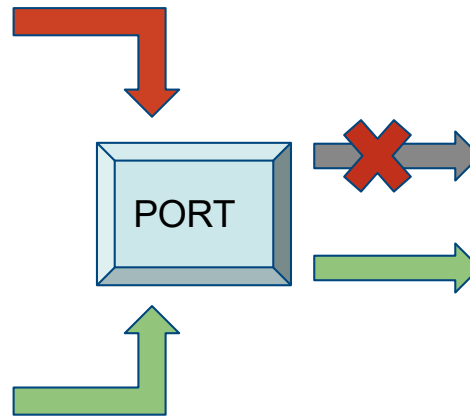


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Disclaimer

IUU Lists



The Information System of the Global Record of Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels is a single access point for information on vessels used for fishing and fishing-related activities to combat illegal,

Related Links

- FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
- COFI 32
- Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA)

Contact us

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<http://www.fao.org/global-record/information-system/en/>

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