

## **Internet Crimes and Resource Conservation:**

### **How State and Federal Conservation Agencies are Investigating Internet Crimes**

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#### **Abstract**

The United States is believed to be the leader in the illegal trade of endangered and protected species. The internet has become a vast trading post for this criminal activity. Conservation agencies across the country and Canada were surveyed as to their involvement in investigating internet related crimes. The survey information that was returned was analyzed and depicted a snap shot of the allocation of conservation law enforcement officers assigned to a specialty unit to investigate internet related resource crimes. The information showed that only forty-three percent of the state and federal conservation agencies even have a specialty unit assigned to investigate internet crimes. The report details conservation efforts in detecting internet related crimes, methods, and types of crime being investigated.