

## ESA Overview Module 8 – Sections 6, 8, 8A and 17 Minor Provisions

### Minor Provisions – Introduction (slides 1-7)

Hello, I'm Debra Bills, assistant field supervisor in the Phoenix, Arizona Ecological Services Office. While I started my Fish and Wildlife Service career in Fisheries, I've been in Ecological Services for more than 20 years. It's given me an appreciation for all aspects of the Endangered Species Act.

And in this module, we're going to look at some of the minor provisions of the Act. Our last seven modules have addressed petitions, listing, and recovery. We have also reviewed agency policies and responsibilities. Now we're going to take a quick look at sections of the Act that allow the Federal Government to cooperate on both local and international scales.

There are many small, yet still important sections of the Endangered Species Act. We're going to concentrate on four of them. We'll also learn where additional information can be obtained about these sections.

We'll focus first on Section 6 of the Act – cooperation with the states. Section 6 is the basis by which Federal and state governments cooperate on native species conservation. Funding, such as cooperative agreements and grants, help states meet their conservation goals.

Next, we'll look at Section 8 of the Act, which authorizes the U.S. government to provide financial assistance and personnel to foreign governments to conserve, protect, and recover listed species around the world.

Section 8A provides the authority for involvement by the United States in two key international wildlife conservation treaties – the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which is commonly called CITES, and the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, also known simply as the Western Convention.

And finally, we'll learn about Section 17 – how the Endangered Species Act interacts with the often more restrictive Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Some sections, however, we'll leave for you to learn about on your own. Most of these are administrative or self-explanatory or aren't relevant to today's administration of the Endangered Species Act. So let's begin with a closer look at Section 6.