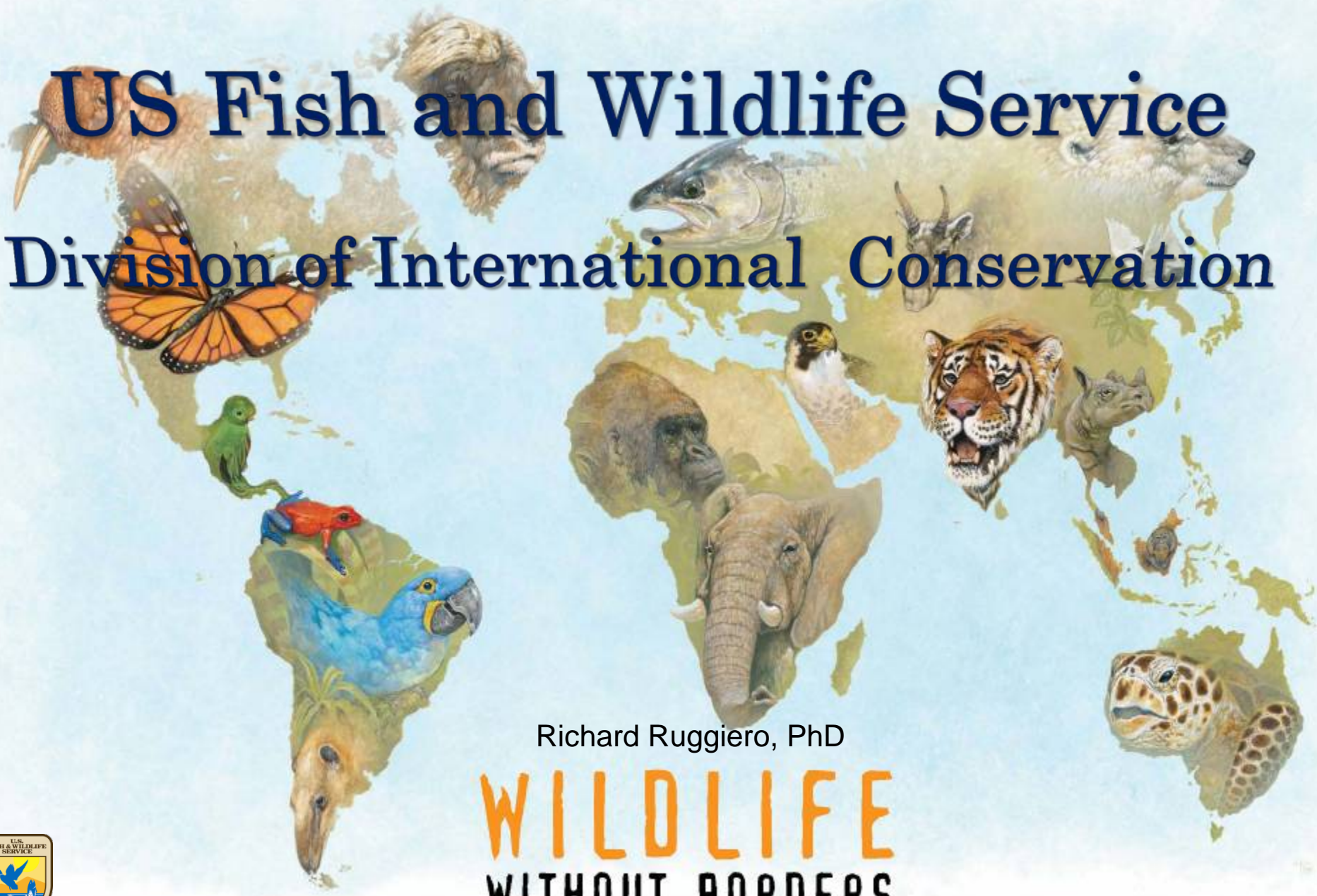


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WITHOUT BORDERS



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ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATES



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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING,
DRUG SMUGGLING AND
ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**



Are We Losing the Battle?



***BETWEEN 10,000 AND 15,000
ELEPHANTS WERE KILLED IN
MINKEBE AREA IN TEN YEARS***



Are we Losing the Battle?



***Central Africa
has lost at least
60% of its
elephants in the
past ten years***



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CORRUPTION



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FOLLOW THE MONEY!

- ATTACK VULNERABLE POINTS
- PUT THE BAD GUYS IN JAIL
- USE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

DISRUPT THE NETWORKS



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and....
REDUCE THE DEMAND



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***LAWS WITHOUT ENFORCEMENT
ARE JUST GOOD ADVICE.....***

Abraham Lincoln

***PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT OF
ALL IS A CHANGE IN THE HEARTS
AND MINDS OF THE PEOPLE.....***

John F. Kennedy



It Takes a "Global" Village...



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