



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: I12050022

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OIG received a request for assistance from a Federal Agent with a Federal Agency¹ which received information that an individual² may have illegally exported plants out of Antarctica in violation of the U.S. Antarctic Conservation Act (ACA).

It was determined that the individual had worked for the U.S. Antarctic Program as an NSF contractor for over 20 years and was last in Antarctica in 2009.

Discussions were held between the Federal Agent and NSF officials that deal with the enforcement of ACA violations. It was determined that there is no evidence of an ACA violation at this time.

No further investigative activity is warranted. This investigation is closed.

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