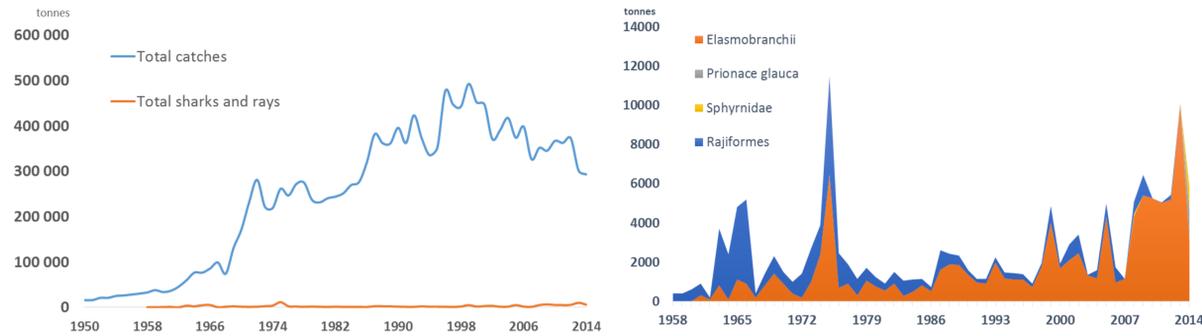




GHANA



CAPTURE FISHERIES PRODUCTION



Source: FAO Fishstat dataset 'Global capture production 1950–2014'

FISH TRADE AND COMMODITIES

Commodity (average 2009–2013)	Export		Import	
	Tonnes	USD'000	Tonnes	USD'000
Sharks nei, fresh or chilled	7	15	0	0
Sharks nei, frozen	175	195	0	0
Total shark commodities	183	210	0	0
Total all marine fisheries commodities	21 889	53 873	283 220	215 898

Source: FAO Fishstat dataset 'Global commodities production and trade 1976–2013'

FISHERIES AND TRADE

	<i>Sphyrna spp.</i>	<i>Manta spp.</i>	
FISHING AREAS	National waters		
	International waters		
TYPE OF FISHERIES	Industrial		
	Small-scale		
TARGET	Target		
	By-catch		
	Ecotourism		
COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE	Domestic market		
	Export		

MANAGEMENT MEASURES

SPECIES PROHIBITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited catch and trade of Thresher sharks, Oceanic whitetip shark (<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>) and Hammerhead sharks (<i>Sphyrna</i> spp.) [except for the Bonnethead (<i>Sphyrna tiburo</i>)] in tuna fisheries regulated by ICCAT. Developing coastal states exempted from the prohibition of hammerheads caught for local consumption.
SPATIAL RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited fishing with industrial fishing vessels (larger than 22 m) in the Inshore Economic Zone, defined as the coastal waters between the coastline and the 30-metre isobath or the 6 nautical miles offshore limit, whichever is farther. No towing gear is allowed in this zone.
GEAR RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum mesh sizes: driftnets (45 mm); multifilament set nets (50 mm); fish trawl nets (60 mm); shrimp trawl nets: (50 mm); small pelagic purse seine (25 mm); large pelagic purse seine (100 mm). Prohibited use of shrimp net without a Turtle Excluder Device (TED). Prohibited any driftnet fishing activities ; small-scale driftnets “nifa nifa” used in the main target shark fishery is exempted from this rule (Samuel Quatey, Dir. Fisheries, pers. comm.).
MINIMUM SIZES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited the capture and storage on board of any juvenile fish.
PRODUCT FORM RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibition of finning. Required 5% fin-to-body weight ratio for finned sharks on board vessels involved in tuna fisheries regulated by ICCAT.
PARTICIPATORY RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required licenses for small-scale, semi-industrial and industrial vessels.

NPOA *in progress*



IMPLEMENTING THE APPENDIX II LISTINGS

Progress made

- Regulations from ICCAT on endangered species implemented.

Current limitations

- Difficulties in total enforcement of rules and regulations for small-scale fisheries.

Needs

- More training in taxonomy.