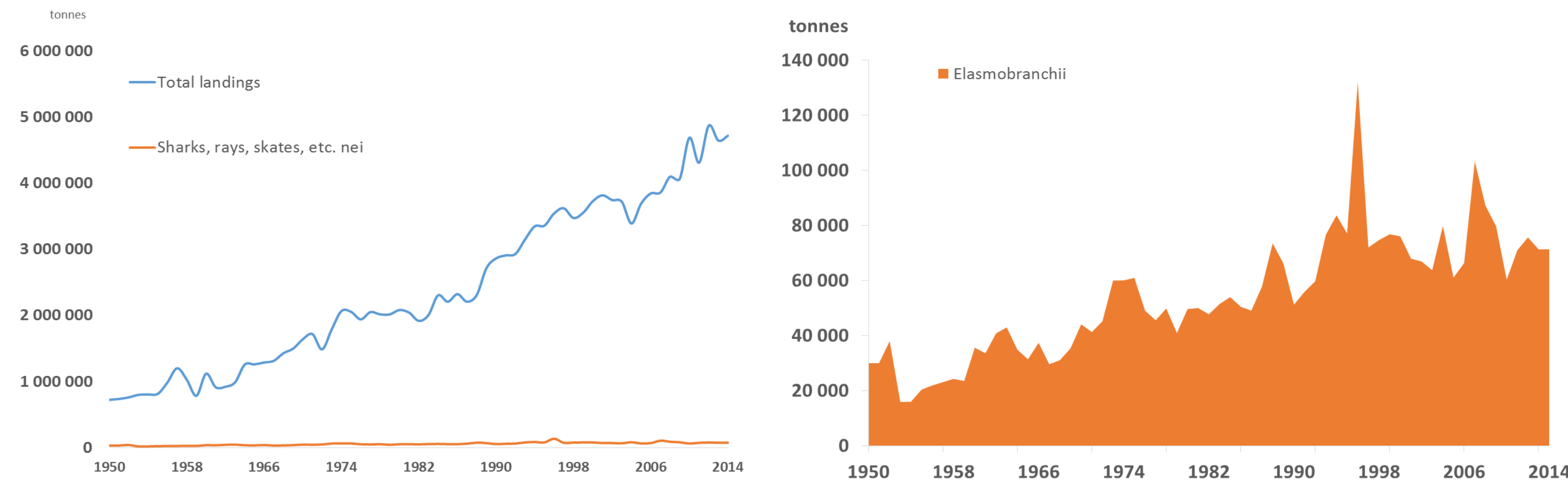




INDIA



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
Rays and skates (Rajidae), frozen	4	3		
Shark fillets nei, frozen	77	189	23	11
Shark fillets, fresh or chilled	0	1		
Shark fins, dried, whether or not salted, etc.	3	242		
Shark fins, frozen	106	8 684	0	1
Sharks nei, fresh or chilled	1	1	0	0
Sharks nei, frozen	5	10	0	0
Total shark commodities	195	9 129	24	12
Total all marine fisheries commodities	804 838	2 969 758	28 866	89 104

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

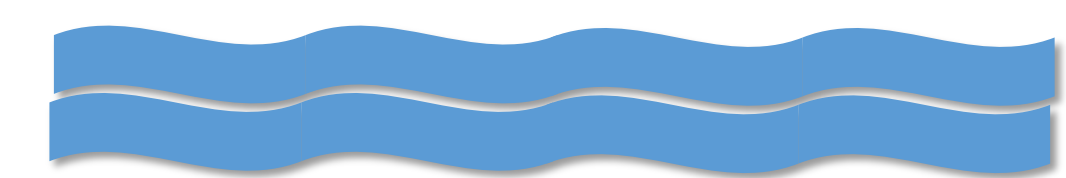
FISHERIES AND TRADE

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

MANAGEMENT MEASURES

SPECIES PROHIBITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of the sharks and rays species: <i>Rhincodon typus</i>, <i>Anoxypristis cuspidata</i>, <i>Carcharhinus hemiodon</i>, <i>Glyphis gangeticus</i>, <i>Glyphis glyphis</i>, <i>Himantura fluviatilis</i>, <i>Pristis microdon</i>, <i>Pristis zijsron</i>, <i>Rhynchobatus djiddensis</i> and <i>Urogymnus asperrimus</i>. Oceanic whitetip shark (<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>) not to be retained and to be released unharmed, to the extent practicable, when caught in association to IOTC regulated fisheries (Resolution IOTC 13/06 2013).
SPATIAL RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a total of 33 marine Protected areas (MPAs) in India, covering about 6 271 km².
TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ban on fishing for 47 days from 15 April to 31 May in East coast of India (both days inclusive) and from 15 June to 31 July in West coast of India (both days inclusive).
PRODUCT FORM RESTRICTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy on prohibition of "finning" of shark fins in the sea, prohibit the removal of shark fins on board of a vessel in the sea. Ministry of Environment and Forest (Wildlife Division) F. No 4-36/2013 WL, 21 August 2013.
GEAR RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restriction on mesh sizes and on certain seine nets (no details provided).
PARTICIPATORY RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entry controls through licenses.

NPOA under revision



IMPLEMENTING THE APPENDIX II LISTINGS

Progress made

- Capacity building workshop on Implementation of CITES Appendix II Listings of Shark and Manta Ray Species held in Chennai, India in August 2014.

Current limitations

- Difficulty to obtain fisheries data (catch, discards, effort) and life history parameters for the CITES listed species;
- Lack of data and information on utilization, marketing and trade of sharks and rays.

Needs

- Improve knowledge on the impact of fisheries on shark populations, stock boundaries and migration between geographic areas within and between Oceans;
- Definition of the supply chains of the different products and derivatives of sharks and rays in trade;
- Greater involvement of all stakeholder groups, including the fishermen community in order to achieve effective management of shark species.