MALDIVES

FISHERIES AND TRADE

CAPTURE FISHERIES PRODUCTION

FISH TRADE AND COMMODITIES

Commodity (average 2005-2010) | Export | Import
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| Tonnes | USD’000 |
Shark fins, dried, unsalted | 9 | 159 |
Shark fins dried, salted | 0 | 0 |
Shark fins, frozen | 7 | 12 |
Sharks nej, frozen | 14 | 5 |
Sharks, dried, salted or in brine | 198 | 140 |
Total | 231 (0.34%) | 341 (0.35%) |
Total all marine fisheries commodities | 68,853 | 96,622 |

Source: data from Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture of Maldives.

*Estimated shark catch based on exports (fin and oil). No data, average for 1963-73

GLOBAL TRADE

C. longimanus

Sphyrna sp.

MANAGEMENT MEASURES

IMPLEMENTING THE APPENDIX II LISTINGS

Progress made

- CITES law drafted;
- CITES permits being issued;
- Customs data maintained and monitored;
- Six training sessions held for customs officers;
- Participated in the Capacity Building workshop on CITES Appendix II listings of Sharks and Manta Ray Species, 26-28 Aug 2014, Chennai, India;
- Proposal to add Silky Shark to Appendix II at COP17.

Current limitations

- No mechanism in place to verify the exports of shark souvenirs are from imported ones;
- Lack of trained personnel and training materials;
- Lack of coordination between inter-government agencies.

Needs

- Produce user friendly (simple/low-cost/fast) and reliable identification tools for CITES-listed shark species and their products to enable timely procedures by customs and enforcement officers;
- Train customs officials and all other actors in the supply chain in the use of shark identification tools;
- Strengthen regional co-operation amongst stakeholders.

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