THAILAND

Source: FAO Fishstat dataset ‘Global commodities production and trade (1976-2013)’

FISH TRADE AND COMMODITIES

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<th>Commodity (average 2008-2013)</th>
<th>Export</th>
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<td>Tonnes</td>
<td>USD’000</td>
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<td>Rays and skates (Rajidae), fresh or chilled</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Rays and skates (Rajidae), frozen</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Shark fins, dried, whether or not salted, etc.</td>
<td>17</td>
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<td>Shark fins, prepared or preserved</td>
<td>5,643</td>
<td>28,057</td>
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<td>Sharks nei, fresh or chilled</td>
<td>36</td>
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<td>Sharks nei, frozen</td>
<td>595</td>
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<td>Total shark commodities</td>
<td>6,302</td>
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<td>Total all marine fisheries commodities</td>
<td>1,748,985</td>
<td>7,222,481</td>
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Source: FAO Fishstat dataset ‘Global capture production (1950-2014)’

FISH RESOURCES

- National waters
- International waters
- Industrial (Trawls)
- Small-scale
- Recreational
- Target
- By-catch
- Domestic market
- Export

FISHERIES AND TRADE

- Sphyrna lewini
- Sphyrna spp.
- C. longimanus

SPECIES PROHIBITIONS

- Oceanic whitetip shark (Carcharhinus longimanus) 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).
- Oceanic whitetip shark (Carcharhinus longimanus) fishery and landing prohibited in fisheries regulated by WCPOC (WCPOC CMM 2011-04).

PRODUCT FORM RESTRICTION

- Prohibited finning in fisheries regulated by IOTC and WCPOC. Required to apply a 5% fin-to-body weight ratio for sharks on board vessels up to the first point of landing.

SPATIAL RESTRICTIONS

- Prohibition of fishing by trawlers and push netters within a distance of 3-5.4 km from the shoreline and within a perimeter of 400 m of any stationary gear through the year.
- MPAs where all types of fisheries are banned: Aquatic sanctuaries; National Marine Park; Mangrove swamps; Coral reefs areas; Sea grass bed; Environmental protection area.
- Thailand has 16 designated National Marine Parks, covering a total area of 5,154 km² (average size 322 km²). The total area under protection represents over 2% of the shelf area.

TEMPORAL RESTRICTIONS

- Closed season of 3 months: 15 February - 15 May in the Gulf of Thailand (cover the area 26,400 km²) and 1 April - 30 June in the Andaman Sea (cover the area 4,696 km²).

PARTICIPATORY RESTRICTIONS

- Required fishing license and boat registration for all types of fisheries.

LIMITS TO FISHING CAPACITY

- Freeze of trawling fleet since 1996.

NPOA YES (under revision)

IMPLEMENTING THE APPENDIX II LISTINGS

- Progress made
  - Dissemination of the knowledge on sharks and rays in CITES lists;
  - Translation of the identifying shark fins of PEW in Thai version and distributed to relevant officers.

- Current limitations
  - Lack of programmes for awareness raising;
  - Lack of database system for stock assessment and management sharks and ray resources;
  - Funding for shark research and CITES implementation is very limited.

- Needs
  - Develop and implement comprehensive awareness programs;
  - Train customs officials and all other actors in the supply chain in the use of shark identification tools;
  - Invite recipient countries to prioritize CITES implementation in their request for capacity building assistance to donors.

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