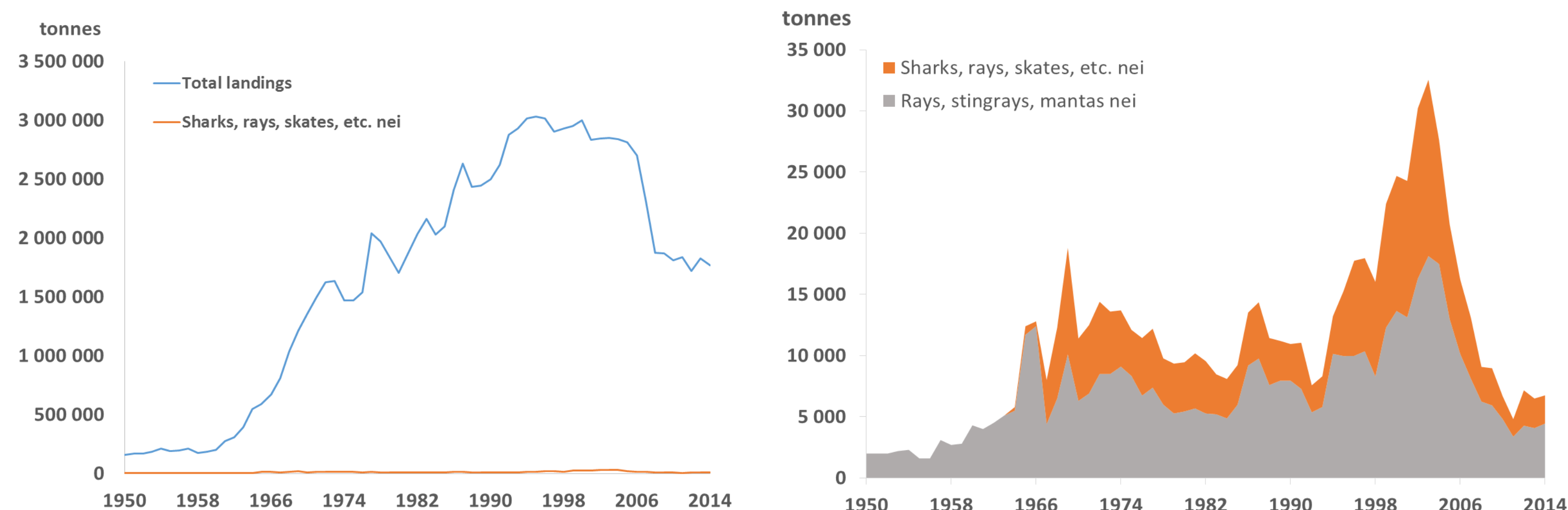




THAILAND



CAPTURE FISHERIES PRODUCTION



Source: FAO Fishstat dataset 'Global capture production (1950-2014)'

FISH TRADE AND COMMODITIES

Commodity (average 2008-2013)	Export		Import	
	Tonnes	USD'000	Tonnes	USD'000
Rays and skates (Rajidae), fresh or chilled	2	3	0	1
Rays and skates (Rajidae), frozen	10	19	42	39
Shark fins, dried, whether or not salted, etc.	17	566	55	677
Shark fins, prepared or preserved	5 643	28 057	22	135
Sharks nei, fresh or chilled	36	55	0	0
Sharks nei, frozen	595	994	512	1 345
Total shark commodities	6 302	29 693	631	2 196
Total all marine fisheries commodities	1 748 985	7 222 481	1 617 489	2 650 384

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

FISHERIES AND TRADE

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

*this species is rare

MANAGEMENT MEASURES

SPECIES PROHIBITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). Oceanic whitetip shark (<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>) fishery and landing prohibited in fisheries regulated by WCPFC (WCPFC CMM 2011-04).
PRODUCT FORM RESTRICTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibited finning in fisheries regulated by IOTC and WCPFC. Required to apply a 5% fin-to-body weight ratio for sharks on board vessels up to the first point of landing.
SPATIAL RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required fishing license and boat registration for all types of fisheries.
LIMITS TO FISHING CAPACITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 shark 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.