

Fig. 1. Landings of black coral in Hawaii. Data are pooled into seven year bins to meet confidentiality requirements for catch reporting. There is also a significant delay between harvest and reporting. Fishermen also commonly collect coral and retain this for several years and only report it after they sell the coral. Landings in the last 7 years comprised 58% of the total catch since 1985. Also, the average annual catch reported for the period 1999-2005 more than doubled the catch for the seven year period prior. Data and figure from Parrish, 2006.

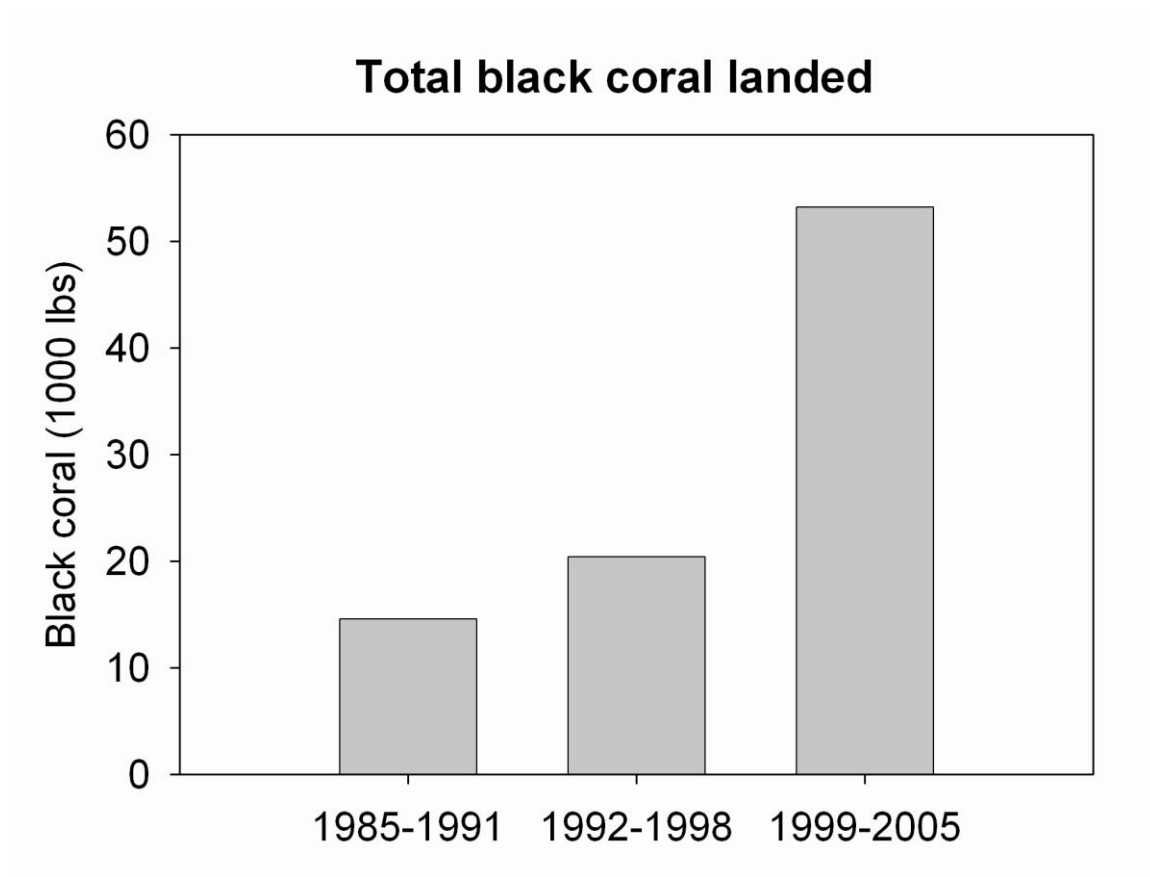


Table 1. Taxa of black corals reported in CITES between 1988-2003. The dominant corals are shown in bold. Several additional taxa of black coral are reported to be in trade at low levels, but they have not been listed in the CITES database. These include the following genera: *Hillopathes Parantipathes, Taxipathes* and *Tropidopathes*

TAXA	SOURCE	VOLUME (example years)
<i>Antipatharia</i> spp.	All	50,000, 20 kg (2001)
<i>Antipathes</i> spp.	All	7000 (2001)
<i>Antipathes crispera</i>	US	100 kg (2002)
<i>Antipathes grandis</i>	All	
**<i>Antipathes densa</i>	All	67,000, 19 kg (2001)
<i>Antipathes japonica</i>	Taiwan	63,000/138,000/43,000 (1988,1992, 1996)
<i>Antipathes columnaris</i>	New Zealand	6 (2003)
<i>Antipathes plantagenista</i>	Cuba	3 (1996)
<i>Antipathes abies</i>	Philippines	42,700 (1996)
<i>Antipathes dichotoma</i> (A. cf. <i>curvata</i>)	Papua New Guinea Taiwan, Philippines	10,000 (1986)
<i>Antipathes hirta</i>	TT	2 (2002)
<i>Aphanipathes</i> spp.	U.S., Mexico	1,600 live (1995)
<i>Bathypathes</i> spp.	Philippines	1554 (1986) 6 (2001)
<i>Bathypathes lyra</i>	Russia	18 live (1997)
<i>Bathypathes scoparia</i>	U.S.	5 (1997)
*<i>Cirripathes anguina</i>	All	65,000 (2001)
<i>Cirripathes spiralis</i>	Papua New Guinea Philippines	270 (1987-89) 6,000 (1986)
<i>Cladopathes</i> spp.	Indonesia	16 live (1995); 100 (1986); 2 (2002)
<i>Hexapathes</i> spp.	Taiwan	1 (1996), 2000 (1987) 3 (2002)
<i>Leiopathes</i> spp.	Dominican Republic, Haiti, Thailand	4 (1996; 12 live (1993);152 live (1988); 3 (2001)
<i>Myriopathes japonica</i>	Taiwan	8000 (2003)
<i>Parantapathes</i>	CA	2 (2002)
<i>Sibopathes macrospina</i>	Australia, Fiji	1 (2002), 25 live (1995)
<i>Stichopathes gracilis</i>	U.S.	500 live (1996)
<i>Stichopathes regularis</i>	Mexico	2 live (1997).
<i>Stichopathes longispina</i>	Fiji	1 live (1997); 1 kg (2001)
<i>Schizopathes</i> spp.	CA	3 (1990) 6(2002)

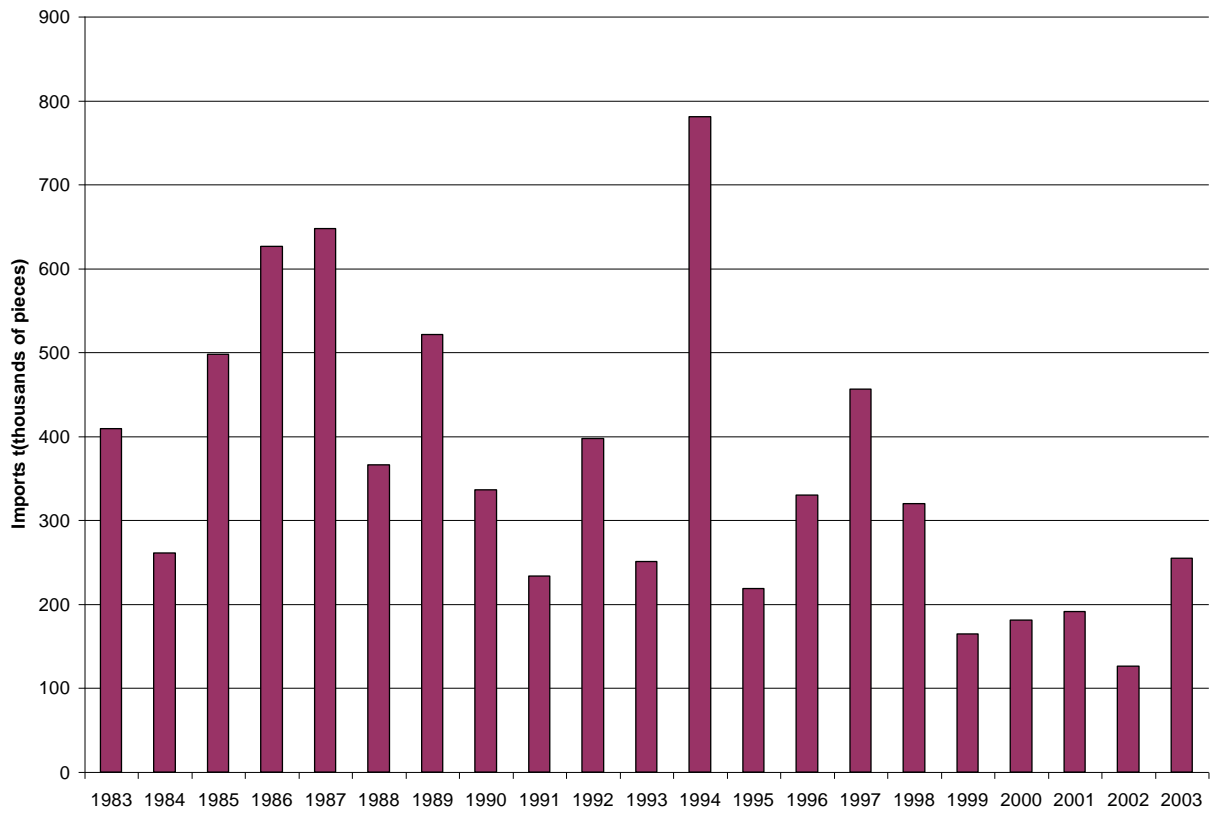


Fig. 2. Total volume of imports of black coral between 1983-2003. All data are from CITES, and include only reports of black coral by piece. Additional trade in black coral is also reported by weight, with hundreds to thousands of kg reported each year.