

FAO Species Identification Cards



Sharks and Rays of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden



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The FAO International Plan of Action (IPOA) for the Conservation and Management of Sharks aims among others at (i) improving species-specific catch and landings data and monitor shark catches; and (ii) facilitating the identification and reporting of species-specific biological and trade data. The present cards are intended to help alleviate the lack of knowledge about elasmobranch diversity in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden and the inadequate fisheries data collection that prevents proper assessment and management of these important resources.

Information on conservation status is based on evaluations made by the World Conservation Union (IUCN). Diagnoses reported here correspond to the Western Indian Ocean as no specific data exists for the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

The information contained in this document is largely based and extracted from the Field identification guide to the sharks and rays of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. *FAO Species Identification Guide for Fishery Purposes*. Rome, FAO. 2004, by R. Bonfil and M. Abdallah.

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