



• *Monacanthus chinensis*

**來源地:** 南中國海，包括香港水域  
**一般出售方式:** 活魚及冰鮮魚，原條出售  
**捕撈方法:** 刺網

### ◦ 生態特徵

沙鯧天生沒有獨特的生態特徵讓牠們特別容易受漁業壓力威脅。

### ◦ 野生種群狀況

目前沒有關於沙鯧正式的漁業評估數據，但根據一項本地調查，此品種在本港水域已遭過度捕撈。

### ◦ 意外捕撈

漁民如果使用網孔太小的刺網捕撈沙鯧，會有大量意外漁獲，但南中國海刺網捕撈的意外漁獲量僅佔總漁獲的5%。

### ◦ 對環境的影響

刺網極少觸碰到海床，對海床影響輕微。

### ◦ 漁業管理

監管本港和南中國海沙鯧漁業的措施效果不彰，香港僅有極少相關規例，更沒針對有關物種的漁業管理措施，南中國海的漁業管理措施亦未能有效落實。

## 摘要

沙鯧的生態特徵，讓牠們較易抵受漁業壓力，但本地種群仍遭過度捕撈。刺網產生的意外漁獲甚少，對海床的影響亦相對輕微。本港和南中國海的沙鯧漁業管理體系並不健全。



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**Origin:** The South China Sea including Hong Kong waters  
**Mainly sold as:** Live and fresh whole fish  
**Fishing method:** Gill netting

### ◦ Biology

Fan-bellied leatherjacket do not have biological characteristics that make them particularly vulnerable to fishing pressure.

### ◦ Status of wild populations

No formal assessment of fan-bellied leatherjacket stocks is available but according to a local survey, the species is already overfished in Hong Kong waters.

### ◦ Bycatch

Fan-bellied leatherjacket are caught with gill nets, which can cause a high amount of undesirable bycatch if the mesh is very small. However, the bycatch rate in the South China Sea is only about 5% of the total catch.

### ◦ Impacts on the environment

Gill netting has a limited impact on the seabed because of the minimal contact between fishing gear and the seafloor.

### ◦ Fisheries management

Fishery management systems in Hong Kong and the South China Sea are weak. Only limited regulations are in place, and there are no fishery management measures for the species in Hong Kong. The enforcement of fishery management measures in the South China Sea is poor.

## Summary

The biological characteristics of fan-bellied leatherjacket make them not naturally susceptible to fishing pressure but local stocks are still overfished. Gill netting of the species generates only a small quantity of undesirable bycatch and has relatively low impact on the seabed. Nevertheless, fan-bellied leatherjacket fishery management systems in Hong Kong and the South China Sea are unsound.