



Shark Sanctuaries in the Pacific



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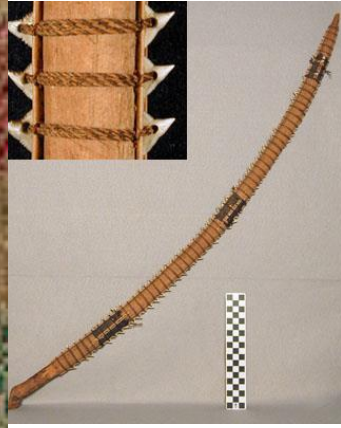
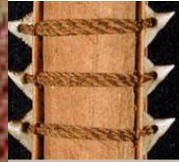
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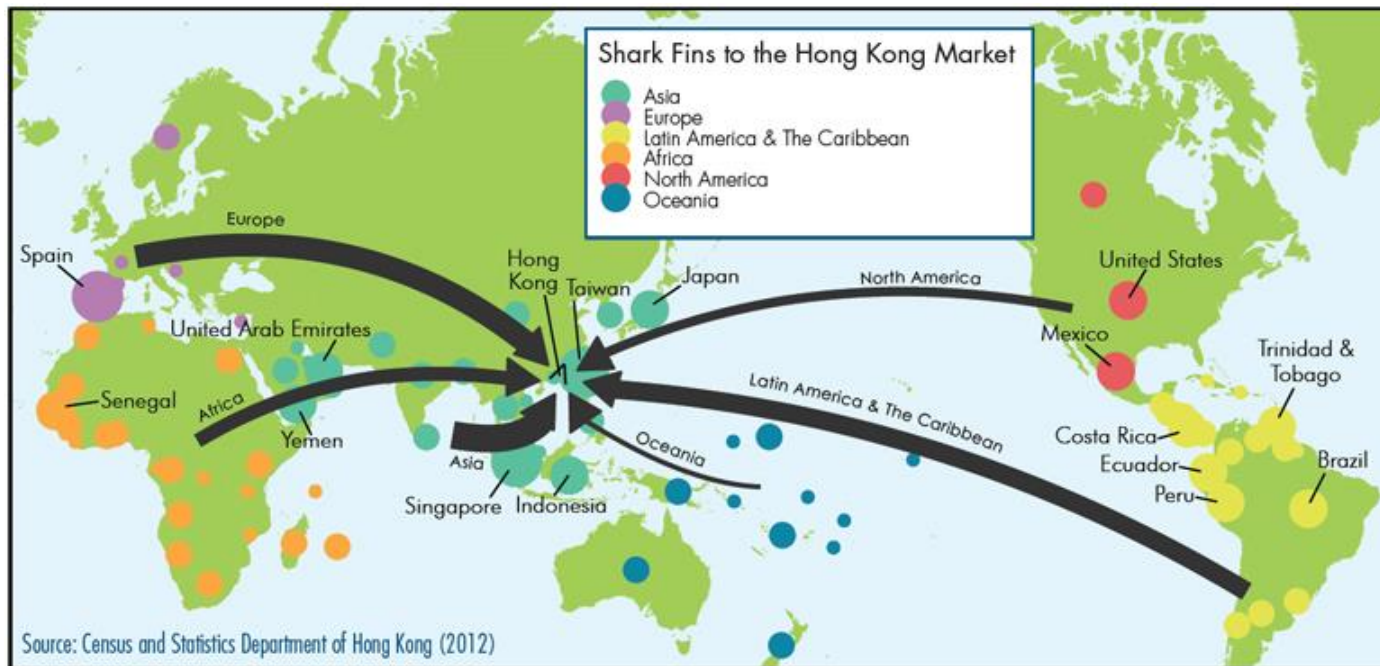


Sharks are not like other fish

- Slow growing
- Late to mature
- Produce few young







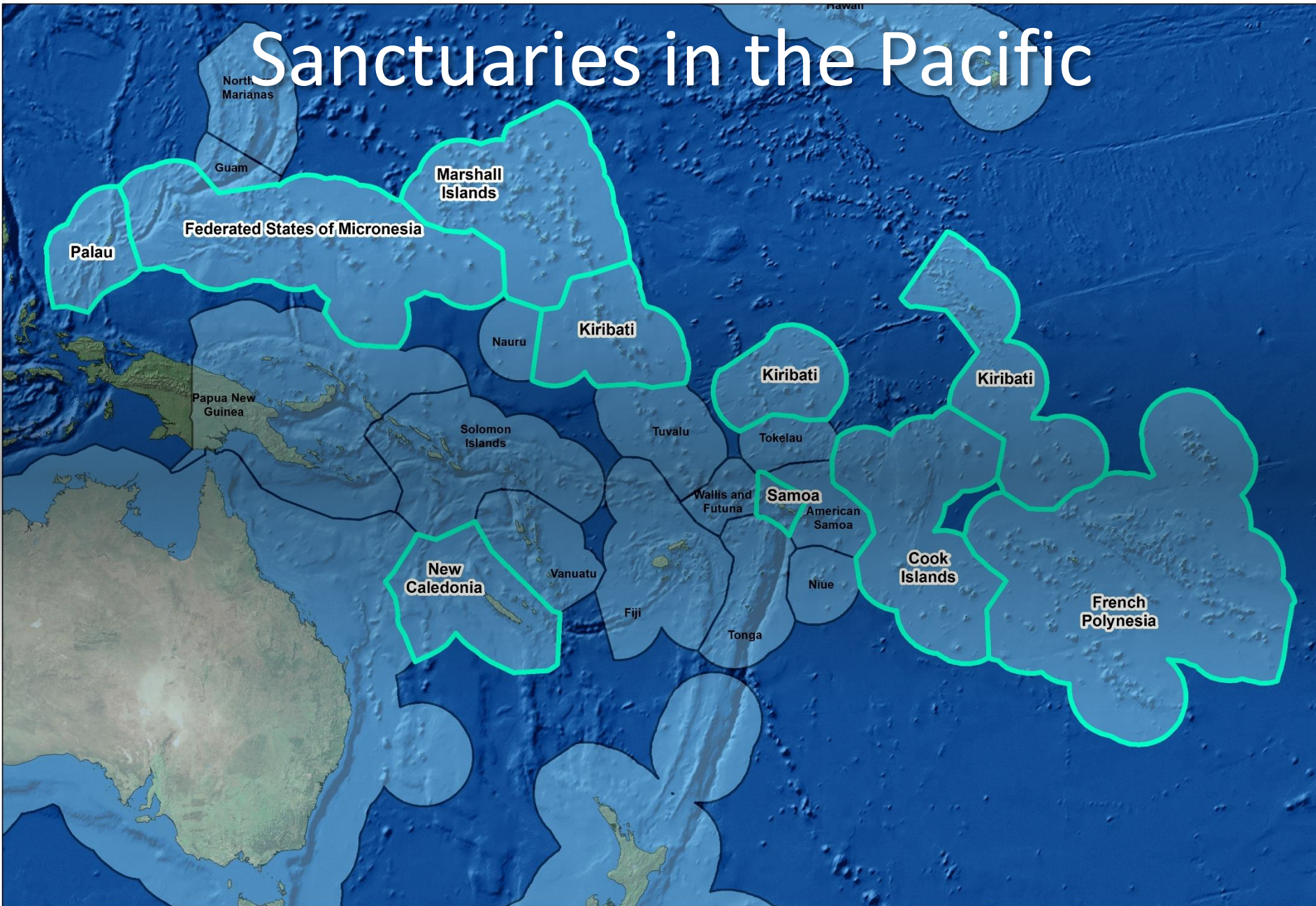
Large sharks disappearing fast





Sharks are worth more alive

Sanctuaries in the Pacific



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Include measures to:

- Ban commercial fishing of all shark species within the country's EEZ
- Ban possession, sale and trade of all shark species
- Ban the retention of shark bycatch, dead or alive
- Ban the use of wire leaders/wire trace and shark lines
- Transshipment of sharks and rays

Why these measures?

- Minimize need for additional trainings, capacity, and resources
- Meet current and future international and regional obligations
- Prevent future over exploitation

Illegal Shark Fishing Vessel Fined \$120,000 (Marshall Islands, Micronesia)

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Palau charges Taiwanese over illegal shark fishing

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The owners of a Taiwanese fishing vessel caught with shark fins in Palau have been charged with 3 the Supreme Court of Palau.

The captain and the tuna fishing boat's representative in Palau have also been charged.

The charges include shark fishing, mutilating sharks, the use of steel leaders, maintaining an error fishing log, fishing without permit, and failing to operate the vessel monitoring system.

The Taiwanese boat was located in Palau's economic zone last week with a cargo of 94 shark carcas shark heads and 650 shark fins.

The captain is also being charged with attempted bribery after allegedly offering money to a enforcement official after the sharks were found in the ship's hold.

The Palau Attorney General is calling for the forfeiture of the vessel, its cargo and equipment

Illegal Shark Fishing Uncovered at 'Sanctuary'

Illegal shark fishing in a Pacific sanctuary is detected by monitoring tagged sharks.

By [Jen Viegas](#) Published on 6/21/2010 at 7:39 AM

Reef sharks are being illegally fished out of one of the world's largest shark "sanctuaries," according to environmentalist Philippe Cousteau and colleagues who made the discovery while filming the documentary "Nuclear Sharks" at the Marshall Islands National Shark Sanctuary.

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Tiny island nation of Palau very publicly burns Vietnamese boats caught fishing illegally

'We wanted to send a very strong message. We will not tolerate any more these pirates who come and steal our resources'

The Associated Press

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Japanese company charged with removing shark fins

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A fishing company in the Federated States of Micronesia has been charged with illegally removing shark fins, according to a news release.



Taiyo Micronesia Corp, a joint venture between Japanese fishing company Taiyo A & F Corporation and FSM National Fisheries Corporation, was charged in the case, said the release.



Taiyo handles five vessels named Taiyo Pohnpel, Chuuk, Waab, Tofol and Palikir.



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