

Sustainability Assessment

SEA PORT®

WAHOO

Wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*) is a pelagic, highly migratory species common in tropical and subtropical oceans worldwide. Wahoo mature relatively quickly, making them moderately vulnerable to fishing pressure. Sea Port's supply of wahoo is landed as bycatch by Taiwan's distant water tuna and swordfish longline vessels. Longline fisheries generally have minimal negative impacts on the sea floor because they do not come in contact with the bottom; however, there are substantial problems with bycatch of protected, endangered, and threatened species (PET) in this fleet. There are no known stock assessments for Wahoo, and it is not currently managed at the national or international level.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT LEVEL: MODERATE TO HIGH

The gear used to catch Wahoo, longlines, generally have minimal negative impacts on the sea floor because they do not come in contact with the bottom; however, there are no known stock assessments, management plans, or quotas in place. Bycatch of PET species are problematic in the Taiwanese longline fleet.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

Stock assessments are needed to determine the health of Wahoo populations and to guide the setting of responsible quotas. Improved monitoring and data reporting on catch and bycatch from Taiwan's high seas tuna fleet is needed.

ACTIONS THAT SEA PORT IS UNDERTAKING

Sea Port believes that the high fecundity and growth rate of Wahoo is currently guarding it from becoming overfished. However, Sea Port is requiring that their suppliers provide fishing vessel identification (when available), catch methodology, and catch area information. In doing so, Sea Port hopes to encourage the Wahoo fishery to collect additional critical catch and resource data where none currently exist. This increased availability of data will allow for fishery management schemes to be established or improved upon to assure the sustainability of the Wahoo fishery. Sea Port believes that, in aggregate, choosing from a diverse variety of seafood is better for sustaining the world's seafood resources and that Wahoo should be a part of this variety.

We created the sustainability assessments for each of our seafood items in order to reveal the existing and potential environmental impacts and risks that are associated with producing them for human consumption. This allowed us to establish the starting position for each of our seafood items along our progressive Go Blue Seafood Sustainability Spectrum. These assessments are only a single snapshot in time and because of this, we will continue to assess and update the critical sustainability needs associated with our supply sources and issue updates to the Go Blue Seafood Sustainability Spectrum as needed. There is a growing global awareness for the need to assure the sustainability of farmed and wild caught seafood and because of this; all around the world positive changes are rapidly occurring at all levels of the seafood supply chain. We will continue to spread this growing awareness and work with our many industry partners to improve the sustainability of all seafood, which we believe is the ideal protein of choice to feed an ever growing world population. Our Go Blue Seafood Sustainability Spectrum serves as our compass and yardstick as we strive to move all our products forward to becoming more sustainable. Please join us in this committed quest and Catch Our Wave® to sustainability by choosing a diverse variety of responsibly produced seafood as part of your diet.

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