Workshop of Range States of the American Eel
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Population Status of American Eel

• Please summarize the information you have about the biology and status of American eel in your country.

The American Eel (Anguilla rostrate) is present. There is minimal documentation. Adults and other stages have been seen.
Domestic Harvest of American Eel

• Please summarize the information you have about the harvest of American eel in your country.
  – What life stages are harvested
  – What quantities are harvested
  – Summarize the end use (e.g. consumed domestically, exported)

“Please note that while the American Eel is said to be found in waters under Bahamian jurisdiction, it is not a species that is actively sought by Bahamian fishers. ..... expertise relating to this particular species is sorely lacking. “

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National Legislation Relevant to Management of American Eel

• Does your country have legislation governing or regulating domestic harvest or use of American eels?
  No.

• If yes, please provide overview of that legislation.
Domestic Farming of American Eel

• Are American eels farmed in your country?
No
• If Yes, please describe (e.g. quantity, source, end use).
Trade of American Eel

• Do you export or import American eels in your country?
  – If yes, what life stages or type of products?
  – What quantities are imported and exported?

No

• Is your country involved in other aspects of eel trade or commercial use? (e.g. processing eels or holding juveniles for farming). If yes – please provide details.

No
National Jurisdiction & Enforcement

• Which Government Departments or Agencies are responsible for monitoring and enforcement of legislation regarding harvesting, farming or imports/exports of eels?

• Department of Agriculture, Department of Marine Resources, BAHFSA and Dept. of Customs would be responsible for imports/exports.

• Have there been any cases of prosecutions for offenses regarding harvesting or exports of eels? If yes, please provide details.

No.
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