



## MAURITANIA

**HIGH LEVELS OF UNDER-REPORTING** of sea cucumber exports, despite having the highest value sea cucumbers in Africa according to Hong Kong SAR customs data.



## SENEGAL

**KEY SOURCE FOR DRIED SEAHORSES** to Hong Kong SAR despite a CITES trade suspension for *Hippocampus algiricus*.

- Second largest source for marine fish maws in Africa.



## GUINEA

**LARGEST SOURCE FOR MARINE FISH MAWS AND DRIED SEAHORSES IN AFRICA.**

- Lack of implementing CITES export permits for seahorse trade.
- High levels of under-reporting of fish maw exports.



## TOGO

**KEY SOURCE FOR MARINE FISH MAWS IN AFRICA.**

- Second largest source for marine fish maws.
- Highest value fish maws in Africa, averaging USD189kg.
- High levels of under-reporting of export volumes.



## SIERRA LEONE

**KEY SOURCE FOR MARINE FISH MAWS.**

- Fourth largest source country for marine fish maws in Africa
- High levels of under-reporting of export volumes



## REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

**KEY SOURCE FOR MARINE FISH MAWS IN AFRICA.**

- Second highest in terms of value for fish maws according to Hong Kong SAR customs data.
- High levels of under-reporting of export volumes.



## SOUTH AFRICA

**HONG KONG CUSTOMS DATA INDICATED IMPORTS OF 103,000 DRIED SEAHORSES WITH ZERO CITES EXPORT DATA REPORTED FROM ZA.**

- *Hippocampus capensis*, endemic to South Africa, is prohibited from harvest and trade according to the National Biodiversity Act of 2004.
- Key source for marine fish maws in Africa.
- High levels of under-reporting of export volumes, with cases of illegal sea cucumber and fish maw trade related to misdeclaration of consignments.



## LAKE VICTORIA: UGANDA, TANZANIA, KENYA

**TOP 3 SOURCE COUNTRIES** for fish maws in Africa (*Lates niloticus*).

- High levels of Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- Significant under-reporting of export volumes with zero exports reported in case of Kenya.



## KENYA

**HIGH LEVELS OF UNDER-REPORTING** of sea cucumber export volumes and illegal harvesting.



## SEYCHELLES

**HIGH LEVELS OF UNDER-REPORTING** of sea cucumber export volumes.



## TANZANIA

**DIFFERENT SEA CUCUMBER MANAGEMENT REGIMES** created a trade network where smuggled sea cucumbers from mainland Tanzania (ban) enters legal trade in Zanzibar (no ban).



## MADAGASCAR

**OVERALL HIGHEST EXPORTER OF DRIED SEA CUCUMBERS IN AFRICA.**

- Significant declines in export volumes in recent years.
- Second: High levels of under-reporting of export volumes and illegal harvesting taking place.



## MOZAMBIQUE

**INCREASING SEA CUCUMBER EXPORTS IN RECENT YEARS.**

- Since 2019, the highest exporter of dried sea cucumbers in Africa.
- High levels of under-reporting of export volumes.

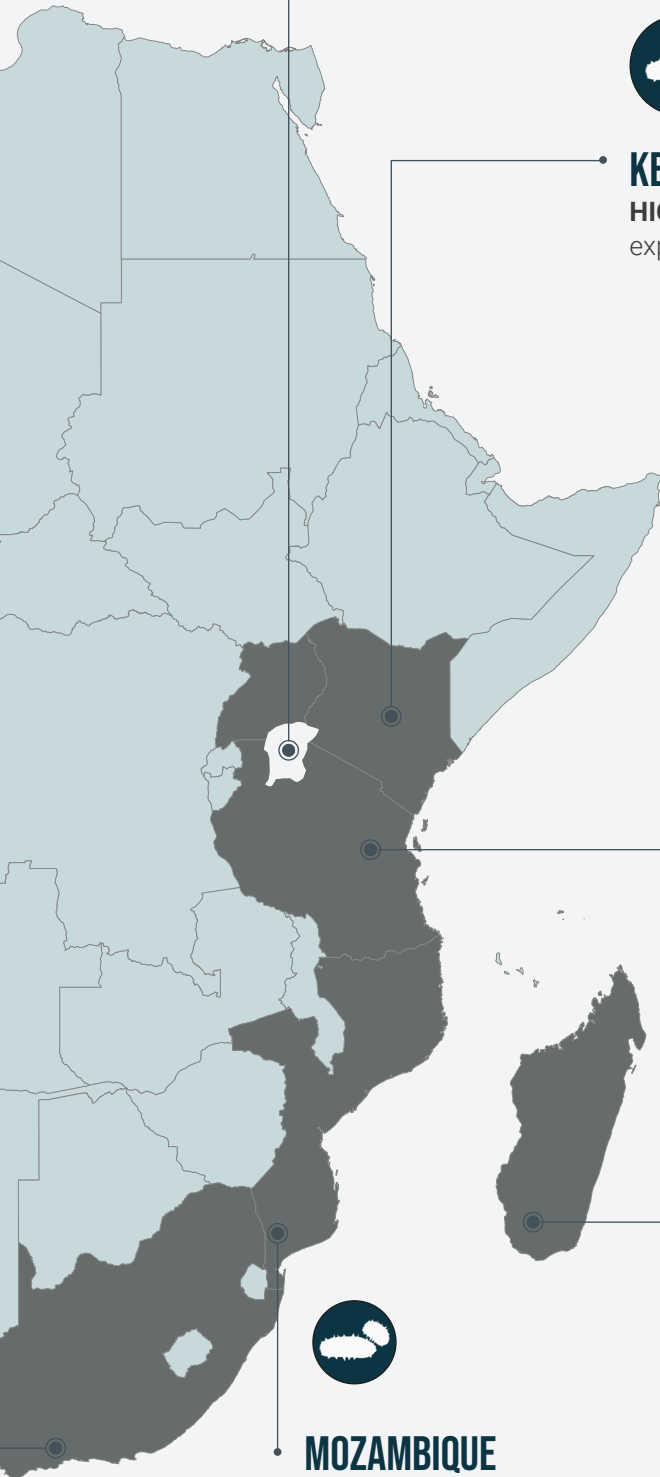


FIGURE 1

*Key target countries identified from all three rapid assessments and the issues related to seahorse, sea cucumber and fish maw trade in Africa*