

**Supplementary Table 1**

Sample sizes of cutlassfish, *Trichiurus japonicus*, sampled in 2013–2015 at the ports of Kengfang and Tsukuan on the north-east and southwest coasts of Taiwan, by month and year. Proportions of samples by month across all years are shown. En dashes indicate that sampling was not conducted.

Kengfang (NE)	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	2013	–	–	41	14	39	10	71	31	30	57	30	30
	2014	30	31	30	–	–	40	–	40	41	–	41	–
	2015	86	–	45	–	47	–	–	30	–	–	1	–
	Proportion	0.14	0.04	0.14	0.02	0.11	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.04
Tsukuan (SW)	Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	2013	–	–	–	–	–	–	35	–	–	–	–	–
	2014	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	66	84	–
	2015	158	–	66	–	23	104	29	31	110	–	75	–
	Proportion	0.20	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.03	0.13	0.08	0.04	0.14	0.08	0.20	0.00