**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Penaeus monodon

**SPECIES NAME(S)**
Giant tiger prawn

**COMMON NAMES**
black tiger shrimp, jumbo shrimp

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**
Giant tiger prawn *Penaeus monodon* is native from the Pacific and Indian Oceans. It is thought to be introduced in the Gulf of Guinea around 1992 and can be found in Nigerian coastal waters (Isebor, 2003; Anyanwy et al., 2011).

**RELATED LINKS:**
- Nigerian Fisheries & Aquaculture Department (FDF)

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**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
Technical management measures are defined in law (e.g. minimum mesh size of the codend at 44mm, maximum power engine). A non-trawling zone is established within the 5 nautical miles of the continental shelf, trawling is also prohibited in waters shallower than 35m. Turtle Excluder Devices are used since 1996 to reduce the interaction with marine turtles and compliance improved in the last years. 75% of the bycatch portion needs to be landed by law.

**Weaknesses**
No stock assessment is conducted and data about the species and related fishery is not updated and publicly available. Harvest rules are not established for the fishery. There are signs of non-compliance with fishing regulations. Conflict between artisanal and industrial fisheries for the resources and fishing area. High proportion of bycatch in shrimp trawling fisheries – mainly finfish – but there is no current available data about the species, quantification and status. The effect of trawling on the seabed ecosystem and on Protected, Endangered and Threatened species is not documented.

**SCORES**

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**FIPS**
No related FIPs

**MSC**
No related MSC fisheries

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CATCHERS & REGULATORS**
- Evaluate impacts of the non-native tiger prawn on the ecosystem.
- Establish a management plan for all shrimp species and monitor the impacts of the tiger prawn fishery.
- Evaluate the status of other species retained in this fishery.
- Improve compliance with gear and fishing area regulations.

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**
- Ask the Nigerian government to improve their monitoring of the non-native tiger prawn and management of the fishery that targets it.
- Ask your suppliers to start a fishery improvement project to evaluate and improve the sustainability of this fishery. While the giant tiger prawn is non-native and intense harvest may be warranted, the secondary effects of that harvest on the ecosystem must be monitored and managed.