**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Amphioctopus fangsiao

**SPECIES NAME(S)**
Gold-spot octopus

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**
Studies of stock structure in Chinese waters are ongoing (Gao et al., 2013) but there are indications of separation of a stock in the East and South China Seas from another in the Yellow Sea (Lu et al., 2011). Nomenclature is unresolved but *O. fangsiao* (= *Octopus ocellatus*), referred to as shortarm octopus in Chinese literature, appears to be the same species (*O. membraneceus*) FAO names webfoot octopus (Roper et al., 1984). However, webfoot octopus is no longer accepted and is now considered as the *Amphioctopus* membranaceus species (gold-spot octopus) (MolluscaBase 2019).

**RELATED LINKS:**
- Chinese Ministry of Agriculture (MOA)

**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
- Some technical management measures are in place.
- MPAs are established to protect ETP species, some with fishing restrictions.

**Weaknesses**
- No species-specific stock assessment is conducted. No scientific advice is known to exist.
- There is little information available on stock assessment and environmental impacts but it is unclear if this is due it not existing or to it not being made public.
- The effectiveness of the current management measures is unknown.
- Illegal fishing is known to occur despite no available and official data.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality:**

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**FIPS**
- No related FIPs

**MSC**
- No related MSC fisheries

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**
- Start a fishery improvement project (FIP) to address the lack of publicly available information on this fishery. For advice on starting a FIP, see SFP’s Seafood Industry Guide to FIPs and other resources at [https://www.sustainablefishing.org/Programs/Professional-Guidance/FIP-Toolkit-Resources](https://www.sustainablefishing.org/Programs/Professional-Guidance/FIP-Toolkit-Resources).
- Encourage scientists to share their studies/publications with FishSource by commenting on the profile and uploading a hyperlink to the document.
- Work with the government and scientists on the collection of data and make them accessible online.

**Fishery:** China

**Gold-spot octopus East and South China Seas**

**Fishery Profile:** [https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/4542](https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/4542)
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