

Table S2. Reported legislation that pertains to live or dried syngnathid extraction and trade. Species names are indexed in the table and given in the footnotes. The information under Legislation is our summary of often complicated statutes; see references for full wording. Year refers to the most recent date the information was confirmed. (Source: Vincent, A. C. J., Foster, S. J., & Koldewey, H. J. (2011). Conservation and management of seahorses and other Syngnathidae. *Journal of fish biology* 78(6), 1681-1724)

Country	Spp. <sup>i</sup>	Live or Dry	Legislation	Reference	Year
Australia	26	L & D	Permits required to take, trade, injure or kill	Australian Department of Environment and Heritage, 1999	2010
Queensland	24, 25	L	Permits for incidental harvest permitted by licensed commercial fishers only	Queensland Department of Primary Industries, 2005	2010
South Australia	26	L	Removal prohibited	Primary Industries and Resources South Australia, 2010	2010
Tasmania	26	L	Permits required for commercial capture	Government of Tasmania, 1995; Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2010
Victoria	26	L	Permits required for commercial capture	Government of Victoria, 1995; Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
Western Australia	26	L	Export prohibited, except for the leafy seadragon ( <i>Phycodurus eques</i> )	Government of Western Australia, 1995; Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
Bangladesh			None	second surveys	1998
Belize	1	L	Permits required to export	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Brazil			Illegal to fish	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
“	1	L	Permits required to capture or export	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
Cambodia	1	L	Illegal to capture, kill, or trade	Royal Government of Cambodia, 2010	2010
Canada			None	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
China	14	L & D	Exploitation and trade require permits	second surveys	2000
“	1, 23	D	Import and export must be declared.	second surveys	2000
Costa Rica	1	L	Permits required for collection	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Ecuador			none	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
Europe	1	L & D	Permits required for import	European Commission (EC), 1997	2010
France	15	L	Import banned	IUCN Red List; L. Foure, in litt., April 1998 in LaFrance & Vincent, 2011	1998
Guatemala		L	Permits required for collection and export	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000

Honduras	1	D	Permits required for export	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Hong Kong	1	L & D	Permits required for import or export	second surveys; Government of Hong Kong, 2006	2000
India	12, 14, 15, 17, 16, 20	L & D	Prohibited to acquire, receive, keep in his control, custody or possession, sell, offer for sale, or otherwise transfer or transport	Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests, 1972, 2001	2010
India		L & D	Permits required for export	Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests, 1972, 2001	2010
Andaman & Nicobar Islands		L	Illegal to collect or import	Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests, 1972, 2001	2010
Indonesia	2, 3, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20	L	Permits for capture and export are required	second surveys; Kvalvagnaes, 1980 in Wood, 2001	2002
“		L	Permits required for export	second surveys; Kvalvagnaes, 1980 in Wood, 2001	2002
Japan			None	second surveys	2001
Kenya			None	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Malaysia			None	second surveys	2000
Mexico	9, 13, 18, 21		Illegal to capture	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Mozambique			None	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
New Zealand	26	L	Illegal to target; May be retained as incidental bycatch	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
“	1	L	Permits required for aquaculture and public display	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
Nicaragua	1	L & D	Permits required for export	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Pakistan			None	second surveys	1999
Panama	1	L	Capture and export is illegal	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
Peru			None	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001
Philippines	1	?	Illegal to fish or remove	Philippine Department of Agriculture, 1998	2010
Slovenia	11, 22, 27	L	Illegal to hunt, prepare, trade, export, collect, or disturb, or keep in captivity	T. Kosar, in litt., March 1998 in LaFrance & Vincent, 2011	1998
South Africa	4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 23	?	Permit required to catch, disturb or kill	Republic of South Africa, 1998; Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2000
South Korea (Seoul)			None	second surveys	2000

South Pacific			None	Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011	2001 ?
Singapore	15	L & D	Permits required for harvest	Project Seahorse, 2003	2010
Taiwan	1	L & D	Permits required for import and export	second surveys; Taiwan, 1994	2000
Tanzania			None	(Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2000
Thailand	12, 15, 19, 23	L	Illegal to export; permits required for re-export	second surveys	2000
United Kingdom	1	L & D	Illegal to intentionally or recklessly harm, disturb, kill, injure, take possession, sell, or damage /destroy habitat	(United Kingdom Government, 1981)	2010
USA	9, 13, 18, 21	L & D	Permits required for import and export	(Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2000
Florida	26	L	Permit required to harvest, possess or capture	(Vincent <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	“
Vietnam			None	second surveys	2000

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<sup>1</sup> Species:

- 1 *Hippocampus* or CITES species
- 2 *H. barbouri*
- 3 *H. bargibanti*
- 4 *H. borboniensis*
- 5 *H. camelopardalis*
- 6 *H. capensis*
- 7 *H. comes*
- 8 *H. denise*
- 9 *H. erectus*
- 10 *H. fuscus*
- 11 *H. guttulatus*
- 12 *H. histrix*
- 13 *H. ingens*
- 14 *H. kelloggi*
- 15 *H. kuda*
- 16 *H. lichtensteinii*
- 17 *H. mobnikei* (*H. japonicus*)
- 18 *H. reidi*
- 19 *H. spinosissimus*
- 20 *H. trimaculatus*
- 21 *H. zosterae*
- 22 *Nerophic ophidon*
- 23 Pipefishes
- 24 *Solegnathus dunckeri*
- 25 *Solegnathus hardwickii*
- 26 Syngnathids
- 27 *Syngnathus* sp.