

Questionnaire Results

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Questionnaire on the Status, Trade, and Conservation of non-CITES-listed anguillid eels

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Jamaica

Cuba

Bahamas

Belize

Nicaragua

Honduras

Costa Rica

Panama

Canada

USA including

Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands

Mexico

Questionnaire format

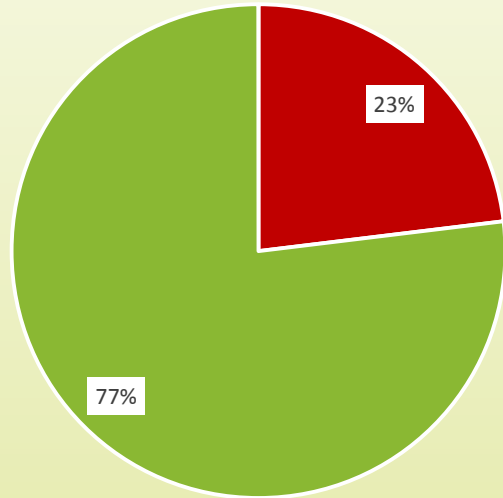
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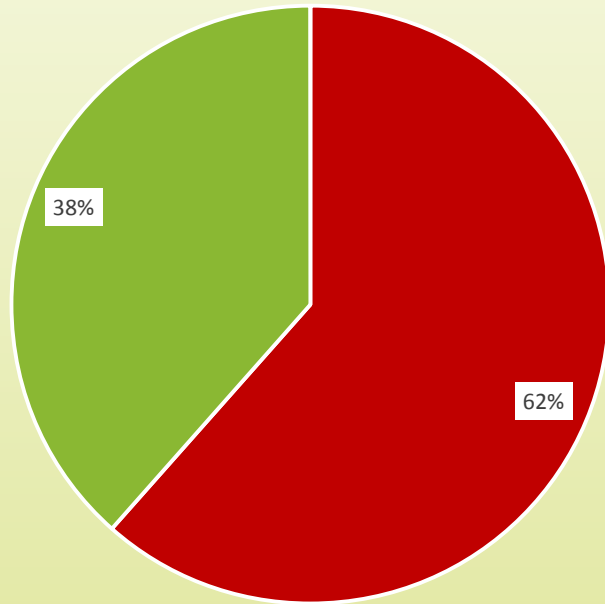
Does information about the biological characteristics of anguillids in your country?



■ No ■ Yes



Does information about current status of Anguillids exist in your country?



■ No ■ Yes

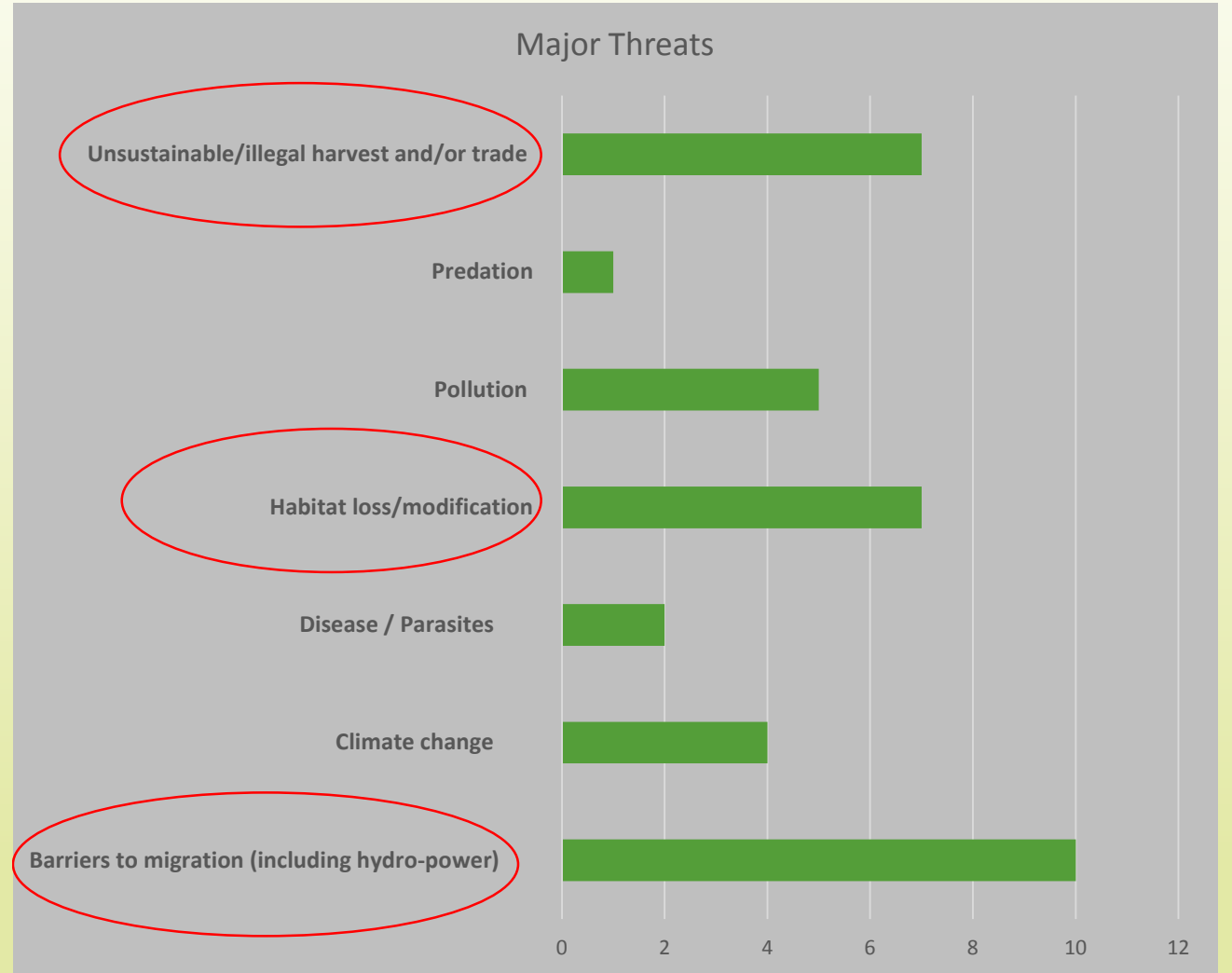


New York businessman gets 1½ years for dealing in black market eels from Virginia

By Scott Daugherty
The Virginian-Pilot
Nov 3, 2017

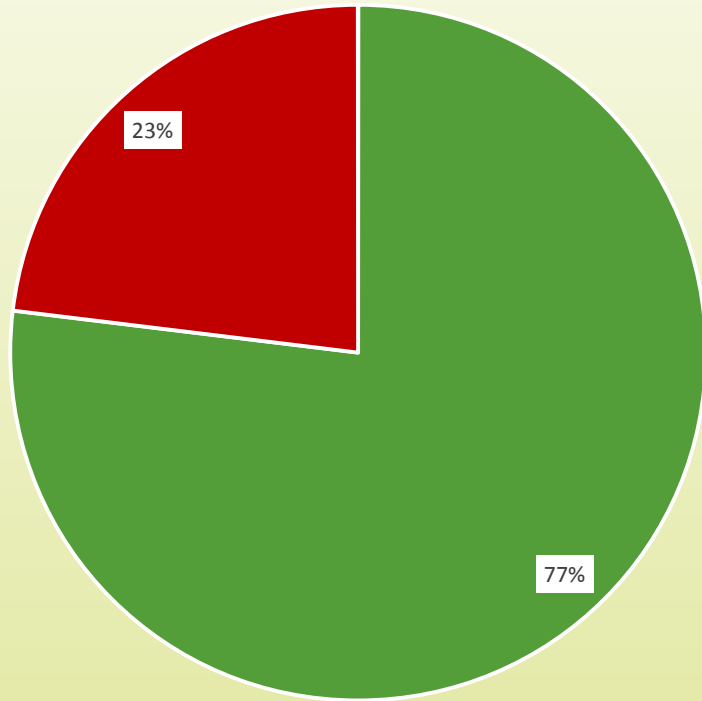


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Are Anguillids harvested in your country?



■ yes ■ no

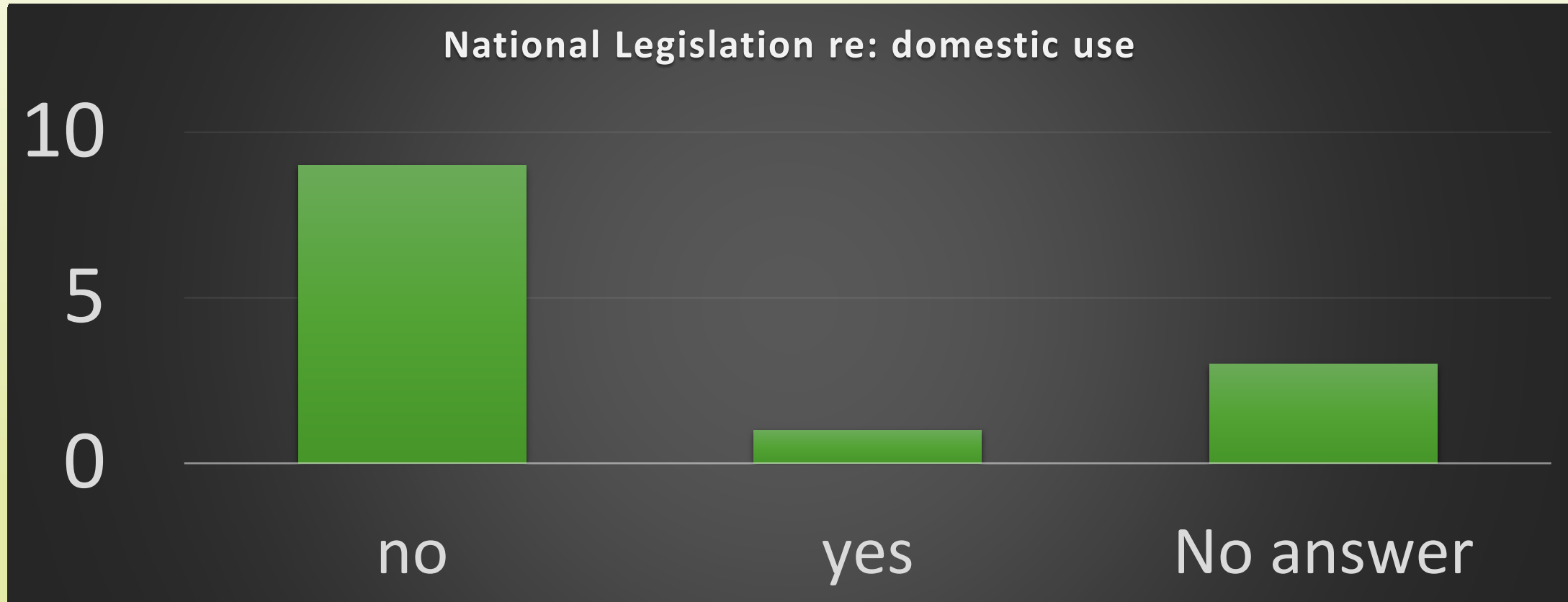


Is your country a range state for any other 'eel or eel-like' species (such as swamp eels, *Monopterus* spp. or snake eels *Synbranchus* spp.) that could be confused for *Anguilla* species and/or may be reported as *Anguilla* in customs data?

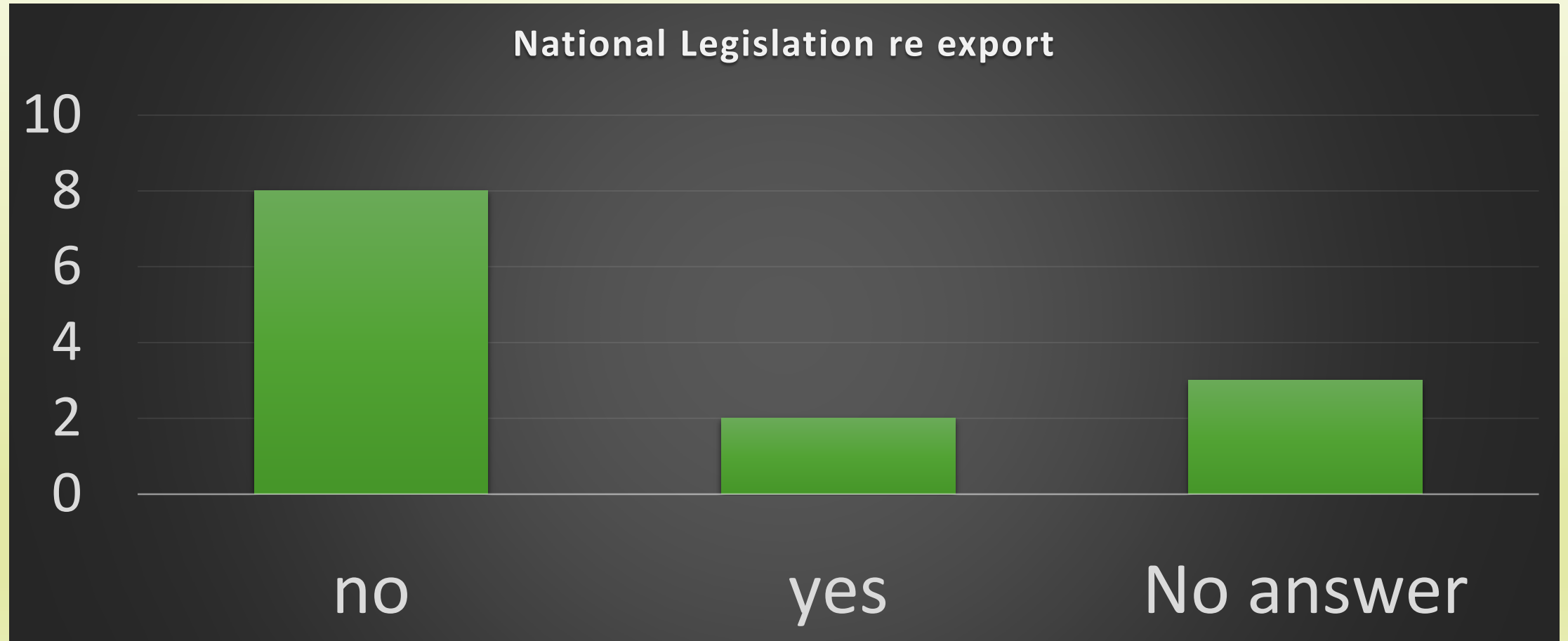


*Look alike species seems to be primarily a potential issue in Mexico and Central American countries
Esp. Synbranchus spp (swamp eels).*

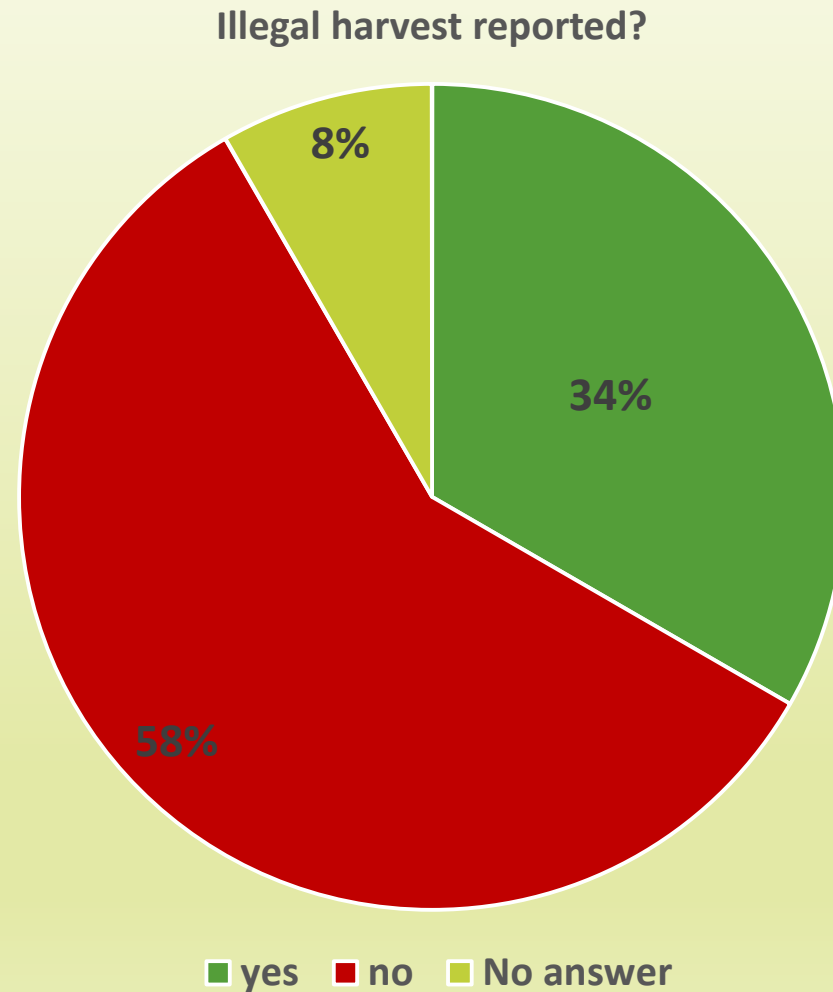
Is domestic use of Anguilla species regulated in your country through national legislation?



National Legislation regarding Anguilla export?



Illegal Harvest of American eels in your country?



In Summary....

- A lot of unknowns or questions left blank.
- Lack of current status of eels and what life stages exists in what countries.
- Some Caribbean countries seem to really be epicenter of “newer” illegal harvest.
- Enforcement and regulation sections had very few responses except for a few countries that have a history of established fisheries.