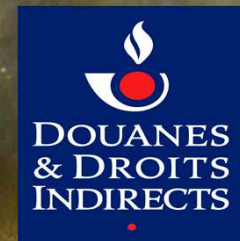


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Progress in the eel fishery trade and control in France (2018-2019)



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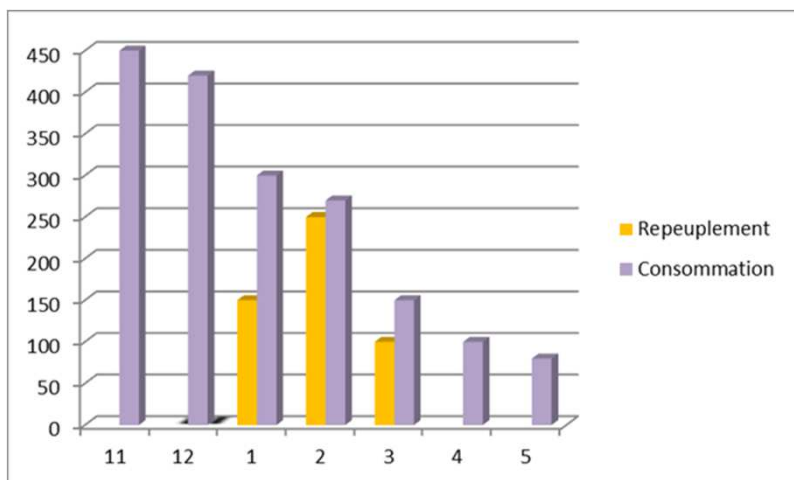
glass-eel season of fishing 2018 – 19 de pêche de la civelle

At the beginning of the season, the weather and water conditions were good for eels.)

- Early arrivals in the season of glass-eels on South- Gascony gulf
- important poaching
- Important fish trade
- Late arrivals of glass-eels in the region of NANTES

	Quota	Quantité pêchée
Total	63 874 kgs	52 374 kgs

Fishing results



The evolution of purchase price of eel during the season.

Based on declaration . Average and monthly prices; .

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GASS –EEL POACHING

Main Changes :

- More and more organized and dangerous groups,
- by night , in remote areas or difficult to access

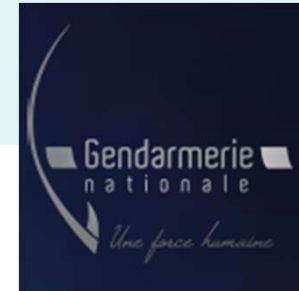




France métropolitaine

sentences for eel poaching

- ❑ Art. L. 436-16 du Code de l'environnement. (loi n° 2006-1772 du 30.12.06,
I.- up to 6 months of imprisonment et fine up to 50 000 € (anguilla
anguilla, acipenser sturio and salmo salar),
- ❑ Art. L. 412-1, article L415-1 et L415-3 et 4 du Code de l'environnement
CITES rules
- ❑ Art. L. 415-6 du Code de l'environnement
If organized traffic (main sentences : up to seven years of
imprisonment and fine up to 750 000 euros)



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Trade circuits from FRANCE

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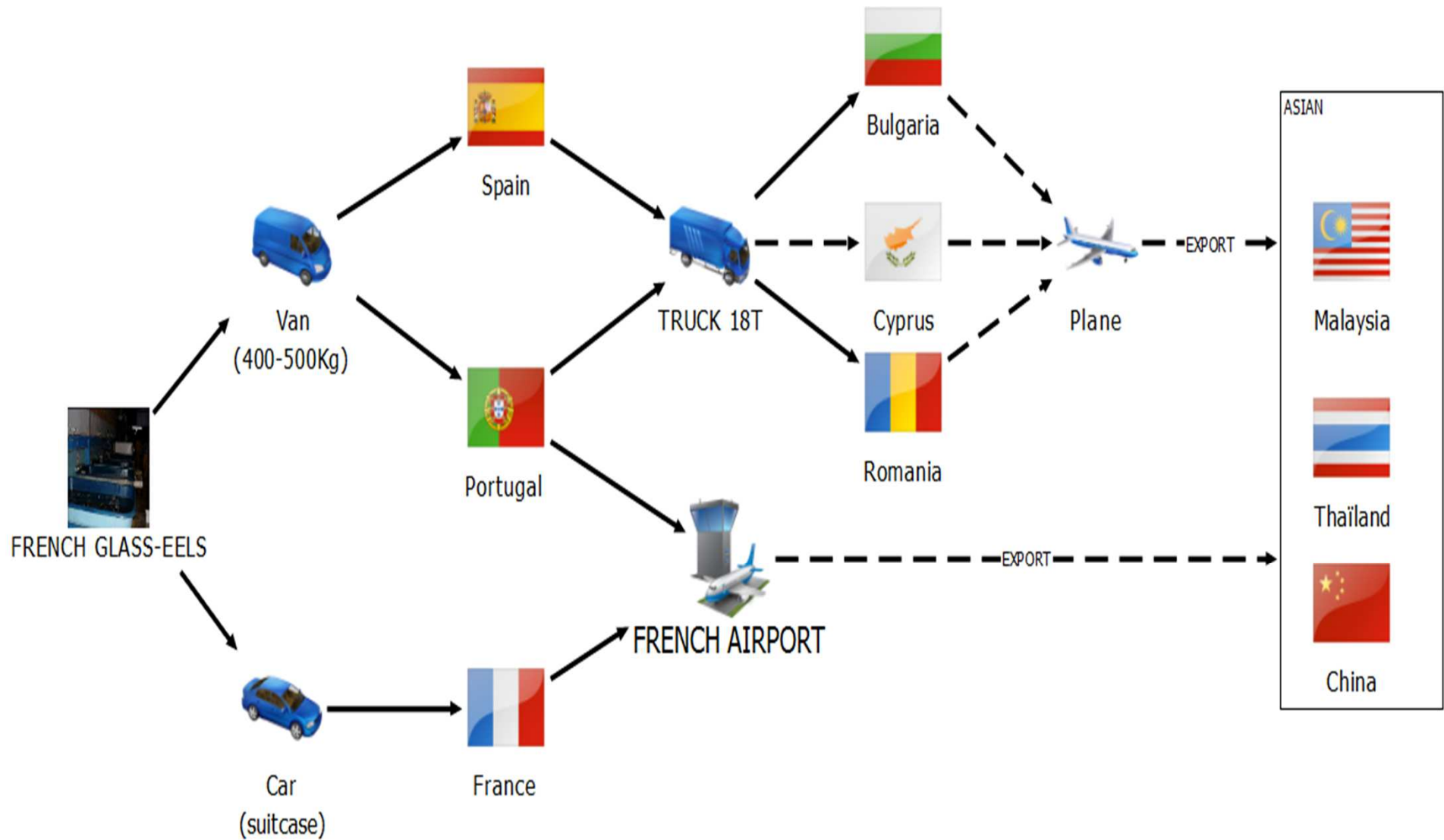
GLASS-EELS LAUNDERING



ILLEGAL



Export from France



French customs actions against illegal fishery

Powers of control:

Throughout the territory (article 60 CDN) and at sea (articles 62 and 63 of the CDN)

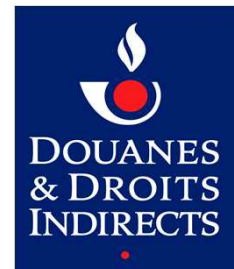
Investigative powers:

In companies and at home

Special investigative techniques

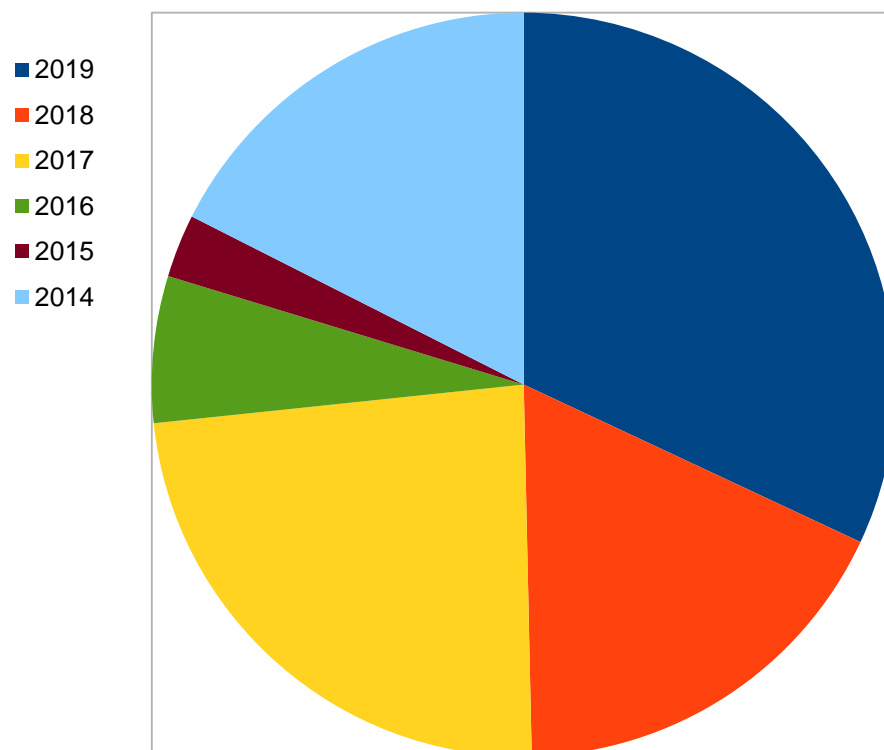
Judicial powers :

National Judicial Customs Service (SNDJ)



Actions against illegal fishery during the 2018-2019 season

Saisies douanières de civelles 2014-2019





Actions against illegal trafficking during the 2018-2019 season

Global customs seizures 2014-2019	5 000 kg
2018-2019	2 400 kg
2017-2016	1 500 kg
2015-2014	1 000 kg



Main problems in eel fishery control

- Eel care once the control has been carried out and the eel seized
- Difficulties in weighing seized eels
- Release in the naturel environnement whitout loss

Struggle of police and justice services against this traffic : a criminal response



. Specialized courts for organized traffic (prosecutors and judges) .

This season , for the first time ; a criminal group was dismantled , from the fishermen to the exporter.

Samples of sentences :

- Fishmongers : up to 2 years of jail and fines from 30 000 à 50 000 euros and seizure of luxury cars, lorries, cash, houses and fish. –
- Legal fishermen in offence : up to 6 months suspended prison sentence and fines up to 10 000 euros,
- Poachers: from 3 month suspended prison sentence to fines of 500 euros to 1500 euros

Realease of seized glass-eels



Thank you for your attention