



FORGOTTEN FISH PROJECT

ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE EELS

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE EEL?

ENDANGERED



The European eel is critically endangered (IUCN red list)

BANNED



Appendix II CITES listed, banning trade outside of the EU

POPULATION



Less than 10% of their historical population remains

SMUGGLED

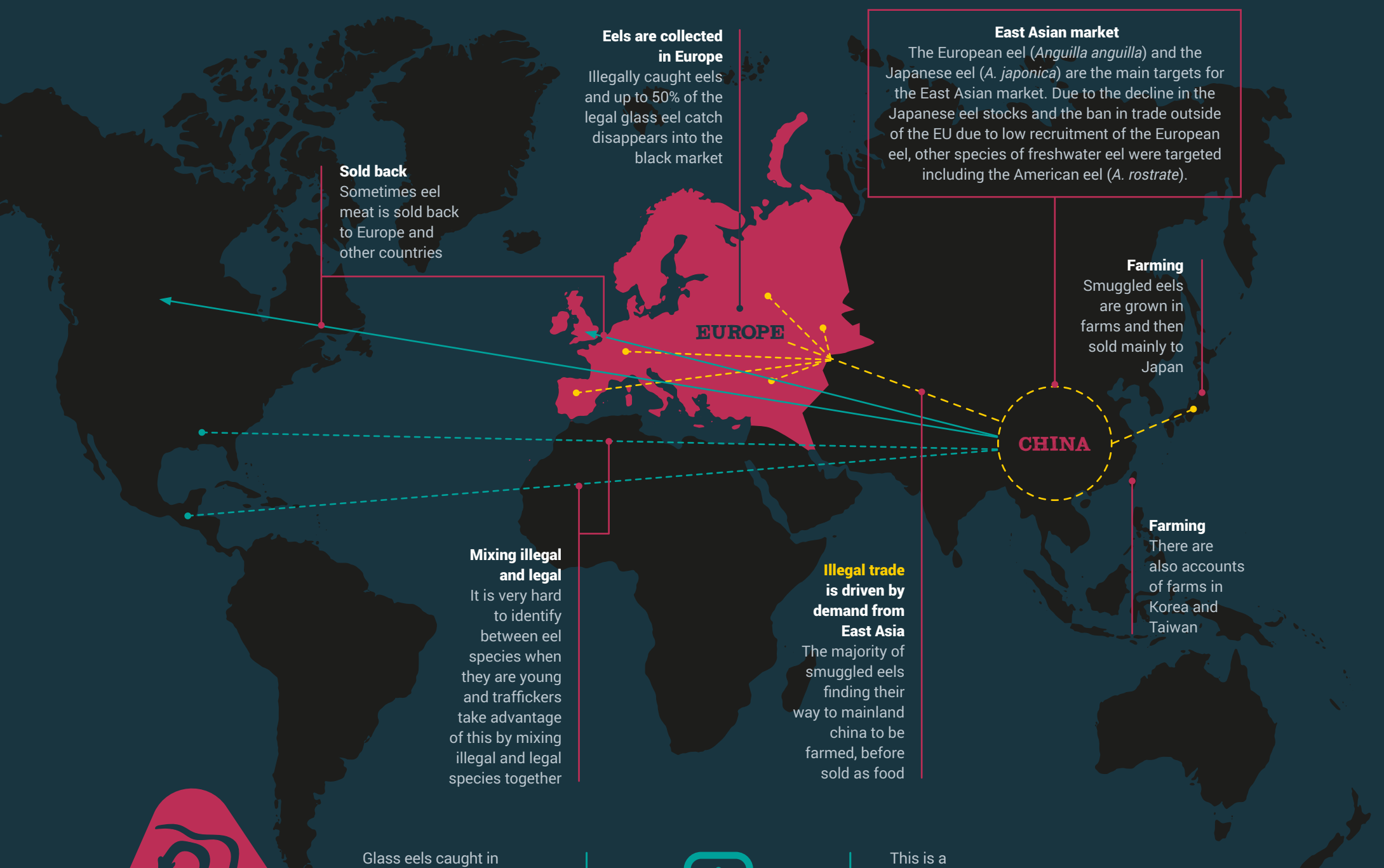


Eels, to date, cannot be bred in captivity. So all illegally smuggled eels are wild caught

BIODIVERSITY



Eels play a vital role in the natural world. Illegal trafficking damages entire ecosystems



ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING

Takes approximately a quarter of the total eels arriving at Europe's coast each year

Glass eels caught in

EUROPE



legal value 1kg =
€300

illegal market value 1kg =
€1000

when eels arrive in Asia 1 kg =
€6000



100 TONNES

are trafficked each year. Amounting to approximately 350 million eels

This is a

MULTI



BILLION INDUSTRY



COMPLEX ISSUE

This is a complex issue with many moving parts and this is just a small illustration of what we know