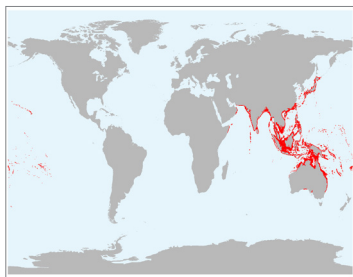




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Amazing Species: Common Seahorse

The **Common Seahorse**, *Hippocampus kuda*, is listed as Vulnerable on The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This seahorse is found in the waters surrounding South-East Asia, Australia, Japan and some Pacific Islands including Hawaii.

This species is very popular in the aquarium trade and is sold locally and internationally for use in traditional medicine; around 25 million seahorses were thought to have been consumed in 2001. Habitat degradation and pollution in some areas reduces the amount of available habitat for this seahorse, and it is often caught as bycatch in the shrimp-trawling industry.

The Common Seahorse, along with all other seahorse species, are listed on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), meaning that international trade in all seahorse species should be carefully monitored and controlled. Additionally, all seahorse species are listed on Schedule I of India's Wildlife Act, 1972, banning their capture and trade. There is a lack of information regarding the biology, ecology, range, and abundance of this species, therefore it is vital that the Common Seahorse is thoroughly researched and all threats to its survival are identified.



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