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Appetite for sharks decimates species

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A growing appetite among wealthy people for "luxury" dishes including shark-fin soup has led to massive declines in some shark species in recent years, academics at the University of Hong Kong and Canada's University of British Columbia have found.

"Shark catches amount to approximately 1.4 million tons per year, more than double what they were six decades ago," said researcher Daniel Pauly. "Almost 60 per cent of shark species [are] threatened."

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