While Stocks Last: The Live Reef Food Fish Trade
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Abstract
This book is the result of the work by nine independent scientists who agreed to contribute their time to write on specific topics within their individual expertise on live reef food fish (LRFF) trade issues. At a workshop in Suva, the Fiji Islands in September 2002, it was agreed that the alarming data and information published recently about the perilous state of most of the world's fish populations more than justified the need to document the special concerns about the LRFF trade in a standalone publication. This book does not in any way claim to cover all the different aspects of the LRFF trade, but should be read as offering a thorough analysis of the situation in 2003.

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