

# 河豚毒素和其他地區<mark>對</mark> 食用河豚的規管

Tetrodotoxin and Regulation of Puffer Fish as Food in Other Places

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## 因進食河豚引致中毒的個案

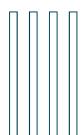
- 四月十二日發生一宗懷疑與進食河 豚有關的中毒個案
- 一名男子於一所食肆進食河豚,約一個半小時後出現暈眩和心悸
- 病人前往醫院求醫,情況穩定
- 建議業界不應進口及銷售河豚類食品

# Poisoning due to consumption of puffer fish

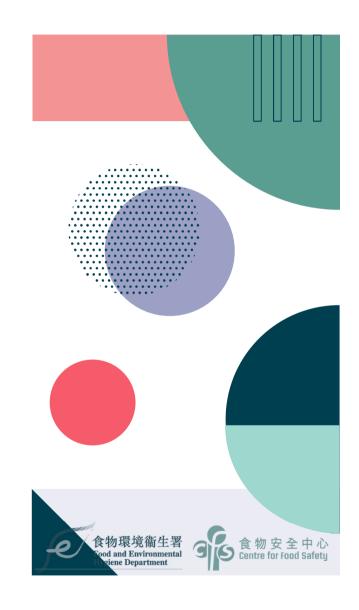
- On April 12, there was a suspected puffer fish poisoning case
- A man developed dizziness and palpitation 1½ hr after consuming puffer fish at a restaurant.
- He attended a hospital and his condition was stable
- Advice the trade not to import or sell puffer fish as food







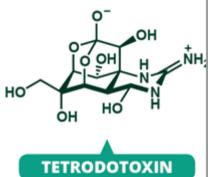




## 食用河豚的風險

- 河豚含有強烈毒素 (TTX)
- 可以致命
- 無已知的解毒劑或抗毒素
- 治療只屬支援性質



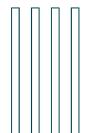


# Dangers of puffer fish consumption

- Existence of tetrodotoxin (TTX)
- Can be lethal
- No known antidote
- Treatments are supportive only







## 為何河豚毒素能引致中毒?

### 河豚毒素

- 主要導致神經和腸胃症狀
- 非常耐熱,不會被烹煮和乾燥等配製過程 破壞
- 任何一條河豚也可能含有致命分量的毒素, 因此沒有任何抽取樣本的方法能保證整批 河豚的安全



**黃鰭多紀魨 Takifugu xanthopterus**由漁農自然護理署提供
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# Why TTX can cause poisoning?

#### TTX

- Primarily results in neurological and gastrointestinal signs
- Heat-stable, and unlikely destroyed by food preparation steps (e.g. cooking and drying)
- No adequate sampling scheme can assure a safe lot since any single fish may contain a lethal dose of toxin







## 河豚毒素的來源

- 由某些海洋細菌製造例如溶藻弧菌 (Vibrio alginolyticus)等
- 河豚通過食用含有毒素的生物(如浮游生物)積 累毒素
- 毒素水平會受品種、河豚不同的部位、性別、 季節等因素影響

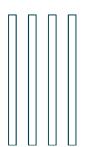
**月兔頭魨 Lagocephalus lunaris** 由漁農自然護理署提供 Photo courtesy of AFCD

### **Source of TTX**

- Produced by some marine bacteria such as Vibrio alginolyticus
- Accumulates in puffer fish through the consumption of toxic organisms (e.g. planktons)
- Toxicity level varies among families and species and also according to different body parts, sex, seasons, etc.







## 甚麼魚含有河豚毒素?

魨形目(*Tetraodontiformes*)的魚類,當中包括以下的科:

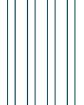
- 四齒魨科(Tetraodontidae)(如:河豚)
- 三齒魨科(Triodontidae)(如:三齒魨)
- 二齒魨科(*Diodontidae*)(如:刺規魚)
- 翻車魨科(Molidae)(如:翻車魚)
- 鱗魨科(Balistidae)(如:鱗豚)
- 箱魨科(Ostraciidae)(如:箱豚)等

## What kind of fish may have TTX?

Fish of order *Tetraodontiformes*, which include the following families:

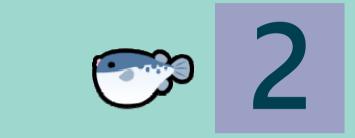
- Tetraodontidae (e.g. puffer fish)
- Triodontidae (e.g. three-toothed puffer)
- Diodontidae (e.g. porcupine fish)
- *Molidae* (e.g. ocean sunfish)
- Balistidae (e.g. triggerfish)
- Ostraciidae (e.g. boxfish) etc.



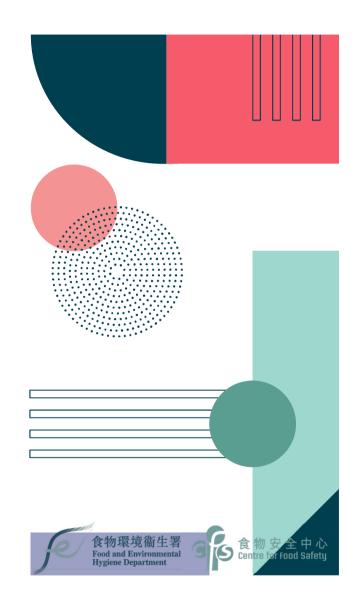








Regulation of Puffer Fish as Food



### 食品法典委員會

- 河豚的交易在國際食品市場上並不普遍
- 沒有對河豚類食品的特定標準或建議

### 加拿大

● 禁止河豚進口

### 中國內地

- 禁止加工經營所有野生河豚
- 有條件開放養殖及加工特定品種的河豚

# Regulation of puffer fish as food

#### **Codex Alimentarius**

- Trading of puffer fish is not common on international food market
- No specific standard or recommendation regarding puffer fish

#### Canada

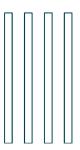
Importation of puffer fish is prohibited

#### **Mainland China**

- Processing of wild caught puffer fish is prohibited
- Farming and processing of specific species of puffer fish are allowed under certain specific conditions







### 台灣

有關法規規定,漁民不可以捕撈或養殖之河 豚魚供食品加工及餐飲業者為原料

### 歐盟

- 不同種類的河豚均不能在市場售賣
- \*包括四齒魨科、翻車魨科、二齒魨科和瓦氏尖鼻魨

# Regulation of puffer fish as food

#### Taiwan

 Relevant regulations state that fishermen should not supply captured or farmed puffer fish to trade and catering service for food processing

#### **European Union**

- Puffer fish are not allowed to be placed on the market
- \*including Tetraodontidae, Diodontidae and Canthigasteridae families.





### 日本

- 多重規管限制,包括:
  - ◆ 網捕地區的規定、廚師的要求、供應河豚的食 肆的要求、飼養河豚的規管等

### 美國

- 美國食物及藥物管理局(US FDA)有一個特別的安排
  - ◆ 只限紐約市的唯一進口商
  - ◆ 非常限量(屠宰處理的冷藏河豚)
  - ◆ 每年不多於三次
  - ◆ 不能供一般銷售
  - ◆ 只分銷到少於20 間屬一個協會成員的餐館,其 成員的廚師須經過特別訓練

# Regulation of puffer fish as food

#### Japan

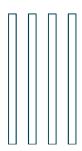
- Multiple regulatory restrictions:
- Harvest areas for certain puffer fish, training and registration for puffer fish chefs, requirements for puffer fish restaurants as well as regulation on farming of puffer fish

#### **United States**

- US Food and Drugs Administration has a special arrangement
  - ♦ A sole importer in New York City
  - Very limited importation (frozen, dressed fugu)
  - ♦ No more than three times a year
  - Not for general distribution.
  - Only distributed to less than 20 member restaurants of an organisation where the chefs have been trained to handle the fish







## 規管河豚的困難

- 總括而言,大部分地方仍禁止出售河豚
- US FDA表示
  - ◆ 由於任何一條河豚也可能含有致命 分量的毒素
  - ◆ 因此沒有抽取樣本的方法能保證整 批河豚的安全



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# Difficulty in the control of puffer fish

- In summary, majority of places do not allow the sale of puffer fish as food
- According to US FDA
  - Any single fish may contain a lethal dose of toxin; and
  - No adequate sampling scheme can assure a safe lot







### 本地的規管

- 香港法例第132章指明在本港出售的 食物必須適宜供人食用
- 建議業界不應進口及銷售河豚類食品

# Regulation of puffer fish as food

### Local perspective

- Cap. 132 stipulates that all food available for sale in Hong Kong must be fit for human consumption
- Advice the trade not to import or sell puffer fish as food

