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Propositions

1. The combined impact of industrial and small-scale fisheries undermines the conservation value of coastal marine protected areas for sharks and rays in West Africa (Section I).
2. Ecologically important and endemic shark and ray species are on the brink of disappearing from West African intertidal ecosystems (Section I).
3. A change in elasmobranch community composition may alter the functioning of intertidal ecosystems and their quality as wintering sites for migratory waders (Section III).
4. If the objective of protected areas is to conserve sharks and rays, these areas should incorporate sites of ecological importance to these species (Box F).
5. Ignoring the complex socio-economic drivers of shark fisheries will lead to non-inclusive and ineffective management (Chapter 11).
6. The loss of sharks and rays represents much more than the loss of species (this thesis).
7. Yesterday, I dreamt about pizza and today, I had pizza. *Follow your dreams.*
8. I did it 'My Way' (Frank Sinatra 1969)