
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

1. NAME OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Chinese name: 桐江鲈鱼

Transcription in Latin characters: Tongjiang Lu Yu

Translation for information purposes: Tongjiang Bass

2. CATEGORY OF THE PRODUCT FOR WHICH THE NAME IS PROTECTED

Fresh fish, molluscs, and crustaceans and products derived therefrom - Fish

3. APPLICANT

Fuding City, Fujian Ding Fisheries cooperatives (Address: South Road, Building A, 3rd floor in Economic and Trade Building, Fuding of Fujian province)

4. PROTECTION IN CHINA

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5. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT

Tong Jiang bass has a slender body, rounded dorsal, ventral arched back and, cross-sectional side flat, just like spindle in shape. Its body back is in dorsal gray and green, ventral is in silvery white and mandible is in light red, the dorsal above and the first dorsal fin are dotted with many black spots alternated with black and white and almost no spots is below the lateral line. The pectoral, pelvic and anal fins are bilateral symmetrical in each one with a forked tail fin. It has two dorsal fins. The dorsal fin spines and fin rays are only connected on its base. There are 12-14 fin spines on the first dorsal fin. The fin spines are strong and the fifth one is the longest. There is one fin spine and 11-13 soft rays on the second dorsal fin. Their content of protein is more than or equal to 18 % and the content of fat is less than or equal to 4 %.

6. CONCISE DEFINITION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Tong Jiang bass mainly distribute on water area of the sea-fresh waters in eleven towns (Office and Development area) in Fuding, Fujian, including Shanqian, Tongshan and Tongcheng sub-district offices and Guanling Town, the Qianqi Town, Diantou Town, Bailin town, Jiayang Town, Long'an Development Zone, the Dianxia Town and Shacheng Town, etc.; The living area of Tong Jiang bass is in the seawater and freshwater area between Tong River Creek basin and River Creek estuary to Shacheng sea port. That area locates between north latitude 27°09'-27°22' and east longitude 120° 11'-120°25', covering the length of basin over 50 km. The basin area is about 1,275 square kilometers. The total production area for bass is about the 7,666 of hectares with a total output of 6,000 tons of bass.

7. LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Fuding belongs to subtropical marine monsoon climate, with natural climate resources, such as four distinct seasons, characterized by being not cold in winter and not hot in summer, with a long time of sunshine and abundant heat and rainfall. The annual average temperature is 15.3 °C ~ 18.5 °C with extreme minimum temperature of -5.2 °C and the annual active accumulated temperature, is 4000 °C ~ 5500 °C with > 10 °C in difference, the average relative humidity is by 80% and the annual rainfall is 1,800mm ~ 2,200mm with rainfall and more uniform distribution. The living scope of Tong Jiang bass is within seawater and freshwater area from Tong River Creek basin and River Creek estuary to Shacheng sea port. The basin was long and narrow curved extending from southeast to northwest, reaching Fuding City with 35 kilometers in depth from seawater to freshwater. The waters is generally 1-2 km in width, the narrowest point is 400 meters. The waters depth in the bay is above 15 meters mostly with the sea salinity 18 ‰ ~ 30.8 ‰, the average water temperature 18 °C ~ 20 °C. Clear water without pollution, suitable flow rates, rich food, all these environmental and climate factors are favorable for Tong Jiang bass to live, reproduce and grow. And those are also key reason for the difference between Tongjiang bass and the basses raised in other areas.

8. SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING LABELLING AND USING (IF ANY)

The indication should be accorded with the requirements issued by Center for Quality

and Safety of Agri-products of Ministry of Agriculture. Uniformed geographic indication of agricultural products shall be used on either products or packaging (the name, public logos, and way of marking).

9. CONTROL BODY / CONTROL AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING THE RESPECT OF THE PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Ministry of Agriculture Quality and Safety Center (Address: No. 59 College Road, Haidian District, Beijing.)