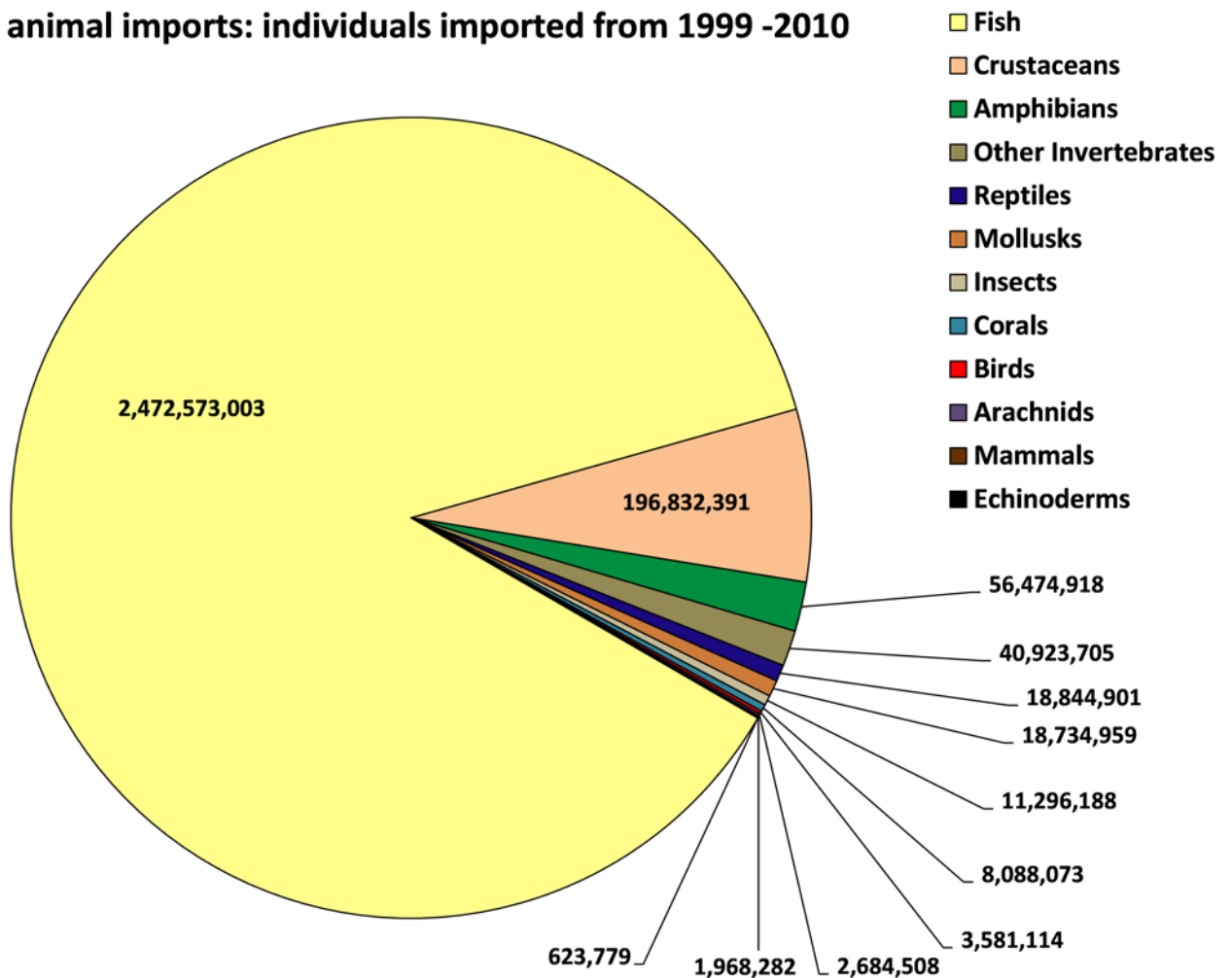


A Summary of Live Animal Importation by the United States

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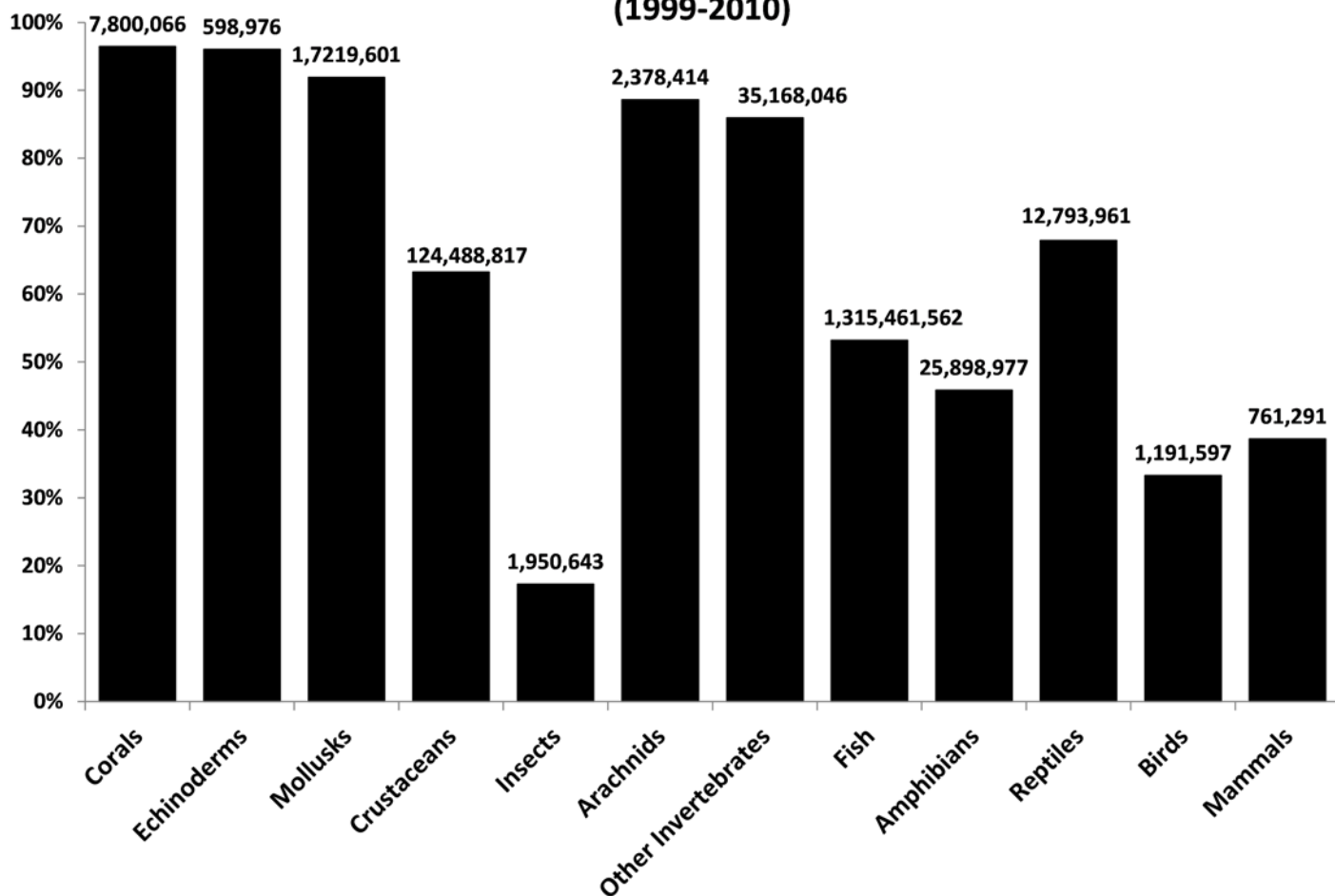
The data shown in this document were obtained through various Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests filed through the US Fish and Wildlife Service for importation data for all live animal imports declared on Form 3-177 and entered into the Law Enforcement Management Information System (LEMIS). Data prior to 1998 were taken from previous compilations of information from Form 3-177. All these data from these forms must be considered as a minimum of legal trade, and although these data have inherent problems, they are the most complete records available of live animals imported to the United States.

US live animal imports: individuals imported from 1999 -2010



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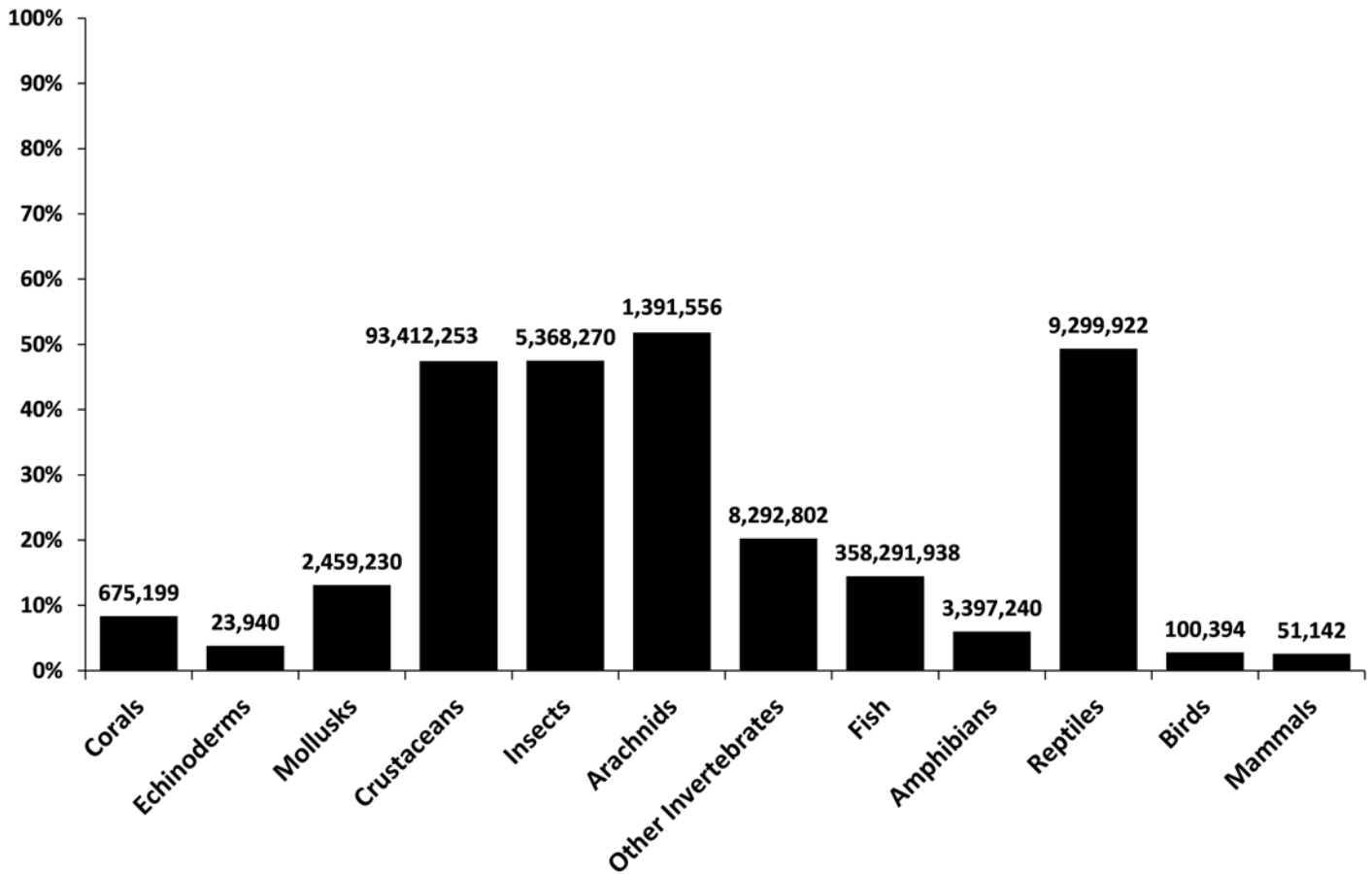
**Percentage of all US live animal imports that are "wild caught"
(1999-2010)**



Percentage of all live animal imports that were declared as “wild caught” (1999-2010). Here, the “wild caught” category comprises of records declared as “wild caught”, “ranchered” and “F1” after Schlaepfer et al. (2005). The numbers above each bar represent the quantity of individuals imported for that taxonomic group.

Schlaepfer, M. A., C. Hoover, and C. K. Dodd. 2005. Challenges in evaluating the impact of the trade in amphibians and reptiles on wild populations. *BioScience* 55:254-264.

Percentage of all live animal imports that enter US through Florida ports (1999-2010)



Percentage of all live animal imports that entered US specifically through Florida ports of entry (1999-2010). The numbers above each bar represent the quantity of individuals imported for that taxonomic group.

Number of nonindigenous species that have been imported to the US (1968-2010), subsequently introduced to the wild, have established breeding populations, and have spread from the original introduction site (excluding Hawaii). Data from C.M. Romagosa compilation of USFWS data and published information on species introductions.

Amphibian	292	20	4	3
Turtle	167	27	0	0
Lizard	553	77	36	14
Snake	426	30	3	1
Bird	1995	236	38	15
Mammal	541	48	21	9
All	3974	438	102	42