

Argentine, les exportations des produits de la mer en légère hausse

Argentina exported 28,173 tonnes of seafood in January 2014, a figure which shows an increase of 2 per cent from the same month in 2013, when 27,615 tonnes were shipped abroad.

According to statistics from the National Health and Food Quality Service (Senasa), during last January 17,176 tonnes of fish were exported, that is to say, 22.1 per cent less than in the same month in 2013 (22,029 tonnes).

According to the data provided by the entity, in January 2014 a total of 10,997 tonnes of seafood was exported, 96.8 per cent more than in the same period last year, when 5,586 tonnes were sold abroad.

The highest export records were those of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*), with 8,763 tonnes, representing 18.7 per cent less than in the first month of 2013, when 10,777 tonnes had been shipped abroad.

It was followed by shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*), with 7,820 tonnes, that is to say, 66.6 per cent more than during the same month last year, when 4,693 tonnes had been exported.

Another resource that increased their shipments abroad is the squid (*Illex argentinus*), whose sales rose 1,666 per cent, changing from 118 tonnes in January 2013 to 2,084 tonnes in the same month of 2014.

Besides, the ships of Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*) increased during the first month of the year: from 529 tonnes to 672 tonnes, that is to say, 27 per cent more.

While the species that recorded declines when comparing January 2014 with the same month last year were:

- Hoki (*Macruronus magellanicus*): 28.2 per cent (from 1,074 to 772 tonnes);
- Golden kingklip (*Genypterus blacodes*): 33.2 per cent (from 344 to 230 tonnes);
- Patagonian anchovy (*Engraulis anchovy*): 31.5 per cent (from 2,846 to 1,950 tonnes);
- Stingray (*Potamotrygon brachyura*): 20.3 per cent (from 286 to 228 tonnes);
- Trout (*Cynoscion striatus*): 27 per cent (from 828 to 605 tonnes).

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