

## Argentine, les exportations de poulpes et de crevettes toujours en hausse

Argentina exported 54,843 tonnes of seafood between January and February 2014, a figure which shows an increase of 28.3 per cent over the same period of 2013, when 42,729 tonnes were shipped abroad.

According to statistics from the [National Health and Food Quality Service](#) (Senasa), in the first two months of this year 33,848 tonnes of fish were exported, 4.8 per cent less than in the same period in 2013 ( 35,532 tonnes).

Besides, 20,995 tonnes of shellfish were sent abroad, representing a 191.7 per cent increase over the same time last year, when 7,197 tonnes were sold overseas.

The major export records were those of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*), with 16,595 tonnes, which represents a 2.4 per cent increase compared to the 16,195 tonnes exported in the first two months of 2013.

They were followed by shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*), with 14,561 tonnes, 156.1 per cent more than during the same period last year (5,685 tonnes).

The largest increase in the exported volume accounted for sales of squid (*Illex argentinus*), which grew by 1,008.5 per cent, changing from 188 tonnes in the first two months of 2013 to 3,964 tonnes in the same period of 2014.

More stingray (*Potamotrygon brachyura*) was exported: 547 tonnes compared to 650 tonnes in 2012 (18.8 per cent); and Patagonian scallops (*Zygochlamys patagonica*), whose shipments changed from 939 tonnes to 1,529 tonnes (62.8 per cent).

The species that recorded declines when comparing the first two months of 2014 with those last year were:

- Hoki (*Macruronus magellanicus*): 24.9 per cent (from 2,202 to 1,654 tonnes);
- Trout (*Cynoscion striatus*): 26.9 per cent (from 1,625 tonnes to 1,189 tonnes);
- Whitemouth croaker (*Micropogonias furnieri*): 14.7 per cent (from 3,212 to 2,743 tonnes);
- Golden kingklip (*Genypterus blacodes*): 23 per cent (from 449 to 346 tonnes);
- Patagonian anchovy (*Engraulis anchovy*): 0.2 per cent (from 3,715 to 3,709 tonnes).

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