

Spain, Fresh fish landings fall in the first two months

In the first two months of 2014 a total of 28,092 tonnes of fresh fish, 5.4 per cent less than in the same period of 2013 entered the ports of Spain, when 29,721 tonnes were landed, Puertos del Estado informed.

According to a report issued by the entity under the Ministry of Development, only in February 14,787 tonnes of fresh fish were landed, a figure that showed a fall of 4.4 per cent (15,461 tonnes were landed in February 2013).

Vigo concentrated most landings in February: it received 4,004 tonnes, 8 per cent less than during the same month in 2013 (4,352 tonnes).

Meanwhile, the volume accumulated in the first two months of this year amounts to 8,033 tonnes in this important Galician port, 7.3 per cent less than in the same period of 2013 (8,674 tonnes).

The port of A Coruña ranked second, with 5,197 tonnes entered between January and February, representing 18.6 per cent more than in the same period in 2013 (6,385 tonnes); and then Pasajes, with 4,084 tonnes in the first two months of 2014.

The port Tarragona was the one that registered the largest increase in landings, amounting to 1,229.8 per cent: it had received only 238 tonnes in the first two months of 2013 and in the same period in 2014, 3,165 tonnes.

The ports of Algeciras Bay were ranked further behind, with 116 tonnes, 205.2 per cent more than in the period from January to February, 2013 (38 tonnes); Málaga with 107 tonnes, representing 91 per cent more than in the same period last year (56 tonnes); and Almeria, with 681 tonnes, 62.1 per cent more than in the same two months of 2013 (420 tonnes).

The largest decrease occurred in the port of Aviles: it received 709 tonnes of fresh fish in the first two months while in the same period of 2013 landings totalled 1,748 tonnes, implying a 59.4 per cent less.

Another port where there was a significant decrease in fresh fish landings was that of Motril: it received 197 tonnes compared to 395 tonnes in the first two months of 2013, that is to say, 50.1 per cent less.

In the port of Ferrol- S. Cibrao, the fall in fresh fish landings was 36.5 per cent: this terminal received 26 tonnes while in the same period last year 41 tonnes had been landed.

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