

Chili, Fishing landings record considerable fall

Landings of fishery and aquaculture products accumulated to February 2014 totalled 379,300 tonnes, 31.5 per cent less than in the first two months of 2013, when 553,840 tonnes were landed. The volume landed was also 40 per cent lower than the average in five years, from 2009 to 2013.

According to the latest *Report of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture* (Subpesca), the fishing sector contributed 177,000 tonnes up to February 2014, that is to say, 46.5 per cent of the total.

Landings of horse mackerel, jumbo flying squid and anchovy respectively accounted for 60.6 per cent, 17.1 per cent and 8.3 per cent of landings in the capture sector accumulated in the first two months of 2014.

Horse mackerel totalled 76,800 tonnes, 5.4 per cent below the previous year while those of jumbo flying squid almost doubled, totalling 24,625 tonnes, and representing an increase of 97.6 per cent. However, anchovy landings recorded a sharp decline of 91.7 per cent, adding only 10,500 tonnes.

These landings were concentrated in regions V and X, which together received the equivalent of 88.6 per cent of the total. Further back regions XV and II were located, where landings comprised 6 per cent of the total; and the regions III and IV, which accounted for 5.5 per cent of the landings.

As to catches of demersal fisheries, up to February 2014 a total of 2,300 tonnes of southern hake had been landed, 12.7 per cent more than in the same period of 2013 (2,040 tonnes).

The main contribution came from the artisanal fleet, with 1,500 tonnes while industrial vessels landed 700 tonnes.

SUBPESCA also reported that the landing of hake accumulated up to February 2014 totalled 3,050 tonnes, representing a fall of 47 per cent over the same two months last year (5,760 tonnes).

Between January and February 2014, 350 tonnes of kingclip were landed, compared to 395 tonnes in the same period last year, that is to say, 11.2 per cent less.

Meanwhile, the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service (SERNAPESCA) reported that in the first two months of the year aquaculture harvests totalled 202 860 tonnes. This figure represents a decrease of 21.5 per cent compared to the same two months of 2013, when 258,300 tonnes were harvested.

The main products nationally were Atlantic salmon, Pacific salmon and mussels, which respectively accounted for 45.3 per cent, 22 per cent and 17.2 per cent of the total harvest.

Regions X and XI generated most of the harvest: a total of 129,500 tonnes and 68,100 tonnes, respectively.

Harvests of Atlantic salmon totalled 91,910 tonnes in the first two months of the year, 3.1 per cent more than the amount accumulated in the same period of 2013 (89,170 tonnes). Most of the production came from Regions X and XI, with 49,300 and 39,100 tonnes respectively.

Pacific salmon harvests totalled 44,530 tonnes, 30.3 per cent less than the volume accumulated up to February 2013 (63,880 tonnes). Most production was from Regions X (73.9 per cent) and XI (26.1 per cent).

Meanwhile, the accumulated mussel harvests in January and February, 2014 totalled 34,880 tonnes, 50 per cent less than in the same two months of 2013 (69,800 tonnes). 100 per cent of the harvests came from Region X.

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