

## Argentina, Shrimp exports doubling in the first quarter

Argentina exported 79,188 tonnes of seafood between January and March 2014, a figure which shows an increase of 6.2 per cent over the same period of 2013, when 74,519 tonnes were shipped abroad.

According to statistics from the [National Health and Food Quality Service](#) (SENASA), in the first quarter of this year 48,311 tonnes of fish were exported, 9 per cent less than in the same period in 2013 (53,071 tonnes).

The data provided by the entity revealed that in the first three months of 2014 a total of 30,877 tonnes of seafood was also exported, 43.9 per cent more than in the same period last year, when 21,448 tonnes were sold abroad.

The highest export records were those of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*), with 23,743 tonnes, representing a decrease of 5.8 per cent compared to 25,182 tonnes in the first quarter of 2013.

It was followed by shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*), with 17,114 tonnes, 117.6 per cent more than during the first three months last year (7,863 tonnes), and squid (*Illex argentinus*), with 10,786 tonnes, 1.3 per cent less than during the same period last year (10,919 tonnes).

Among the resources that increased their shipments abroad is the Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*), whose sales rose 0.5 per cent, from 1,946 tonnes in the period between January and March of 2013 to 1,956 tonnes in the same period of 2014.

More stingray (*Potamotrygon brachyura*) was exported, changing from 828 tonnes to 1,255 tonnes (51.5 per cent).

The species recording declines when comparing the first quarter of 2014 to that last year were:

- White croaker (*Micropogonias furnieri*): 20.7 per cent (from 5,150 to 4,087 tonnes);
- Patagonian anchovy (*Engraulis anchoita*): 1.2 per cent (from 4,209 to 4,160 tonnes);
- Kingclip (*Genypterus blacodes*): 18.5 per cent (from 639 to 521 tonnes);
- Hoki (*Macrurus magellanicus*): 30.6 per cent (from 3,059 to 2,124 tons);
- Trout (*Cynoscion striatus*): 74.7 per cent (from 2,661 to 1,674 tonnes).

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