

## Peru, Anchovy industrial fishing extended in the southern area

The Ministry of Production (Produce) extended the second anchovy industrial capture season until 31 May and white anchovy in the southern zone of Peru.

According to the Ministerial Resolution 123-2014, the fishing area ranges from 16° 00' 00" (Atico, Arequipa Region) to the southern tip of the Peruvian maritime domain (Tacna).

The deadline initially set up on 31 March was expanded in a first opportunity until 30 April.

This second extension is the second fishing season of the year, during which a capture of 430,000 tonnes of anchovy for indirect human consumption (IHC) was authorized.

According to the data provided by Instituto del Mar del Peru (IMARPE) so far only 22.6 per cent of the authorized anchovy has been caught, that is to say, about 107,000 tonnes.

Similarly, the expansion of the season was set by PRODUCE following IMARPE's recommendations in the report *Development of anchovy fishery in the Southern Region of Peru between October 2013 and 10 April 2014*.

The document also indicates that during April substantial landings of adult anchovy captured at 30 miles offshore in Atico area and La Planchada (Arequipa) and up to 20 miles off the coast of Ilo (Moquegua) were recorded.

The authority highlighted that fishing will be implemented in compliance with all the provisions set in the existing fisheries management for the southern area on sustainability, resources, control and surveillance, among other issues.

Meanwhile, scientists at the Institute are to inform PRODUCE on monitoring key indicators of the resource, recommending the management measures that may be necessary to adopt in order to ensure the proper exploitation of this pelagic species.

Finally, fishing permits and operating license holders from the fish processing plants for IHC will offer facilities for gathering information onboard the vessels and landing points.

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