

Chile, Lower volume exported for higher value of fishery and aquaculture product

In January 2014, fishery and aquaculture product exports from Chile reached a value of USD 523.8 million.

This figure represents a rise of 12.6 per cent from the same month of 2013, when USD 465.1 million was obtained.

Meanwhile, the volume exported during the first month of this year dropped by 25.9 per cent, changing from 132,670 tonnes in 2013 to 98,300 tonnes in 2014, according to the latest *Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector Report* of the [Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture](#) (SUBPESCA).

The structure of participation in relation to the volume of exports was led by frozen product lines, which in January 2014 represented 50.2 per cent of the total volume.

Fishmeal, fresh-refrigerated products and fish oil shipments were located further back.

According to SUBPESCA statistics, the main exported product was Atlantic salmon, which constituted 45.6 per cent of the total value of sales abroad and revenues for USD 238.8 million.

It was followed by Pacific salmon (USD 129.7 million), rainbow trout (USD 49.8 million) and pelagic fish s/e group (USD 16.7 million).

Chilean products were destined for 60 countries, of which the nine main ones accounted for 84.5 per cent of total exports. The ones that were highlighted were Japan, USA, Brazil, China and Russia.

With respect to the catching sector, the accumulated value of fish exports (35,300 tonnes) in January 2014 reached USD 87.6 million, that is to say, 36.1 per cent less than in the same month the previous year.

Last January 22,395 tonnes of fishmeal were sold abroad for USD 32.2 million while a year earlier 32,050 tonnes worth USD 59.6 million had been exported.

The most important destinations of fishmeal were China, South Korea, Japan, Spain and Italy.

Out of the total fishmeal exported, 72.6 per cent had prime quality, 23.7 per cent had super prime quality and 3.4 per cent was standard.

Sales of frozen seafood products abroad totalled USD 24.4 million, which represented a decrease of 42.1 per cent compared to the same month in 2013.

These products were mainly directed to the United States, Vietnam and South Korea, which accounted for 17.9 per cent, 16.2 per cent and 11 per cent, respectively.

SUBPESCA also stated that in January 2014 refrigerated fresh products were exported for USD 128.6 million, a figure that accounts for a rise of 68.7 per cent from the same month of 2013.

Regarding the cumulative volume, it reached 15,300 tonnes, that is to say, 14.9 per cent more than in January last year.

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