

Peru, Landings for direct consumption grow

In March 126,000 tonnes of seafood were landed in Peruvian ports, a volume that represents a rise of 37 per cent compared to the 92,000 tonnes recorded in the same month of 2013.

This increase is associated with higher unloading of resources for direct human consumption, according to the latest *Statistical Bulletin* prepared by the Ministry of Production.

On assessing the first quarter of 2014, it is observed that total landings went down 18.7 per cent compared to those in the same period last year, changing from 711,500 tonnes in 2013 to 578,000 tonnes.

According to PRODUCE in March 2014 a total of 10,100 tonnes of fishery resources was unloaded for the fishmeal and fish oil industry; while in the same month of 2013 no landings had been recorded.

In the first quarter of this year 229,400 tonnes of seafood were used for indirect consumption compared with 399,300 tonnes in the same period of 2013, that is to say, 42.5 per cent less.

For direct human consumption in March a total of 115,900 tonnes of seafood were unloaded compared with 92,000 tonnes in the same month of 2013.

Throughout the first quarter of 2014, a total of 348,900 tonnes of fishery resources was used for direct consumption, 11.8 per cent more than last year (312,200 tonnes).

Last March 65,500 tonnes were landed for the preparation of frozen products, while in the same month of 2013 a total of 42,200 tonnes had been landed.

Meanwhile, in the first quarter of this year, the accumulated landings for the industry reached 199,000 tonnes, 22.9 per cent more than in the same period of 2013, when 161,900 tonnes had been unloaded.

On the other hand, the fishery resources used by the canning industry in March 2014 totalled 9,700 tonnes compared with 10,400 tonnes in the same month last year.

And considering January and March, a rise of 14.7 per cent in the resources used by the canning industry was recorded: 33,500 tonnes compared to 29,200 tonnes in the same period of 2013.

Landings for direct human consumption as fresh products reached last March about 38,500 tonnes, 8.1 per cent more than during the same month last year (35,600 tonnes).

In the first quarter of 2014, landings of resources to be consumed as fresh products reached 109,100 tonnes, 1.8 per cent more than in the same period in 2013 (107,200 tonnes).