

## Seafood exports grow 3.9 per cent in first half

In the first six months of this year, Argentina exported fisheries products for USD 778.8 million, a figure which shows an increase of USD 30 million, or 3.9 per cent, over the same period of 2013 (USD 749.6 million), reported the Directorate of Fisheries Economics of the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Nation.

The volume of exports totalled 285,608 tonnes, 3 per cent **more** than in the same period in 2013, when 277,389 tonnes were shipped abroad.

According to a statement from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Office, as well as export growth in tonnes and in exchange, the resources -- thanks to their qualities and distinctive features around the world -- recorded an increase in value from of 0.9 per cent.

The exports to China grew 30 per cent compared to those of the first half of 2013 and the region of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations +3 (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar , China, **South Korea** and Japan) imported 58,485 tonnes of fish products for a total of USD 114.6 million.

The Undersecretariat of Fisheries also highlighted the increase recorded for exports in recent years: its value changed from USD 1.1 million in 2007 to USD 1.5 million in 2013, that is to say, 34.7 per cent more.

In that period the increases in shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*) and squid (*Illex argentinus*) exports were highlighted.

In the case of the shrimp, the value of its shipments abroad increased by 110 per cent between 2007 and 2013, from USD 291.9 million to USD 615 million.

Squid exports, meanwhile, grew by 104 per cent, from USD 115.3 million in 2007 to USD 235.4 million in 2013.

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