

Chili: Best price achieved for mussel exports

Between January and August 2014, Chile sent 52,077 tonnes of mussels (*Mytilus chilensis*) abroad, representing a rise of 1.8 per cent in relation to exports in the same period of 2013 (51,119 tonnes).

In value terms, shipments of mussels abroad during the first eight months of 2014 generated revenues for USD 154.3 million, that is to say, 5.9 per cent more than in the same period last year, when USD 145.7 million was obtained, according to a report that InfoTrade delivered to *Aqua*.

[St. Andrews Smoky Delicacies](#) remained as the leading exporting company by sending 8,052 tonnes of mussels for USD 22.5 million.

In second place was [Blue Shell](#) with 6,486 tonnes exported for USD 18.6 million, and further back was [Cultivos Marinos del Pacífico](#), which exported 5,592 tonnes of mussels for USD 15.5 million.

Other major exporters were [Sudmaris Chile](#), which sent 4,900 tonnes worth USD 13.2 million abroad; and Pesquera Trans Antartic, with 1,956 tonnes exported for USD 11.6 million.

Besides, Infotrade reported that the average price also accompanied the industry: every kilogram changed from a price amounting to USD 2.85 in the first eight months of 2013 to USD 2.96 in the same period in 2014.

According to statistics from the [National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service](#)(SERNAPESCA), the harvests of mussels accumulated through August totalled 205,800 tonnes, 9.4 per cent less than in the first eight months of 2013 (227,260 tonnes). 100 per cent of the harvests came from Region X.

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