

Argentina, Only shrimp and stingray export volumes grow

Argentina exported 355,871 tonnes of seafood between January and October, 2014, a figure which shows a decrease of 4.9 per cent compared to the same period in 2013, when 374,147 tonnes were shipped abroad.

According to statistics from the National Health and Food Quality Service (SENASA), in the first ten months of this year 188,788 tonnes of fish were exported, that is to say, 9.6 per cent less than in the same period in 2013 (208,662 tonnes).

Until October a total of 167,083 tonnes of shellfish was also exported, 0.9 per cent more than in the same period last year, when 165,485 tonnes were sold overseas.

The highest export records were those of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*), with 90,488 tonnes, 8.2 per cent less than the 98,562 tonnes that were exported between January and October, 2013.

It was followed by squid (*Illex argentinus*), with 88,709 tonnes, 8.4 per cent less than during the first ten months last year (96,799 tonnes), and shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*), with 71,024 tonnes, 17 per cent more than during the same period last year (60,661 tonnes).

Among the resources that increased their shipments abroad are stingray (*Potamotrygon brachyura*), whose sales grew by 28.4 per cent, changing from 4,895 tonnes between January and October 2013 to 6,286 tonnes in the same period of 2014.

The species that recorded declines when comparing the first ten months of 2014 with the same period last year were:

Whitemouth croaker (*Micropogonias furnieri*): 15.1 per cent (from 36,895 to 31,325 tonnes);

Patagonian anchovy (*Engraulis anchoita*): 13.4 per cent (from 6,650 to 5,765 tonnes);

Hoki (*Macrurus magellanicus*): 13.6 per cent (from 11,461 to 9,909 tonnes);

Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*): 20.8 per cent (from 5,241 to 4,155 tonnes);

Kingclip (*Genypterus blacodes*): 12.3 per cent (from 1,923 to 1,688 tonnes);

Weakfish (*Cynoscion striatus*): 17.6 per cent (from 13,394 to 11,044 tonnes).

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