

Chile, Seafood export value grows 20 %

In the first nine months of 2014, fishery and aquaculture product exports from Chile reached a value amounting to USD 4,619 million. This figure represents a 20 per cent rise over the same period in 2013, when USD 3,848 million was obtained.

The volume of exports grew by 3.8 per cent, changing from 980,595 tonnes in 2013 to 1,017,764 tonnes this year, the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture(SUBPESCA) reported.

The line of frozen products showed a 3.6 per cent fall in volume. However, its value increased by 23.5 per cent compared to the same period last year, according to the latest *Sector Report of Fisheries and Aquaculture* from SUBPESCA.

Dried and refrigerated fresh seaweed together with fish oil were the lines experiencing greater volume increase.

The share structure in relation to the exported volume was led by the frozen product line, which represented 50.1 per cent of the total. It was followed by fishmeal (19.9 per cent), fresh refrigerated products (14.8 per cent) and fish oil (6.8 per cent) lines.

According to statistics from SUBPESCA, the main exported product was Atlantic salmon, which accounted for 49.7 per cent of total value of exports. It was followed by rainbow trout and Pacific salmon.

Chilean products were destined for 108 countries, of which the nine major ones accounted for 77.5 per cent of total exports. Those that stood out were the United States, Japan, Brazil, China and Russia.

With respect to the capture sector, the accumulated value of seafood exports (474,300 tonnes) between January and September 2014 reached USD 1000 million, reflecting a slight increase (3.9 per cent) compared with the same period last year.

In the first nine months a total of 202,960 tonnes of fishmeal was sold abroad for USD 321.7 million while a year earlier 179,179 tonnes worth USD 327.1 million had been exported. The most important destinations of fishmeal were China, Japan and Spain.

Of the total exported fishmeal, 59.2 per cent had prime quality, 32 per cent had super prime quality and 7.2 per cent was standard.

Frozen seafood product sales abroad totalled USD 442.8 million, which represented a decrease of 1.5 per cent compared to the same period in 2013. These products were mainly directed to Japan, Nigeria and the United States, with shares in value of 17.2 per cent, 15.3 per cent and 14.6 per cent, respectively.

As for canned products, sales in the first nine months of 2014 totalled USD 76.4 million, representing 16.8 per cent less than a year earlier.

Aquaculture sector exports accounted for 77.2 per cent of the total value of sales abroad and 53.4 per cent of total export volume between January and September this year, with USD 3,568 million and about 543,400 tonnes.

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