

## Argentina, shrimp export uptrend continues

Argentina exported 415,759 tonnes of seafood from January to November 2014, a figure which shows a 1.6 per cent increase compared to the same period in 2013, when 409,201 tonnes had been shipped abroad.

According to statistics from the [National Health and Food Quality Service](#) (SENASA), in the first 11 months of this year 213,816 tonnes of fish were exported, representing 7 per cent less than in the same period of 2013 (229,857 tonnes).

Besides, a total of 201,943 tonnes of shellfish were exported, that is to say, 12.6 per cent more than in the same period last year, when 179,344 tonnes had been sold abroad.

The highest export records were those of hake (*Merluccius hubbsi*), with 107,421 tonnes, representing 3.2 per cent less compared to the 110,879 tonnes exported between January and November 2013.

It was followed by squid (*Illex argentinus*), with 97,547 tonnes, 1.4 per cent less than during the first 11 months last year (98,871 tonnes), and shrimp (*Pleoticus muelleri*), with 96,209 tonnes, 33.3 per cent more than during the same period last year (72,128 tonnes).

Among the resources that increased their shipments abroad are stingrays (*Potamotrygon brachyura*), whose sales grew by 27.9 per cent, changing from 5,294 tonnes between January and November 2013 to 6,773 tonnes in the same period of 2014.

The species that recorded declines when comparing the first 11 months of 2014 with last year were:

- Croaker (*Micropogonias furnieri*): 8.6 per cent (from 37,080 to 33,898 tonnes);
- Patagonian anchovy (*Engraulis anchoita*): 7.3 per cent (from 7,441 to 6,497 tonnes);
- Hoki (*Macruronus magellanicus*): 12.7 per cent (from 13,680 to 11,801 tonnes);
- Patagonian scallop (*Zygochlamys patagonica*): 13.4 per cent (from 5,241 to 4,542 tonnes);
- Pollock (*Genypterus blacodes*): 16.6 per cent (from 2,341 to 1,953 tonnes);
- Weakfish (*Cynoscion striatus*): 19.2 per cent (from 14,477 to 11,700 tonnes).

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