

Peru, Seafood landings grow in March

In March a total of 152,450 tonnes of fishery resources was landed in Peruvian ports, a volume that represents a rise of 20.9 per cent compared to 126,020 tonnes in the same month of 2014.

This increase is associated with higher resource landings for direct (15.8 per cent) and indirect (80.6 per cent) human consumption, according to the latest *Statistical Bulletin* prepared by the Ministry of Production (PRODUCE).

However, on assessing the first quarter of 2015 it is noted that total landings fell by 32.3 per cent over the same period last year, going from 578,200 tonnes in 2014 to 391,030 tonnes.

According to PRODUCE, in March 2015 a total of 18,150 tonnes of seafood destined to the fishmeal and fish oil industry was landed while in the same month of 2014 about 10,050 tonnes were unloaded.

Meanwhile, the first quarter of this year 18,150 tonnes of fishery resources were used for indirect consumption compared to 229,330 tonnes in the same period of 2014, that is to say, 92 per cent less.

In March 134,300 tonnes of seafood resources were landed for direct human consumption compared to 115,970 tonnes in the same month of 2014.

Throughout the first quarter of 2015 a total of 372,880 tonnes of resources was used for direct consumption, 6.8 per cent more than last year (348,870 tonnes).

For the preparation of frozen products last March 75,460 tonnes were landed while in the same month of 2014 a total of 65,570 tonnes had been landed.

And in the first quarter of this year, the accumulated landings for this industry reached 211,390 tonnes, 6.2 per cent more than in the same period of 2014, when 199,050 tonnes were unloaded.

On the other hand, fishery resources used by the canning industry in March 2015 totalled 11,090 tonnes, compared with 9,690 tonnes in the same month last year.

Considering the first three months of the year, a 21.8 per cent increase was recorded in the resources used by the canning industry: 26,140 tonnes compared with 33,460 tonnes in the same period of 2014.

Landings for direct human consumption as fresh seafood last March reached about 44,390 tonnes, 15.3 per cent more than during the same month last year (38,480 tonnes).

In the first quarter of 2015, a total of 126,060 tonnes of resources was landed to be consumed fresh, 15.6 per cent more than in the same period of 2014 (109,030 tonnes).

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