

## Peru, Anchovy fishermen manage to complete quota

The president of the National Fisheries Society (SNP), Elena Conterno, announced that fishermen operating along the Peruvian coast managed to capture all the quota set for the first season, which is 2 million tonnes.

This figure is important for the industry, since last year the catches of fishing enterprises fell by 27.9 per cent compared to the first season of 2013.

Conterno said the quota was completed on Sunday, which was made possible thanks to the advance of the start of the first fishing season as companies operating in the south of the country could do so in the area of the five miles.

While in recent years the fishing activity began in May, this year the Ministry of Production (PRODUCE) decided it had to begin on 9 April.

"The judiciary accepted an injunction in the sector, so they were able to fish in the south," recalled SNP president.

Regarding the possible impact of El Niño phenomenon on the results of the total catches of 2015, Conterno admitted that climate change is always worrying, but she said that the reports of specialized agencies show that there is sufficient volume of juvenile anchovy.

These specimens will be adults in November 2015, that is, when the second season of the pelagic resource begins.

"We hope that El Niño is not as severe because with the second season it will be possible to exceed 2014 results and record growth. With the first season, the sector is already satisfied," added Conterno.

Last year was considered one of the worst years of the latest 15 seasons.

For SNP president, a larger control of the vessels having more than 10 cubic metres is needed because as they are not artisanal, they are catching anchovy that is used to produce fishmeal when it should be taken for direct human consumption (DHC).

"The boats under 10 cubic metres are considered artisanal and those that are over 30 cubic metres are smaller vessels. As the control of industrial vessels is strong, the same should be done with these ships, which harms the sector," she highlighted.

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