

## Chili : Fishing and aquaculture production continues going down

Accumulated seafood landings through July 2015 totalled about 1.7 million tonnes, 27.1 per cent less than in the first seven months of 2014, and 25 per cent less than in the average of the five years from 2010 to 2014.

According to the latest *Sector Report on Fisheries and Aquaculture* of the [Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture](#) (SUBPESCA), the fishing sector contributed 1.2 million tonnes, of which 80.3 per cent represented small pelagic resources, 1.8 per cent corresponded to demersal fish, 1.6 per cent corresponded to resources associated with the southern demersal fishery and 11.6 per cent was related to other sources.

Small pelagic landings totalled 972,200 tonnes, which represented a decrease of 28 per cent over the same date last year.

Anchovy, sardine and horse mackerel landings accounted for 34.5 per cent, 29.8 per cent and 19.6 per cent of the total, respectively.

Anchovy landings were down 35 per cent over the first seven months of last year, to 335,100 tonnes.

Landings of sardine also dropped by 34 per cent year on year to 289,300 tonnes, and those of horse mackerel declined by 23 per cent, to 190,700 tonnes.

As to catches from the demersal fisheries, up to July 2015 a total of 21,400 tonnes had been landed, which represented an increase of 0.6 per cent over the same date last year.

Some 11,400 tonnes of hake were landed, 11 per cent less than the accumulated landings through July 2014. The industrial sector contributed 69.2 per cent of the total, with 7,900 tonnes and the artisanal sector, 3,500 tonnes (40.4 per cent less than in the same period last year).

Landings of southern hake decreased by 13.3 per cent to 6,600 tonnes, of which 2,700 tonnes came from the industrial fleet and 3,900 tonnes were from artisanal vessels.

Landings of Patagonian toothfish reached 1,400 tonnes up to July 2015, 24.1 per cent more than in the first seven months of 2014.

Between January and July 644 tonnes of golden kingklip were landed, 17.4 per cent more than last year.

Meanwhile, the [National Fisheries and Aquaculture Service](#) (SERNAPESCA) reported that in the first six months of this year aquaculture harvests totalled 486,600 tonnes, representing a decrease of 29.5 per cent compared to the same period of 2014, when 690,253 tonnes had been obtained.

The main produced resources were Atlantic salmon, mussels and Pacific salmon, which accounted respectively for 47.3 per cent, 45.5 per cent and 3 per cent of the total harvested in July.

A total of 230,000 tonnes of Atlantic salmon were harvested, 34.8 per cent less than the volume accumulated up to July 2014.

The harvests of mussels accumulated through July totalled 221,300 tonnes, 8.4 per cent more than what was recorded in the same period of 2014.

Pacific salmon harvests fell by 67.1 per cent, to 14,700 tonnes and those of rainbow trout were down by 88.7 per cent, to 8,800 tonnes.

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