

Mexico raises a position in FAO fishery production ranking

Mexico has managed to move from 17th to 16th position in the ranking of FAO's international fishery production from 2012 to date.

This has been achieved thanks to public policies implemented during the current administration and the private and social sector participation, said the national commissioner of Aquaculture and Fisheries, Mario Aguilar Sanchez, during his speech at the first forum "Strengthening social participation in fisheries public policy."

During the meeting, organized by the Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Senate of the Republic, the federal official stressed that growing in a short period, as has been done, is the result of the work of fishermen and fish farmers of Mexican social and private sectors.

Sanchez Aguilar noted that fisheries such as that of octopus are also competitively positioned within an international production environment, achieving the fourth place for this species.

In addition, he stressed that the current administration has obtained an average annual production of 750,000 million tonnes of seafood.

Meanwhile, the aquaculture sector registered an average annual growth rate of 15.15 per cent, "an above the world average, which is around 6 per cent."

The head of Conapesca highlighted as another accomplishment during the current government the 2.5-kilogram per capita increase in annual consumption of seafood. This level is only 600 grams far from 2018's target, which is 12 kilograms, the official emphasized.

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