

Mussels prompted slight growth of aquaculture production in 2015

Aquaculture harvests in Chile totalled 1.1 million tonnes in 2015, up 3.9 per cent compared to the volume recorded in 2014, according to preliminary figures from the Undersecretariat of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Subpesca).

The main resources of the Chilean aquaculture are Atlantic salmon, mussels and Pacific salmon, which accounted respectively for 53.1, 24.8 and 11.9 per cent of the total harvest.

Atlantic salmon harvests totalled 605,800 tonnes, 0.7 per cent less than in the previous year. Most of the harvests came from Regions XI and X, which contributed 332,400 and 231,800 tonnes, respectively.

Some 97,700 tonnes were harvested of rainbow trout, which represented a fall of 21.5 per cent yoy. The main producing regions were the XI and X, both with 44,000 tonnes.

The harvest of Pacific salmon accumulated to December was 135,800 tonnes, 26.3 per cent higher than that of 2014. Most of the harvest came from the Region X (80.3 per cent) and the rest from Region XI (19.7 per cent).

Meanwhile, mussel harvest totalled 283,300 tonnes, production that shows a growth of 19.8 per cent yoy. All crops were carried out in the X region.

In addition, 2,700 tonnes of Northern scallop were harvested in Region IV, 30.9 per cent less compared to 2014's production.

The latest *Sector Report on Fisheries and Aquaculture* prepared by the Subpesca also indicates that in 2015, some 11,100 tonnes of seaweed were harvested, 14.5 per cent more than in the previous year.

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