

Shrimp production grew 65.5 pc in four years

Shrimp production in Mexico increased by 65.5 per cent in the last four years, making it the second most important seafood product in the country, reported the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA).

According to preliminary statistics from the Agri-Food and Fisheries Information Service (SIAP), the production of this crustacean rose from 127,517 tonnes in 2013 to 211,096 tonnes at the end of 2016 due to the incentives that the federal government has granted to this branch of production.

This represents an increase in real-world production of 83,579 tonnes of shrimp at national level.

This crustacean, of which Mexico ranks as the ninth world producer, is generated under the techniques of capture in lagoon systems and seas as well as through aquaculture in 17 entities of the country.

The five most important entities are Sinaloa, Sonora, Nayarit, Tamaulipas and Baja California Sur, which concentrate 92.9 per cent of the national production, which is equivalent to 196,131 tonnes.

In 2016, Sinaloa produced 99,015 tonnes of shrimp; Sonora made 59,098 tonnes; Nayarit produced 17,617 tonnes; Tamaulipas made 14,124 tonnes and Baja California Sur made 6,278 tonnes.

At the percentage level, Sinaloa concentrates 46.9 per cent of the national production and Sonora contributes 28 per cent; the remaining three entities contribute 18 per cent of the national volume of this crustacean.

Other states in which shrimp is also produced are Campeche, Colima, Veracruz, Oaxaca, Chiapas, Tabasco, Baja California, Guerrero, Quintana Roo, Yucatan, Jalisco and Aguascalientes.

During the last four years, the average national shrimp production is 176,638 tonnes, a volume that was exceeded during 2016, and the per capita consumption of this crustacean in Mexico is 1.7 kilograms.

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