

Fishing and aquaculture landings grow 16pct

The country's fisheries sector continues to produce positive results. This is revealed by the National Fisheries Service (SERNAPESCA) in its latest report called Indicators of fishing and aquaculture activity, where it is indicated that the total fishing landing, accumulated up to August 2017, increased by 16 per cent compared to the same period of the previous year.

Out of the 2,411,124 tonnes captured during the first eight months of the year, the volumes totalled by the artisanal fishing sector accounted for 42 per cent, the industrial sub-sector contributed 31 per cent and the farming centres contribution reached 27 per cent.

The entity explained that this rise was mainly due to the growth of artisanal landings, which went from 800,436 tonnes to August 2016, to 1,007,669 tonnes in the same month of 2017.

This is due to a recovery in pelagic catches during the months of March and April. "The increase is mainly due to the greater availability of pelagic resources in the regions of Tarapacá (anchovy) and Biobío (common sardines)."

The industrial sector, on the other hand, went from capturing 588,395 tonnes in the period from January to August 2016, to 740,175 tonnes in the same period of 2017. This is explained in large part by a recovery in anchovy catches, which changed from 143,266 tonnes to 300,691 tonnes in this period, 110 per cent more than 2016.

Aquaculture activity records a decline

The farming centres, meanwhile, presented negative variations of the harvest in the analyzed period, since they went from 681,937 tonnes in 2016 to 663,280 tonnes in 2017. This figure represented a decrease of 0.3 per cent compared to the previous fiscal year.

Although the aquaculture activity declined by 2.74 per cent in the first eight months of the year in global terms, coho salmon harvests rose by 56 per cent (from 17,224 tonnes to 26,829 tonnes) and mussel production advanced 13 per cent in one year, going from 243,005 tonnes to 274,681 tonnes in that period.

Sardine

Landings of common sardines registered a growth of 153 per cent in January-August 2017.

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