



Aquaculture production drops in first semester but exports grow

Aquaculture output in South Korea decreased by 5.5 per cent in the first half of the year compared to the same period last year.

According to statistics of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, production decreased to 1.57 million tons, a result which was attributed to unfavorable weather conditions and the overall slump in demand.

The ministry noted that both factors resulted in a reduced harvest of sea mustard and flatfish, among others.

Nevertheless, the figure reached in the first half of the year is 22 per cent higher compared with the average recorded over the past five years on the back of the growth in the output of several major items, such as abalone and rockfish.

Official statistics reveal that exports also rose 8.7 per cent on-year in terms of volume to come to 44,600 tonnes and 10.5 per cent in the total amount to USD 450 million.

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