

Octopus season ends with record capture in Yucatan

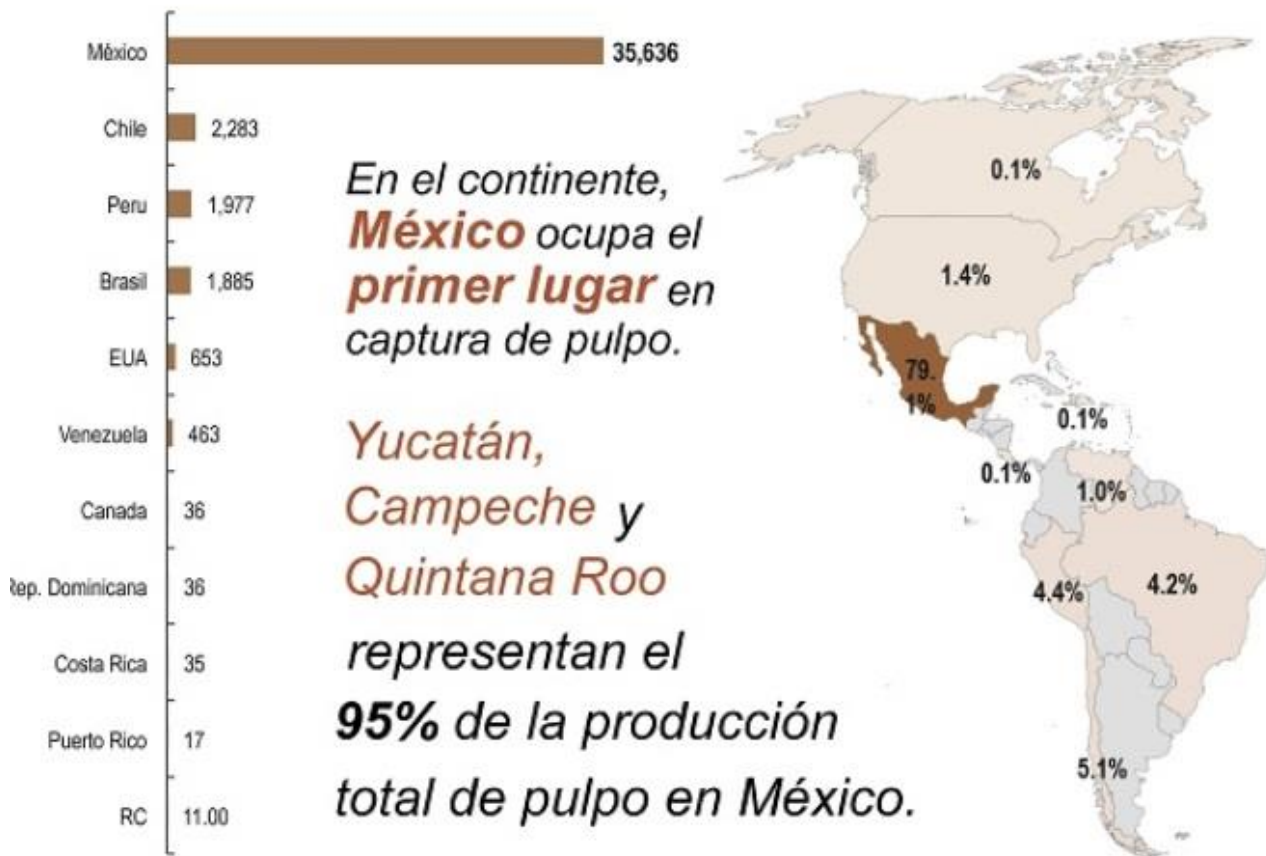
Yucatan's octopus season ended with a record catch figure, which could exceed 35,000 tonnes, twice last year's catch, which was 17,700 tonnes.

The average octopus (*Otopus maya* and *Octopus vulgaris*) production ranged between 16,000 and 20,000 tonnes per year, according to Rafael Combaluzier, head of the Ministry of Fisheries of Yucatan.

The official stressed that the result obtained this year shows that the closed seasons are efficient to allow the repopulation of this cephalopod.



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In the neighbouring state of Campeche, fishermen captured more than 13,000 tonnes of octopus during the 2018 season, which represented more than MXN 760 million (USD 37.8 million).

Now the closed season for the two species of octopus has begun, which will run until July 31, 2019 in the area comprised by Campeche, Yucatán and Quintana Roo.

The main buyers of octopus from the Yucatan Peninsula are the international markets of countries in Asia and the United States, while Mexico City prevails in the national market.

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