

Seafood exports grew 25 % and imports 18.5% in 2019

Ukrainian fish and fishery products exports grew by 25% in 2019, according to the State Fisheries Agency of Ukraine.

"In 2019, our country exported 11 800 tons of fish and hydrobiological resources worth USD 46.4 million to foreign markets. It received USD 9.2 million (25%) more than in the same period of 2018," the agency said in a statement.

About 37% of all Ukrainian fishery exports (in terms of value) were destined for European countries. 30% of the products arrived in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), while 29% went to Asia.



The largest buyer of Ukrainian fish and products derived from hydrobiological resources (in absolute terms) was Moldova, with 2000 tons worth USD 4.3 million. Among the leaders are Denmark with 1500 tons and USD 7.6 million, Germany with 1300 tons and USD 8.3 million, Turkey with 1200 tons and USD 4.8 million and South Korea with 943 tons and USD 2.7 million.

Ukraine mainly exports processed or canned fish (sardines, sardines, herring or sprats), fresh, chilled or frozen fish fillets and other fish meats (salmon, cod, perch), surimi (crab sticks).

In 2019, 67 800 tonnes of fishery products were produced in Ukraine.

Imports

According to statistics, in 2019 imports of fish, fishery products and other aquatic bioresources to Ukraine amounted to 399.1 thousand tons for a total amount of \$ 753.2 million. This is a monetary result of \$ 117 million (18.5%) more than in 2018.



The main importers of aquatic bioresources to Ukraine (in absolute terms) are Norway (80 thousand tons at \$ 205.4 million), Iceland (60.7 thousand tons at \$ 93.5 million), Estonia (39.6 thousand tons at \$ 16 , 8 million), the United States (30.7 thousand tons at \$ 67.6 million) and Canada (20.6 thousand tons at \$ 39.4 million). Imports of large-scale fish imports are also made from Latvia, Spain, China and the United Kingdom.

About 80-90% of the volume of imports comes from fish that Ukraine does not have access to, and that are harvested exclusively in the maritime economic zones of other countries. Basically, our country



imports frozen fish or its fillets, which is 80% of imports. These products are mostly processed in domestic fisheries.

Reference information

According to forecasts, in connection with the increase of catch (extraction) of aquatic bioresources and the supply of imported fishery products to Ukraine in 2019, the consumption of fish and fish products increased to 555 thousand tons, which is 12.9 kg per capita. In 2018, according to the State Statistics Service, these figures amounted to 497 thousand tons and 11.8 kg, respectively.

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