



## Peru fish landings fall 25% by value in August as catches set aside for humans drop

Peru's fisheries sector saw its seafood landings drop year-on-year to 107,000 metric tons worth PEN 148.8 million (\$37.1m) in August, down 23.3% in volume and 25% in value, as data published by the country's ministry of production, known as Produce, shows.

According to the ministry, this was mainly influenced by a 25% drop in landings of raw material destined for direct human consumption (DHC), which fell from 139,300t worth PEN 212.3m in August 2020 to 104,400t worth PEN 147.8m.

"56% of the total landings for DHC were allocated to the manufacturing of frozen fish products, followed by the manufacturing of fresh (31%), canned (7.8%) and cured (5.2%) products," Produce stated.

Landings for the manufacturing of frozen fish products registered a volume of 58,500t in August, down by 22,700t compared to the same month a year before. This was mainly due to lower squid catches (down 27.4%), hake (down 1%) and scallops (down 74.5%). In contrast, shrimp and anchovy landings rose by 9.2% and 36.9% during this period.

Regarding fish landings aimed for canned products, they saw a drop of 2,600t to 8,100t in August, mainly due to a fall in anchovy catches, skipjack tuna and mackerel.

"However, total tuna landings rose from 20,700t to 307,500t during this period," according to Produce.

On the other hand, landings of fish aimed for fresh consumption also fell by 13.4% due to lower entries of hake (down 10.5%), bonitos (down 58%), mackerel (down 32.5%) and (down 9.8%) to Peru's domestic market.

"Squid landings for the manufacturing of fresh products, however, increased by 29.7% to 3,600, as landings of mullet (up 16.2%), cachema [Cynoscion analis] (up 5.4%) and shrimp (up 3.8%) also did," it added.





## Catches aimed for fishmeal rose, however

Conversely, a marked increase in anchovy catches in the southern zone of Peru -- aimed for fishmeal and fish oil production -- has partially attenuated the drop in landings for DHC, despite the anchovy fishing season in the north zone ending on Aug. 10.

In total, catches for indirect human consumption have risen by 819.7% to 2,500t, according to the second chart below, available on Undercurrent News' supply page.

From January to August, Peru's seafood landings totaled over 4.2m metric tons, up by 20% compared to the same period of the previous year, which amounted to 3.49m metric tons.

For 2021, the sector estimates a y-o-y growth of 8.3%, mainly due to an expected increase of 17% and 2%, respectively, in anchovy landings for indirect human consumption -- fishmeal and fish oil -- as well as DHC in the north of the country, which was significantly hit by Peru's strict COVID-19 lockdown measures, as Undercurrent previously reported.



Lien article : <https://www.undercurrentnews.com/2021/11/08/peru-fish-landings-fall-25-by-value-in-august-as-catches-set-aside-for-humans-drop/>