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Abstract

The artisanal fisheries sector represents the most dominant fishery sector in Lebanon. The current report aims to estimate the total marine fisheries catches of Lebanon for the period of 1950-2010 using available information on artisanal, subsistence, and recreational fisheries, as well as discards in Lebanon. Recent data available for artisanal fisheries was mainly collected from four major ports in North Lebanon by FLOUCA/UOB. Other available resources included 'local' FAO data, which differed from the values officially reported by FAO on behalf of Lebanon. Overall, the estimated value of total catches for Lebanese coastal regions from 1950-2010 was over 345,000 t, which is 2.4 times the 141,000 t reported by the FAO on behalf of Lebanon. Our estimated total catch provides a more comprehensive measure of fisheries catches in Lebanese coastal regions, as this value reflects a broad range of sectors such as artisanal, subsistence and recreational, and also includes discard estimates. Ultimately, with better understanding of the level of catches over time in the Mediterranean Sea, better monitoring, reporting and management systems could be established to ensure sustained benefit from marine resources.

Introduction

The Lebanese coastline is relatively short and stretches along a north-south axis. Eighty percent of the coast is rocky, with the remaining 20% reported to be sandy with gravel on the landward side. The continental shelf is widest in the north (21 km), narrows down in the north-south axis, then widens up again to 8 km in the south (Figure 1). The shelf is characterized by submarine canyons with depths reaching 1,500 meters or more, creating heterogeneous habitats for an array of marine organisms (Sacchi and Dimech 2011). Typically, well developed vermetid platforms represent an important feature of all Lebanese rocky shores (Abboud-Abi Saab and Nader 2002a, 2002b).



Figure 1: The Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and continental shelf (to 200 m depth) of Lebanon.

The littoral zone has a typical Mediterranean climate, with relatively cool rainy winters and hot dry summers. The average salinity of the marine environment is about 39‰, while surface water temperatures range between a maximum of 32°C in August and a minimum of 17°C in February (Abboud-Abi Saab and Nader 2002b). Waves along the Lebanese coast are characterized by weak amplitude and a short wave length being generally strongest between January and March. Offshore currents follow a northeastern direction, while eddy currents near the shore flow in a clockwise direction (Abboud-Abi Saab and Nader 2002a, 2002b).

The coastal zone of Lebanon is under severe anthropogenic pressure with a very large percentage of the population living in coastal urban areas, and more than half residing in the capital Beirut and its suburbs. This creates substantial land-based pollution sources affecting the coastal marine

environment and its productivity. Moreover, habitat destruction through 'sea-filling' of coastal marine habitats with land-derived rubble and beach erosion due to sand and pebble extraction from coastal areas and riverbeds has been extensive. Exacerbating an already dire situation, the many war years that ravaged the country (Civil war: 1975-1991; Israel-Lebanon conflicts: 1996 and 2006) have intensified the destruction of the coastal environment through ongoing unregulated developments and the depletion of the indigenous fauna and flora. More specifically, the 2006 Israeli war in Lebanon that lasted for several weeks resulted in 15,000 m³ of crude oil being spilled in Lebanese coastal waters through the bombardment by the Israeli Air Force of the Jiyeh Power Plant fuel tanks in South Lebanon. The oil drifted northward, and more than 150 km of the Lebanese coastline were contaminated. The spilled oil had a devastating impact on the Lebanese marine environment (Steiner 2006; UNEP 2007; World Bank 2007; UN 2011). On another front, the Suez Canal has become a corridor for many alien species originating from the Red Sea that have and continue to invade the Eastern Mediterranean in particular and the Mediterranean in general. A study on the coast of Tyre, South Lebanon, showed that the percentage of Lessepsian species caught in 2008 in the area was 37% of the total species captured, while in 2002 the percentage along the entire eastern Mediterranean did not exceed 14% (Bariche et al. 2007; Carpentieri et al. 2009; Nader 2011). Thus, the productivity of the Lebanese coastal marine environment has been deeply affected for several decades, threatening the wellbeing of the people depending directly or indirectly on its resources.

Fisheries in Lebanon

Lebanese fisheries are artisanal or traditional in nature, with the country's coastal waters containing at least 1,685 animal species with more than 80 fish species being of commercial importance. Living marine resources are managed by the Ministry of Agriculture, while the Ministry of Public Works and Transport is in charge of the fishing boat registry (Majdalani 2005; Sacchi and Dimech 2011). The Lebanese fishing fleet totals 2,662 registered fishing boats spread along the entire coast. The main gears include trammel nets, gill nets, longlines, purse seine nets (*lampara*) and beach seines. Fishing usually occurs to a maximum depth of up to 200 m, while

most activities take place at an average depth of 50 m. The fishing grounds, gears and habits are similar along the Lebanese coast. Logbooks are not used and catch reporting from fishers, when existing, tend to be underestimates. Moreover, illegal fishing techniques using dynamite and nets with small mesh size are chronic problems that, even though reduced, have not been completely resolved.

In addition, historical fisheries data are sporadic and the country lacks information on stocks, bycatch and discards (Majdalani 2004; Bitar 2008; Nader *et al.* 2012a). Nevertheless, the past few years have seen the launching of several initiatives to address the problems plaguing the sector. The Marine Resources and Coastal Zone Management Program (MRCZM) at the Institute of the Environment (IOE) at the University of Balamand (UOB) initiated a data collection program of commercial fisheries. This includes landings and effort in the Mohafaza (governorate) of North Lebanon and Akkar, covering 45% of the Lebanese coastline. The program has been monitoring commercial fish landings on a regular basis since January 2006.

Currently, information about fishing gear, species, quantity, price and size is collected on a weekly basis for 88 commercial species from the four major ports in North Lebanon: Batroun, Qalamoun, Tripoli and Abdeh (Figure 2). On the other hand, effort data are obtained from the records of the Lebanese Army that registers boat activity on a daily basis. Gathered information is entered in the Fish Landing Operational Utility for Catch Assessment database (FLOUCA) allowing the generation of monthly and yearly trends of catch, catch per unit effort (CPUE), and average price for the monitored species. The main goal of the initiative is to establish long-term monitoring of commercial fish landings and effort in order to contribute to developing appropriate management plans based on scientific data to sustainably benefit from the resource (Nader *et al.* 2012b).



Figure 2: Major fishing ports in North Lebanon (Nader *et al.* 2012b).

Furthermore, the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS; <u>www.cnrs.edu.lb</u>), through the National Center for Marine Sciences (NCMS), is implementing the CANA project (<u>www.cana-cnrs.gov.lb</u>) funded by the "Italian Cooperation for Development in Lebanon and Syria" and the Lebanese Government. The overall objective is to increase the knowledge of coastal and marine environments towards drawing responsible and sustainable development outlines while preparing guidelines for an integrated coastal policy. In addition, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in collaboration with the CNRS-NCMS and the CANA team, launched in June 2012 the project PescaLibano. Its main objective is to provide "technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture in the field of fishery development".

On another front, the EastMed-Project (<u>www.faoeastmed.org</u>) by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture in Lebanon and funded by Greece, Italy and the European Community, is supporting the development of regionally-consistent fisheries management plans among the Eastern Mediterranean countries. The project's longer-term development objective aims at contributing to the sustainable management of marine fisheries in the Eastern Mediterranean, and thereby supporting national economies and protecting the livelihoods of those involved in the fisheries sector. Within this context, an agreement was signed between the FAO-EastMed project and the IOE-UOB to initiate a "Pilot Survey on Fisheries Dependent Data Collection in Lebanon Including Training". The IOE-UOB will contribute to improve and implement the national fisheries dependent data collection program through the expansion of FLOUCA into FLOUCA Web and through training related staff of the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture on the expanded application. FLOUCA Web operates as an internet-driven system with outposts at selected major ports of the Lebanese coastline and is quite transparent in its operations. Data input and estimations are performed locally but are visible throughout the network. FLOUCA Web is errorfree and robust. It also offers a wide variety of statistical diagnostics that are in line with the latest requirements demanded by regional and international fisheries bodies, specifically FAO and GFCM Task 1. The main output will be delivering FLOUCA Web to the Ministry of Agriculture to be adopted as the national reporting system for the Lebanese Government.

Additionally, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (<u>www.gfcm.org</u>) at the FAO hosted the Concerted Actions for Lebanon meeting in December 2012.¹ The goal of the meeting was to identify objectives and priority issues for Lebanon, to review results achieved/to be achieved by organizations, agencies and projects supporting Lebanese fisheries and aquaculture, and to elaborate a multiannual roadmap (2013-2018) to help Lebanon in strengthening its fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

As can be seen, several initiatives have been launched in the past few years to properly and sustainably manage marine and coastal resources, taking into consideration the well-being of coastal communities.

¹<u>http://151.1.154.86/GfcmWebSite/SAC/SCESS/13/ReportConcertedActionforLebanon.pdf</u> [accessed May 1, 2013] The present report provides historical reconstructions of the estimated real catch for Lebanon from 1950 to 2010 based on published and unpublished material, and on local knowledge combined with conservative assumptions, following the rationale of Pauly (1998) and the catch reconstruction approach outlined in Zeller *et al.* (2007).

Methods

Artisanal catch

The total artisanal catch values were collected from two major sources. Local FAO data were available for the period of 2000 to 2006 (interpolation was done to fill in a missing value in 2003). It was found that these values were greater than the official data presented by the FAO on behalf of Lebanon. These values were accepted and the data from 2000 was used to calculate a raising factor to apply to the official FAO data from 1950-1999. Also, given the 1996 Israel-Lebanon conflict, we made an assumption that the total catch during this year was reduced by 20%. While the scale (i.e., 20%) seems arbitrary, it is assumed to reflect the reduced fishing opportunities available to local fishers during the conflict, especially in southern areas. A decrease in annual catches during the years of the civil war was already reflected in the official FAO data and was therefore maintained when the raising factor was applied. From 2007 to 2010, artisanal catches were obtained from the data collected by UOB through the FLOUCA initiative. Although data were collected by FLOUCA in 2006, it was determined that the local FAO data better reflected the decrease in catch that was a result of the war and oil spill that affected fisheries that year. Although the FLOUCA data uses superior methods for data estimation, the data that are collected and then extrapolated to the whole of Lebanon are from ports along the northern portion of the coast. The oil spill was concentrated in the south, with the Israel-Lebanon conflict also having a greater effect on the south. Therefore, in order to remain conservative, it was assumed that the data collected by FLOUCA for the north, when extrapolated to the whole country, may not fully account for the effects of these two situations. The local FAO data for 2006, which is substantially higher than the FAO data from Fishstat, nevertheless shows a decrease in the catch (from 2005) which may better represent the impact of events in the south.

The data extracted from FLOUCA for the four major ports in North Lebanon were extrapolated for the whole Lebanon coastal region by using the ratio of boats in the north (1,100) to total boats for all of Lebanon (2,662). It was assumed that the number of boats in Lebanon and the number of boats in the north remained constant over the 2007-2010 time period.

Discards

Discarded catch by the Lebanese artisanal fisheries was calculated using a discard rate of 0.5% as reported by Kelleher (2005) for the neighboring country Syria. This discard rate referred specifically to Syria's artisanal fishery that uses gillnets and trammel nets. These gear types are also frequently used in the Lebanese artisanal fishery, and thus the rate was used as a proxy.

Subsistence catch

Human population data for Lebanon were taken from the historical population demography website Populstat (<u>www.populstat.info/</u>) for the years 1950-1959, and from the World Bank database (<u>www.data.worldbank.org/</u>) for the period of 1960-2010. To estimate the coastal population for both urban and rural areas from 1950-2010, the total population data were multiplied by the percent coastal population (5% of total population is coastal for rural and 49% for urban) within a 10 km range of the coast (CIESIN and Columbia University 2012). The 5% and 49% values remain constant from 1990-2010. Therefore, these values were applied for the whole time period to the total population data gathered from Populstat and World Bank. Even though coastal population has been estimated to be as high as 80%, we used an overall coastal population of 54% in order to remain conservative in our estimation.

Subsistence is here defined as having as primary driver (motivator) to provide food for self- or family-consumption, with some local barter or occasional sale. To estimate the subsistence catches for Lebanon from 1950-2010, the coastal rural and coastal urban populations were multiplied by a consumption rates of 4 kg·person⁻¹·year⁻¹ (rural) and 0.5 kg·person⁻¹·year⁻¹ (urban). These consumption rates were derived from a paper on food consumption patterns among adults in Beirut, Lebanon (Nasreddine *et al.* 2006). In the study, the fish consumption rate was reported to be 7.19 kg·person⁻¹·year⁻¹. However, due to the nature of the study, this most likely also included fish that was purchased and not personally caught. We therefore used the information as a guide in determining the subsistence consumption rates. Based on the assumption that subsistence consumption is likely higher in rural coastal areas (urban populations have greater access to markets where sources of protein may be purchased), a higher consumption rate was applied to that segment of the population. In this reconstruction we used both a conservative coastal population estimate and conservative consumption rates, as there was little information available for this sector. Future studies are required to get an accurate estimate of the subsistence fisheries catch of Lebanon.

Recreational catch

Due to the lack of available data on recreational fisheries in Lebanon, the recreational catch of Lebanon for 1950-2010 was estimated based on a population participation rate of 0.1181% derived in a global study on marine recreation (Cisneros-Montemayor and Sumaila 2010). To calculate the recreational catches for 1950-2010, it was assumed that this participation rate would only apply to the total coastal population of Lebanon (rural and urban combined) in order to be conservative. An assumption was made that between 1950 and 1974 (before the Lebanese civil war period) recreational fishers would on average go on 1 trip per month and catch 5 kg per trip. Further, for the period 1992-2010 (after the civil war), it was assumed that recreational fishers would make 0.5 trips per month and catch an average of 2.5 kg per trip. For the period of the civil war (1975-1991), it was assumed that recreational fishing immediately declined and that fishing behavior was the same as the period right after the war ended.

Taxonomic breakdown

Data on species composition of catches in coastal regions of Lebanon for the earlier periods are limited, but have improved drastically over the last 10 years. We therefore accepted the species composition of the FAO data for the reported artisanal catch due to the fact that from 1987 onwards it provided a fairly well disaggregated composition. In 1987, the 'marine fishes nei' category disappeared and was replaced by more specific taxonomic categories. To further disaggregate the 'marine fishes nei' category in earlier years, we applied the species breakdown from 1987 to those catches (excluding clupeiods, mackerels, and tuna-like fishes, which were already present in that time period). We applied the species breakdown of the reported artisanal catch (by year) to the unreported component of the artisanal catch.

The species breakdown for the subsistence catch was derived from the artisanal breakdown for the year 2010, which was based on the work of the two senior authors. However, we excluded barracuda (Sphyraenidae), conger eel (*Conger conger*), and sharks (Elasmobranchii) from this composition, and decreased the contribution of Scombridae by retaining 'mackerels nei' but removing 'tuna-like fishes nei' (Table 1).

| 1950-2010. | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Таха | % |
| Clupeidae | 20.4 |
| Carangidae | 13.5 |
| Sparidae | 13.0 |
| Mugilidae | 12.6 |
| Scombridae | 11.3 |
| Serranidae | 8.9 |
| Mullidae | 6.7 |
| Scorpaenidae | 4.0 |
| Centrarchidae | 3.0 |
| Atherinidae | 1.7 |
| Sepiida | 0.9 |
| Gadiformes nei | 0.9 |
| Octopus vulgaris | 0.8 |
| Flatfishes nei | 0.3 |
| Miscellaneous marine crustaceans | 2.0 |

Table 1.Subsistence species compositionapplied to Lebanese subsistence catches for1950-2010.

Recreational catches were disaggregated using the information available on a local recreational fishery website (www.lebanonboats.com/fishing/). The most common fish captured by recreational fishers in the coastal regions of Lebanon are Serranidae, Scombridae, Haemulidae, Holocentridae, Sparidae, Mugilidae and Sphyraenidae. An assumed breakdown of these taxa was applied to the recreational catches for the whole time period (Table 2).

| Table 2. Red | creational species |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| composition app | olied to Lebanese |
| recreational catc | nes for 1950-2010. |
| Таха | (%) |
| Haemulidae | 20 |
| Mugilidae | 20 |
| Sparidae | 20 |
| Scombridae | 15 |
| Holocentridae | 10 |
| Serranidae | 10 |
| Sphyraenidae | 5 |

The species breakdown of discards was assumed to consist of juvenile and/or undersized fish as well as damaged fish of the same species as those landed. Therefore, the 2010 species breakdown of the artisanal sector was applied to the discard tonnage for the whole time period.

Results

Artisanal catch

The reconstruction suggests that artisanal catch followed a fairly steady increase from 1950 to 1974, with a peak value of almost 5,900 t in 1974 (Figure 3a). During the period of civil war (1975-1991), the amount of catch drops significantly, with the lowest value of almost 2,300 t in 1984. From 1992 to 1995, the artisanal catch fairly steadily increases and reaches a peak value of 7,700 t in 1995. The Israel-Lebanon war in 1996 signifies a period decline where the catch amount reduced to 6,200 t. The artisanal catch followed an increasing trend from 1997 to 2005.

The peak value of 8,000 t was reached in 2005. In 2006, the Israeli war in Lebanon occurred, during which the catch value dropped to 6,200 t. Following 2006, the catch trend fell into a decline, but has recovered in 2010 with over 7,100 t. Overall, artisanal catches were estimated at slightly over 266,000 t for the full time period (Figure 3a).

Discards

Discards followed the same trend as the artisanal catches (Figure 3a). Discards increased steadily from 1950 to 1974, with a peak value of 29 t in 1974. During the civil war, discards value from 23 t in 1975 to 16 t in 1991. The lowest discards were in 1984 with 11 t. Following this period, discard increased steadily and reached a peak of 40 t in 2005, and discards averaged 33 t year⁻¹ over the last decade (Figure 3a).

Subsistence catch

The subsistence catches in Lebanon summed to slightly over 76,000 t for 1950-2010 (Figure 3a). Subsistence catches increased from 640 t·year⁻¹ in 1950 to 1,880 t·year⁻¹ by 2010 (Figure 3a). During the civil war period (1975-1991), the subsistence catches remained relatively constant with an estimated 1,200-1,300 t·year⁻¹ (Figure 3a).

Recreational catch

Recreational catches for Lebanon were estimated to amount to just under 3,100 t for 1950-2010 (Figure 3a). Catches increased steadily from around 55 t·year⁻¹ in the early 1950s to just over 100 t·year⁻¹ in 1974 before the start of the civil war. During and after the civil war, recreational catches were deemed to remain low at around 26-27 t·year⁻¹, and reached around 40 t·year⁻¹ by the end of the present time period in 2010 (Figure 3a).



Figure 3: Total reconstructed catches for Lebanon for 1950-2010, (a) by fishing sectors plus discards, with data officially reported by FAO on behalf of Lebanon overlaid as line graph; and (b) by taxon. "Other" consists of 14 additional taxonomic categories.

Species composition

Total reconstructed catches were dominated by the family Clupeidae with 23% of the total catch (over 79,000 t, Figure 3b). Other major contributors included Scombridae (18.8%), Sparidae (11.5%), Carangidae (9.6%), Mugilidae (9.1%), Serranidae (6.7%), and Mullidae (5.8%, Figure 3b).

Discussion

Given that data on fisheries catches are very sporadic, and that the only fish-catch monitoring program (FLOUCA) covers approximately half of the Lebanese coastline, many assumptions (although conservative) had to be made. According to the current study, the total catch in Lebanon from 1950-2010 was estimated to be 345,000 t. This value was approximately 2.4 times the 141,142 t reported by the FAO on behalf of Lebanon. Species that are most commonly captured in Lebanese coastal waters are small and medium pelagics (Clupeidea, Scombridae, Carangidae), as well as sea breams, mullets and goatfish. The fishing industry of Lebanon is dominated by the artisanal fishery which mostly uses trammel nets, gill nets, longlines, purse seine nets (*lampara*) and beach seines. The civil war between 1975 and 1991, as well as the Israel-Lebanon conflicts in 1996 and 2006 (a total of 19 years) had major impacts on the fisheries sector as a whole, while other internal conflicts did not affect the yearly fisheries estimates. Unfortunately, the lack of sufficient management in the fishing sector led to reduction in fish stocks of this region over years. The current study aimed to provide a better estimate of historic catches made by commercial (i.e., artisanal), recreational and subsistence fisheries along the coastal regions of Lebanon.

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| 'ear | FAO landings | Total reconstructed catch | Artisanal | Subsistence | Recreational |
|------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|
| 950 | 1,600 | 3,740 | 3,040 | 642 | 55 |
| 951 | 1,500 | 3,560 | 2,850 | 654 | 56 |
| 952 | 1,500 | 3,580 | 2,850 | 668 | 57 |
| 953 | 1,400 | 3,400 | 2,660 | 683 | 59 |
| 954 | 1,400 | 3,420 | 2,660 | 700 | 60 |
| .955 | 1,500 | 3,630 | 2,850 | 718 | 62 |
| 956 | 1,600 | 3,840 | 3,040 | 737 | 63 |
| 1957 | 1,700 | 4,060 | 3,230 | 758 | 65 |
| 1958 | 1,800 | 4,270 | 3,420 | 780 | 67 |
| 1959 | 1,900 | 4,490 | 3,610 | 802 | 69 |
| 1960 | 2,100 | 4,920 | 3,990 | 849 | 73 |
| 1961 | 1,900 | 4,560 | 3,610 | 876 | 75 |
| 1962 | 2,000 | 4,780 | 3,800 | 902 | 75 |
| 1963 | | | | 929 | 80 |
| | 2,200 | 5,190 | 4,180 | 929 | 80 |
| 1964 | 2,000 | 4,840 | 3,800 | | |
| 1965 | 2,300 | 5,440 | 4,370 | 981 | 84 |
| 1966 | 2,500 | 5,850 | 4,750 | 1,004 | 86 |
| 1967 | 1,800 | 4,540 | 3,420 | 1,026 | 88 |
| 1968 | 2,500 | 5,890 | 4,750 | 1,048 | 90 |
| 1969 | 3,000 | 6,870 | 5,710 | 1,071 | 92 |
| 1970 | 2,300 | 5,570 | 4,370 | 1,097 | 94 |
| 1971 | 1,900 | 4,840 | 3,610 | 1,125 | 97 |
| 1972 | 1,800 | 4,680 | 3,420 | 1,156 | 99 |
| 1973 | 2,400 | 5,850 | 4,560 | 1,186 | 102 |
| 1974 | 3,100 | 7,210 | 5,900 | 1,212 | 104 |
| 1975 | 2,400 | 5,820 | 4,560 | 1,231 | 26 |
| 1976 | 1,700 | 4,500 | 3,230 | 1,241 | 27 |
| 1977 | 1,600 | 4,310 | 3,040 | 1,244 | 27 |
| 1978 | 1,700 | 4,500 | 3,230 | 1,243 | 27 |
| 1979 | 1,650 | 4,410 | 3,140 | 1,242 | 27 |
| 1980 | 1,700 | 4,500 | 3,230 | 1,244 | 27 |
| 1981 | 1,500 | 4,130 | 2,850 | 1,249 | 27 |
| 1982 | 1,400 | 3,950 | 2,660 | 1,258 | 27 |
| 1983 | 1,300 | 3,770 | 2,470 | 1,269 | 27 |
| 1984 | 1,200 | 3,590 | 2,280 | 1,278 | 27 |
| 1985 | 1,400 | 3,970 | 2,660 | 1,284 | 28 |
| 1986 | 1,500 | 4,170 | 2,850 | 1,285 | 28 |
| 1980 | 1,700 | 4,540 | 3,230 | 1,285 | 28 |
| 1987 | 1,700 | 4,540 | 3,230 | 1,284 | 28 |
| | | | | | |
| 1989 | 1,700 | 4,550 | 3,230 | 1,292 | 28 |
| 1990 | 1,420 | 4,040 | 2,700 | 1,312 | 28 |
| 1991 | 1,700 | 4,610 | 3,230 | 1,347 | 29 |
| 1992 | 1,700 | 4,660 | 3,230 | 1,393 | 30 |
| 1993 | 2,000 | 5,280 | 3,800 | 1,446 | 31 |
| 1994 | 2,205 | 5,720 | 4,190 | 1,497 | 32 |
| 1995 | 4,065 | 9,310 | 7,730 | 1,541 | 33 |
| 1996 | 4,115 | 7,870 | 6,260 | 1,575 | 34 |
| 1997 | 3,635 | 8,550 | 6,910 | 1,601 | 34 |
| 1998 | 3,500 | 8,310 | 6,660 | 1,622 | 35 |
| 1999 | 3,540 | 8,410 | 6,730 | 1,642 | 35 |
| 2000 | 3,646 | 8,640 | 6,930 | 1,665 | 36 |
| 2001 | 3,650 | 9,160 | 7,430 | 1,692 | 36 |
| 2002 | 3,673 | 9,400 | 7,640 | 1,721 | 37 |
| 2003 | 3,613 | 9,530 | 7,740 | 1,751 | 38 |
| 2004 | 3,601 | 9,660 | 7,840 | 1,779 | 38 |
| 2005 | 3,523 | 9,880 | 8,040 | 1,803 | 39 |
| 2006 | 3,541 | 8,090 | 6,230 | 1,823 | 39 |
| 2007 | 3,541 | 8,360 | 6,480 | 1,840 | 40 |
| 2008 | 3,541 | 6,490 | 4,600 | 1,854 | 40 |
| 2008 | 3,541 | 6,050 | 4,150 | 1,868 | 40 |
| 2009 | 3,541 | 9,070 | 7,150 | 1,808 | 40 |

| Year | Clupeidae | Scombridae | Sparidae | Carangidae | Mugilidae | Serranidae | Mullidae | Others |
|------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|--------|
| 1950 | 701 | 652 | 517 | 351 | 357 | 274 | 254 | 636 |
| 1951 | 893 | 464 | 477 | 326 | 332 | 254 | 234 | 585 |
| 1952 | 895 | 465 | 478 | 328 | 334 | 255 | 235 | 587 |
| 1953 | 709 | 656 | 439 | 304 | 310 | 235 | 215 | 537 |
| 1954 | 712 | 659 | 441 | 306 | 312 | 237 | 216 | 540 |
| 1955 | 527 | 661 | 528 | 361 | 367 | 281 | 259 | 648 |
| 1956 | 720 | 664 | 531 | 364 | 370 | 283 | 260 | 651 |
| 1957 | 914 | 856 | 492 | 340 | 347 | 264 | 241 | 602 |
| 1958 | 919 | 1,048 | 495 | 343 | 350 | 266 | 242 | 606 |
| 1959 | 923 | 1,240 | 499 | 346 | 354 | 268 | 244 | 610 |
| 1960 | 933 | 1,436 | 548 | 379 | 387 | 294 | 268 | 671 |
| 1961 | 938 | 1,249 | 510 | 356 | 364 | 276 | 249 | 622 |
| 1962 | 944 | 1,442 | 514 | 360 | 368 | 278 | 251 | 627 |
| 1963 | 1,139 | 1,442 | 560 | 390 | 398 | 302 | 273 | 684 |
| | 955 | • | | | | | | |
| 1964 | | 1,449 | 521 | 367 | 376 | 283 | 254 | 636 |
| 1965 | 1,339 | 1,263 | 610 | 423 | 432 | 328 | 298 | 746 |
| 1966 | 1,723 | 1,078 | 655 | 453 | 462 | 352 | 321 | 803 |
| 1967 | 1,347 | 701 | 532 | 377 | 386 | 290 | 259 | 647 |
| 1968 | 1,731 | 1,272 | 620 | 433 | 442 | 335 | 303 | 757 |
| 1969 | 1,548 | 2,412 | 624 | 436 | 446 | 337 | 304 | 762 |
| 1970 | 1,930 | 710 | 627 | 439 | 449 | 339 | 306 | 765 |
| 1971 | 2,125 | 524 | 462 | 337 | 347 | 258 | 223 | 559 |
| 1972 | 2,131 | 528 | 425 | 315 | 326 | 240 | 204 | 511 |
| 1973 | 1,759 | 911 | 682 | 477 | 488 | 369 | 333 | 833 |
| 1974 | 2,201 | 1,143 | 834 | 574 | 585 | 446 | 408 | 1,022 |
| 1975 | 1,768 | 905 | 673 | 483 | 479 | 366 | 336 | 812 |
| 1976 | 1,334 | 678 | 526 | 392 | 387 | 292 | 262 | 629 |
| 1977 | 1,259 | 640 | 510 | 382 | 377 | 284 | 254 | 608 |
| 1978 | 1,335 | 678 | 527 | 392 | 388 | 293 | 263 | 629 |
| 1979 | 1,297 | 678 | 514 | 384 | 380 | 286 | 256 | 613 |
| 1980 | 1,335 | 678 | 527 | 393 | 388 | 293 | 263 | 629 |
| 1981 | 1,203 | 640 | 481 | 364 | 359 | 270 | 240 | 572 |
| 1982 | 1,148 | 603 | 461 | 352 | 347 | 260 | 230 | 546 |
| 1983 | 1,093 | 566 | 441 | 340 | 335 | 251 | 220 | 521 |
| 1984 | 1,038 | 530 | 421 | 328 | 323 | 241 | 210 | 496 |
| 1985 | 1,172 | 606 | 460 | 353 | 348 | 260 | 229 | 545 |
| 1986 | 1,211 | 644 | 486 | 369 | 364 | 273 | 242 | 577 |
| 1980 | 1,211 | 720 | 553 | 411 | 406 | 307 | 276 | 661 |
| 1987 | 1,210 | 720 | 553 | 411 411 | 400 | 307 | 276 | 661 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| 1989 | 1,212 | 721 | 554 | 412 | 407 | 308 | 276 | 662 |
| 1990 | 1,064 | 647 | 500 | 367 | 362 | 271 | 240 | 589 |
| 1991 | 1,223 | 728 | 562 | 420 | 414 | 313 | 280 | 670 |
| 1992 | 1,233 | 733 | 568 | 426 | 420 | 317 | 283 | 677 |
| 1993 | 1,244 | 787 | 670 | 481 | 513 | 369 | 381 | 836 |
| 1994 | 1,255 | 841 | 772 | 488 | 576 | 421 | 480 | 891 |
| 1995 | 1,834 | 2,080 | 1,063 | 1,063 | 962 | 616 | 483 | 1,204 |
| 1996 | 1,537 | 1,704 | 897 | 897 | 815 | 524 | 410 | 1,088 |
| 1997 | 1,467 | 2,086 | 882 | 882 | 781 | 432 | 393 | 1,628 |
| 1998 | 1,471 | 1,520 | 979 | 979 | 783 | 623 | 489 | 1,470 |
| 1999 | 1,286 | 1,523 | 1,076 | 887 | 786 | 624 | 490 | 1,738 |
| 2000 | 1,670 | 1,809 | 1,079 | 1,079 | 221 | 589 | 586 | 1,601 |
| 2001 | 1,364 | 1,825 | 1,042 | 1,042 | 1,036 | 642 | 520 | 1,689 |
| 2002 | 1,702 | 1,760 | 1,001 | 1,063 | 995 | 676 | 531 | 1,668 |
| 2003 | 1,642 | 1,703 | 1,028 | 1,092 | 1,011 | 694 | 545 | 1,811 |
| 2004 | 1,669 | 1,731 | 1,034 | 1,110 | 1,016 | 706 | 554 | 1,836 |
| 2005 | 1,691 | 1,819 | 1,087 | 1,110 | 1,069 | 734 | 554 | 1,818 |
| 2006 | 1,392 | 1,463 | 898 | 919 | 872 | 609 | 456 | 1,484 |
| 2000 | 1,436 | 1,515 | 926 | 948 | 899 | 628 | 470 | 1,534 |
| 2008 | 1,131 | 1,139 | 731 | 747 | 710 | 495 | 371 | 1,168 |
| 2008 | 1,131 | 1,050 | 686 | 700 | 666 | 455 | 347 | 1,108 |
| 2009 | 1,555 | 1,655 | 1,003 | 1,027 | 973 | 404 680 | 509 | 1,081 |