



## FAO Global Capture Production database updated to 2013

### Summary information

#### Fisheries and Aquaculture Department

Table 1. World capture production in 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013	Variation
	million tonnes	million tonnes	percentage
<b>Inland capture</b>	11.6	11.7	0.6
Marine capture (excluding anchoveta)	75.0	75.2	0.3
Anchoveta	4.7	5.7	20.9
<b>Marine capture</b>	79.7	80.9	1.5
<b>World total</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>92.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>

- All totals showed above increased in 2013 although only catches of anchoveta (*Engraulis ringens*) grew significantly of about one million tonnes. Total global capture production excluding anchoveta marked a new maximum production in 2013 at 86.9 million tonnes.
- Global total production has been stable for the last 15 years varying in the narrow range between 88.3 and 93.8 million tonnes even though remarkable variations in production by country fishing area and species are present every year (see following tables).
- Peru registered one of the major increases in comparison to the previous year mostly due to larger anchoveta catches which instead decreased along with other small pelagics in the neighboring Chile.
- Major variations in total catches by marine fishing area were noted in Southeast Atlantic and Northeast Pacific. In the former catches of small pelagics by South Africa decreased significantly (but not those by Namibia) while in the latter pink salmon's and USA's total catches were the highest ever.
- Other species which grew substantially in 2013 were skipjack Atlantic cod and blue whiting. While skipjack as well as the whole tuna group is in a continuous increasing trend and established new records in each recent year catches of the other two gadiformes species are recovering after a respectively long and short period of low biomass.
- Catches in inland waters represent 12.6% of total global capture production. More than half of inland water catches is concentrated in only five Asian countries. In 2013 Myanmar surpassed India which inland water catches are very variable as second world producer but there is evidence that its official catches are largely overestimated.
- Total number of species included in the FAO capture production database exceeded 2 000 items for the first time. It almost doubled in 17 years as in 1996 the database contained data for 1 035 species items.

**Table 2. Marine capture: 25 major producer countries**

Country	2012	2013	Variation
	tonnes	tonnes	2012–13 percentage
China	13 869 604	13 967 764	0.7
Peru	4 815 610	5 826 932	21.0
Indonesia	5 420 247	5 688 538	4.9
United States of America	5 107 559	5 204 493	1.9
Russian Federation	4 068 850	4 083 818	0.4
Japan	3 618 006	3 625 592	0.2
India	3 408 960	3 418 821	0.3
Viet Nam	2 510 900	2 608 400	3.9
Myanmar	2 332 790	2 483 870	6.5
Philippines	2 127 170	2 130 747	0.2
Norway	2 149 802	2 073 835	-3.5
Chile	2 572 876	1 770 945	-31.2
Thailand	1 500 200	1 630 047	8.7
Republic of Korea	1 659 901	1 590 695	-4.2
Mexico	1 467 790	1 508 116	2.7
Malaysia	1 472 239	1 482 899	0.7
Iceland	1 358 467	1 366 486	0.6
Morocco	1 148 489	1 238 277	7.8
Spain	925 583	1 028 173	11.1
Taiwan Province of China	908 023	925 171	1.9
Argentina	723 737	857 800	18.5
Canada	789 494	823 640	4.3
Denmark	502 632	668 339	33.0
United Kingdom	629 374	630 077	0.1
Bangladesh	578 620	588 988	1.8
<b>Total 25 major countries</b>	<b>65 666 923</b>	<b>67 222 463</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<b>Total other countries</b>	<b>14 021 700</b>	<b>13 662 616</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>World total</b>	<b>79 688 623</b>	<b>80 885 079</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Share 25 major countries</b>	<b>82.4%</b>	<b>83.1%</b>	

**Table 3. Marine capture: major fishing areas**

<b>Fishing area code</b>	<b>Fishing area name</b>	<b>2012</b> tonnes	<b>2013</b> tonnes	<b>Variation 2012–13</b> percentage
21	Atlantic Northwest	1 981 172	1 857 535	-6.2
27	Atlantic Northeast	8 013 253	8 448 975	5.4
31	Atlantic Western Central	1 469 646	1 369 211	-6.8
34	Atlantic Eastern Central	4 056 994	3 943 227	-2.8
37	Mediterranean and Black Sea	1 285 068	1 242 347	-3.3
41	Atlantic Southwest	1 880 758	1 977 838	5.2
47	Atlantic Southeast	1 561 418	1 249 871	-20.0
51	Indian Ocean Western	4 540 452	4 570 557	0.7
57	Indian Ocean Eastern	7 306 857	7 711 071	5.5
61	Pacific Northwest	21 468 316	21 429 231	-0.2
67	Pacific Northeast	2 915 594	3 220 426	10.5
71	Pacific Western Central	12 153 101	12 403 755	2.1
77	Pacific Eastern Central	1 977 357	2 091 518	5.8
81	Pacific Southwest	600 991	582 393	-3.1
87	Pacific Southeast	8 298 849	8 550 507	3.0
18 48 58 88	Arctic and Antarctic areas	178 797	236 617	32.3
<b>World total</b>		<b>79 688 623</b>	<b>80 885 079</b>	<b>1.5</b>

**Table 4. Marine capture: 25 major species and genera**

Scientific name	FAO English name	2012 tonnes	2013 tonnes	Variation 2012–13 percentage
<i>Engraulis ringens</i>	Anchoveta(=Peruvian anchovy)	4 692 855	5 674 036	20.9
<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>	Alaska pollock(=Walleye pollock)	3 271 426	3 239 719	-1.0
<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Skipjack tuna	2 826 935	3 027 229	7.1
<i>Sardinella</i> spp*	Sardinellas nei	2 357 759	2 261 203	-4.1
<i>Clupea harengus</i>	Atlantic herring	1 773 235	1 816 987	2.5
<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Chub mackerel	1 581 180	1 654 545	4.6
<i>Decapterus</i> spp*	Scads nei	1 442 599	1 413 994	-2.0
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	Atlantic cod	1 114 401	1 359 568	22.0
<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Yellowfin tuna	1 342 683	1 327 333	-1.1
<i>Engraulis japonicus</i>	Japanese anchovy	1 296 383	1 326 077	2.3
<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	Largehead hairtail	1 232 456	1 257 217	2.0
<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	European pilchard(=Sardine)	1 018 940	1 001 126	-1.7
<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Atlantic mackerel	911 256	981 881	7.8
<i>Scomberomorus</i> spp*	Seerfishes nei	910 885	936 004	2.8
<i>Dosidicus gigas</i>	Jumbo flying squid	950 630	847 292	-10.9
<i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Capelin	992 491	758 735	-23.6
<i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	Blue whiting(=Poutassou)	378 894	631 535	66.7
<i>Acetes japonicus</i>	Akiami paste shrimp	588 761	585 433	-0.6
<i>Nemipterus</i> spp*	Threadfin breams nei	574 824	564 345	-1.8
<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>	Pink(=Humpback) salmon	380 740	542 519	42.5
<i>Illex argentinus</i>	Argentine shortfin squid	340 622	525 383	54.2
<i>Clupea pallasii</i>	Pacific herring	451 457	510 015	13.0
<i>Portunus trituberculatus</i>	Gazami crab	429 959	503 885	17.2
<i>Brevoortia patronus</i>	Gulf menhaden	578 693	497 824	-14.0
<i>Gadus macrocephalus</i>	Pacific cod	474 047	461 599	-2.6
<b>Total 25 major species and genera</b>		<b>31 914 111</b>	<b>33 705 484</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Total other species</b>		<b>47 774 512</b>	<b>47 179 595</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
<b>World total</b>		<b>79 688 623</b>	<b>80 885 079</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Share 25 major species and genera</b>		<b>40.0%</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	

\*Catches for single species have been added to those reported for the genus

**Table 5. Inland waters capture: 25 major producer countries**

<b>Country</b>	<b>2012</b> tonnes	<b>2013</b> tonnes	<b>Variation</b> <b>2012-13</b> percentage
China	2 297 839	2 307 162	0.4
Myanmar	1 246 460	1 302 970	4.5
India	1 463 169	1 226 361	-16.2
Bangladesh	957 095	961 458	0.5
Cambodia	449 000	528 000	17.6
Uganda	407 638	419 249	2.8
Indonesia	393 553	413 187	5.0
Nigeria	312 009	339 499	8.8
United Republic of Tanzania	314 945	315 007	0.0
Russian Federation	262 548	262 050	-0.2
Egypt	240 039	250 196	4.2
Brazil	266 042	238 555	-10.3
Democratic Republic of the Congo	214 000	223 596	4.5
Thailand	219 428	213 700	-2.6
Philippines	195 804	200 974	2.6
Viet Nam	194 500	195 400	0.5
Kenya	150 131	154 234	2.7
Pakistan	120 240	123 155	2.4
Chad	100 000	120 000	20.0
Mexico	107 619	118 753	10.3
Malawi	125 392	112 248	-10.5
Mali	71 229	99 353	39.5
Ghana	90 000	90 000	0.0
Zambia	76 214	86 527	13.5
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	82 677	85 974	4.0
<b>Total 25 major countries</b>	<b>10 357 571</b>	<b>10 387 608</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Total other countries</b>	<b>1 259 635</b>	<b>1 299 899</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>World total</b>	<b>11 617 206</b>	<b>11 687 507</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Share 25 major countries</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>88.9%</b>	

To access the database: <http://www.fao.org/fishery/statistics/en>

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