

Gross Fisheries Output, 2004

-The Gross Fisheries Output in 2004 was 1.6036 trillion yen, a 0.8% of increase over the previous year -

- 1 The fisheries production volume in 2004 rose by 0.8% over the previous year to total 1.6036 trillion yen.
The fisheries production value underwent a catch decrease in 2004, but the total figure rose slightly due to an overall increase in prices.
- 2 The production value of marine fisheries increased by 2.8% over the previous year to come to 1.0659 trillion yen.
While some types, such as whitebaits and flatfishes, decreased, others, such as skipjack bonito, scallops, and salmons showed an increase.
- 3 The production value of marine aquaculture decreased by 3.0% compared with the previous year to come to 434.3 billion yen.
The production value of seaweed and scallops, among others, increased while yellowtails and others decreased.
- 4 The production value of inland water decreased by 8.7% compared with the previous year to total 51.5 billion yen.
The inland water fisheries saw increases in salmon and trout, among others, while others, including sweet fishes, decreased.
- 5 The production value of inland water aquaculture increased by 4.7% over the previous year to come to 51.9 billion yen, due to increases in eels, among others.

Table: Cange in Gross Fisheries

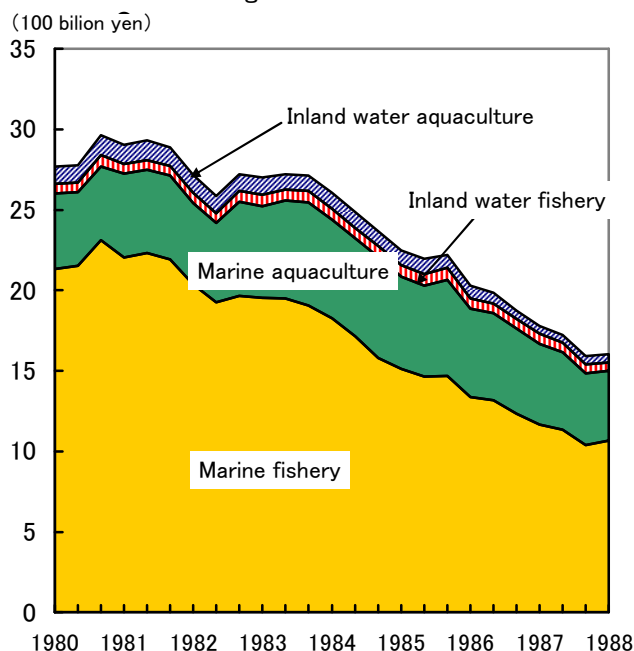


Figure: Gross Fisheries Output, 2004

Items	Gross output	Year-on-year contrast	Compositions ratio
	100million yen	%	%
Gross Fisheries Output	16,036	0.8	100.0
Marine fishery and Marine aquaculture	15,002	1.0	93.6
Marine fishery	10,659	2.8	66.5
Marine aquaculture	4,343	△ 3.0	27.1
Inland water fishery and Inland water aquaculture	1,034	△ 2.4	6.4
Inland water fishery	515	△ 8.7	3.2
Inland water aquaculture	519	4.7	3.2

Notice of Elaboration and Review for Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS)

MAFF will elaborate and review the following Japanese Agricultural Standards (JAS). Those who are interested in the elaborating and/or reviewing process may provide questions and/or comments to the Labeling and Standards Division, the Food Safety and Consumer Affairs Bureau of MAFF, no later than April 3rd, 2006.

1. The JAS to be elaborated for:
Processed foods with production information (soybean curd and alimentary konjac product)
2. The JAS to be reviewed for: Plywood

3. Presentation of drafts:
Drafts will be presented at the Subcommittee of the JAS Council.
 4. Public hearings will be held at the Subcommittee of the JAS Council.
 5. Commencement of the deliberation: April 2006
- For further information, please contact the Labeling and Standards Division.
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STATISTICS

The following statistics are available from the Statistics Planning Division of the Statistics Department: Tel. (03) 3501-3710.

1. Planted Area, Production and Shipment of Minor Vegetables, 2005. (Nationwide)
2. Statistics on Meat Marketing, February 2005.
3. Market Report on Retailers of Fresh Foods, Middle 10 days of February 2006.
4. Statistics on Lumber, February 2005.
5. Statistics on Plywood, February 2005.
6. Survey of the Marketing Structure of Food Products (Meat), 2005.
7. Statistics on Distribution of Frozen Fishery Products, Stock Information, February 2005.
8. Periodical Statistics on Marketing of Fruits and Vegetables, Middle 10 days of March 2006.
9. Index Numbers of Commodity Prices in Agriculture, February 2005.
10. Statistics on Chicks Hatched, February 2005.
11. Market Report on Retailers of Fresh Foods, Last 10 days of February 2006.
12. Survey on Current State of Agricultural and Forestry Roads Under Construction, as of August 1, 2005.
13. Prices of Lumber, March 2005.
14. Survey of Food Prices During Various Stages of the Distribution Process (Cost of Vegetables and Fruits) (Summary), 2005.
15. Monthly Statistics on Marketing of Fruits and Vegetables, January 2005.
16. Statistics on Marketing of Fishery Products in Landing Areas, February 2005.
17. Statistics on Milk and Milk Products, February 2005.

Reference: The English documents are published on the following URL: <http://www.maff.go.jp/esokuhou/index.html>

Notes: 1. All materials are in Japanese unless otherwise noted.

2. The contacts may not be able to respond to inquiries in any language except Japanese.