

## FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department has published the Global Capture Fisheries Production Statistics for the year 2011

According to the new release of FAO Capture Database for Inland and Marine fisheries (1950-2011) the total global capture production in 2011 was the third ever, slightly after 1996 (93.8 million tonnes) and 2000 (93.5).

This result was mostly due to good catches of Peruvian anchoveta (which, however, in 2012 already decreased by about 3.5 million tonnes) but also to marine catches excluding anchoveta which grew for the third consecutive year and in 2011 exceeded 74 million tonnes, a level that had not been reached since 2001.

Previous preliminary estimates of 2011 global total were lower as Japan's total catch was expected to reduce of about one third following March 2011 tsunami but fortunately actual decrease in comparison to 2010 was only around 7 percent.

As usual, recent and historical catches have been revised as new data became available from national sources and Regional Fishery Organizations. In particular in the Eastern Central Atlantic, data from coastal countries (e.g. Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, etc.) on catches in their EEZ previously not reported by Distant Water Fishing Nations increased the annual total in area 34 by about 300,000 tonnes in recent years.

Inland waters capture production slightly decreased in 2011 after the maximum ever reached in 2010, a year for which India reported an abnormally high production in inland waters. Inland catches of African countries as a whole increased by 0.1 million tonnes whereas in the other continents remained stable.

Total number of species items in the database reached 1,938. Out of 64 new species, 26 were from inland waters. Greatly improved data and species breakdown were provided by Burundi following the establishment of a new data collection system with the support of the Lake Tanganyika project.

**Table 1: World capture production in 2010 and 2011**

	2010	2011	Variation
	million tonnes	million tonnes	
<b><i>Inland capture</i></b>	11.2	11.1	-1.6%
<b><i>Marine capture</i></b>	77.7	82.4	6.1%
Anchoveta	4.2	8.3	97.8%
Marine capture (excluding anchoveta)	73.5	74.1	0.8%
<b>World total</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>93.5</b>	<b>5.1%</b>

**Table 2: World captures for the top 25 fishing countries (tonnes)**

Country	2010	2011	Variation
China	15,417,011	15,772,054	2.3%
Peru	4,261,091	8,248,482	93.6%
Indonesia	5,380,196	5,707,684	6.1%
United States of America	4,425,961	5,153,452	16.4%
India	4,689,316	4,301,534	-8.3%
Russian Federation	4,069,624	4,254,864	4.6%
Japan	4,069,135	3,761,176	-7.6%
Myanmar	3,063,210	3,332,979	8.8%
Chile	2,679,742	3,063,449	14.3%
Viet Nam	2,414,400	2,502,500	3.6%
Philippines	2,611,762	2,363,221	-9.5%
Norway	2,680,187	2,281,429	-14.9%
Thailand	1,810,620	1,862,151	2.8%
Korea, Republic of	1,733,310	1,746,998	0.8%
Bangladesh	1,726,586	1,600,918	-7.3%
Mexico	1,528,945	1,566,365	2.4%
Malaysia	1,433,426	1,378,799	-3.8%
Iceland	1,060,641	1,138,462	7.3%
Spain	971,511	993,457	2.3%
Morocco	1,136,240	958,907	-15.6%
Taiwan Province of China	851,384	903,831	6.2%
Canada	936,090	861,388	-8.0%
Brazil	785,369	803,267	2.3%
Argentina	811,749	792,505	-2.4%
Denmark	828,016	716,312	-13.5%
<b>Total 25 top countries</b>	<b>71,375,522</b>	<b>76,066,184</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
<b>Total other countries</b>	<b>17,594,602</b>	<b>17,428,156</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>World total</b>	<b>88,970,124</b>	<b>93,494,340</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Share of 25 top countries on total</b>	<b>80.2%</b>	<b>81.4%</b>	

**Table 3: World captures of the top 25 species (tonnes)**

Scientific name	FAO English name	2010	2011	Variation
<i>Engraulis ringens</i>	Anchoveta(=Peruvian anchovy)	4,205,979	8,319,597	97.8%
<i>Theragra chalcogramma</i>	Alaska pollock(=Walleye poll.)	2,829,570	3,206,513	13.3%
<i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	Skipjack tuna	2,609,920	2,608,578	-0.1%
<i>Clupea harengus</i>	Atlantic herring	2,203,687	1,778,488	-19.3%
<i>Scomber japonicus</i>	Chub mackerel	1,633,113	1,714,896	5.0%
<i>Engraulis japonicus</i>	Japanese anchovy	1,199,195	1,321,662	10.2%
<i>Trichiurus lepturus</i>	Largehead hairtail	1,341,685	1,258,628	-6.2%
<i>Decapterus spp</i>	Scads nei	1,207,061	1,231,816	2.1%
<i>Thunnus albacares</i>	Yellowfin tuna	1,220,812	1,223,907	0.3%
<i>Gadus morhua</i>	Atlantic cod	951,934	1,049,666	10.3%
<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	European pilchard(=Sardine)	1,245,956	1,036,708	-16.8%
<i>Sardinella spp</i>	Sardinellas nei	1,034,776	965,431	-6.7%
<i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Atlantic mackerel	887,444	944,748	6.5%
<i>Dosidicus gigas</i>	Jumbo flying squid	815,978	906,310	11.1%
<i>Strangomera bentincki</i>	Araucanian herring	750,750	887,272	18.2%
<i>Sciaenidae</i>	Croakers, drums nei	770,868	860,812	11.7%
<i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Capelin	506,897	851,472	68.0%
<i>Sardinops caeruleus</i>	California pilchard	696,585	639,235	-8.2%
<i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	Chilean jack mackerel	686,407	634,173	-7.6%
<i>Brevoortia patronus</i>	Gulf menhaden	438,640	623,369	42.1%
<i>Cyprinidae</i>	Cyprinids nei	747,899	622,260	-16.8%
<i>Osteichthyes</i>	Marine fishes nei	10,456,562	10,423,369	-0.3%
<i>Osteichthyes</i>	Freshwater fishes nei	5,923,353	6,055,890	2.2%
<i>Natantia</i>	Natantian decapods nei	755,721	892,834	18.1%
<i>Mollusca</i>	Marine molluscs nei	767,021	738,729	-3.7%
<b>Total 25 top species items</b>		<b>45,887,813</b>	<b>50,796,363</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
<b>Total other species</b>		<b>43,082,311</b>	<b>42,697,977</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>World total</b>		<b>88,970,124</b>	<b>93,494,340</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Share of 25 top species items on total</b>		<b>51.6%</b>	<b>54.3%</b>	

**Table 4: World captures by FAO Fishing Areas (tonnes)**

Fishing area name	Code	2010	2011	Variation
Africa - Inland waters	01	2,603,272	2,703,654	3.9%
America, North - Inland waters	02	179,393	172,972	-3.6%
America, South - Inland waters	03	383,848	383,190	-0.2%
Asia - Inland waters	04	7,671,520	7,404,762	-3.5%
Europe - Inland waters	05	384,850	373,975	-2.8%
Oceania - Inland waters	06	16,934	17,832	5.3%
Arctic Sea	18	589	1	-99.8%
Atlantic, Northwest	21	2,059,676	1,988,840	-3.4%
Atlantic, Northeast	27	8,723,036	8,021,109	-8.0%
Atlantic, Western Central	31	1,269,670	1,497,487	17.9%
Atlantic, Eastern Central	34	4,382,639	4,217,159	-3.8%
Mediterranean and Black Sea	37	1,434,706	1,440,982	0.4%
Atlantic, Southwest	41	1,762,721	1,759,192	-0.2%
Atlantic, Southeast	47	1,316,203	1,248,457	-5.1%
Atlantic, Antarctic	48	215,216	183,208	-14.9%
Indian Ocean, Western	51	4,258,232	4,211,875	-1.1%
Indian Ocean, Eastern	57	6,858,748	7,211,694	5.1%
Indian Ocean, Antarctic	58	11,074	10,509	-5.1%
Pacific, Northwest	61	20,965,956	21,436,922	2.2%
Pacific, Northeast	67	2,436,831	2,949,676	21.0%
Pacific, Western Central	71	11,769,167	11,521,332	-2.1%
Pacific, Eastern Central	77	1,925,421	1,912,996	-0.6%
Pacific, Southwest	81	575,528	570,233	-0.9%
Pacific, Southeast	87	7,761,507	12,253,691	57.9%
Pacific, Antarctic	88	3,387	2,592	-23.5%
<b>World total</b>		<b>88,970,124</b>	<b>93,494,340</b>	<b>5.1%</b>

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