

COUNTRY DATA: Population: 122.3 million (October 1987)

Area: 377,727 km²

Major cities: Tokyo (11.80 million), Yokohama

(3.072 million), Osaka (2.546 million), Nagoya (2.091 million)
Kobe (1.4 million)

GNP: US\$2.39 trillion

GNP per capita: US\$19,515.

Economy: Free Market

Currency: Yen

Weights and Measures: metric system.

Religion: Shintoism, Buddhism

Language: Japanese

COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS ON MARKET

Imports

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOMESTIC FISHERY

Resources:

Japan is the worlds largest fishing nation with landings of 12.84 million metric tonnes in 1988. The industry is highly developed with a large domestic fishery in Japanese coastal waters which includes both offshore and coastal sectors. Japan also maintains a major inland water and aquaculture fishery as well as extensive deep sea fishing operations in international waters. The long term trend in Japanese fisheries is one of decline with increasing dependence upon imported seafood. In terms of activity the offshore sector contributes about 53 percent of landings followed by the coastal fishery with 23 percent and the long distance fishery with 15 percent.