

## CAMEROON

Cameroon's fishing industry is composed of three sectors: the continental fishery; the small-scale maritime fishery; and the industrial maritime fishery. The domestic fishery is characterized by a large number of trawlers, motorized dugouts and line fishermen. The fishery includes 45 trawlers, 1 ice boat (capacity 150 tons per day), and 1 cold storage warehouse 4,500m. Most of the production, presently estimated to be 10,000 tons of fish, is of coastal origin and is becoming increasingly industrialized. Thus, the 300 km of coastline are constantly plied by fleet vessels.

The main fishing ports are Douala, Limbé, Kribi and Tiko. Ninety percent of the shrimp exported goes to France, Holland and Belgium, with the remainder being sold on the domestic market to hotels, department stores and restaurants). Other species caught by the domestic fishery include sole, dace, Nile perch, crayfish, cuttlefish, turbanshell, carp and mackerel. However, the country suffers from insufficient cold storage facilities.

Development of the sector has been inconsistent in recent years, and a general slowdown has caused some tremendous problems. This has resulted in the closing of Crevettes de Cameroun, a company that was responsible for most of the national production. Total consumption of seafood products in Cameroon in 1987 totalled 130,000 tons. The size of the present import market is estimated to be 10,000 tons of finfish and 1,000 tons of shrimp. Imports are 80,000 tons and estimates indicate that they should double in five years, given that the fishing companies are experiencing more and more difficulties owing to the fierce competition among the fleet vessels, and to national and international contraband in the shallow, shrimp-rich territorial waters.

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