

## 8. SQUID

### Japanese catch (000MT)

|              | <u>1984</u>  | <u>1985</u>  | <u>1986</u>  | <u>1987</u>  | <u>1988</u>  |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Common squid | 173.7        | 132.6        | 91.0         | 182.5        | 156.4        |
| Cuttle-fish  | 21.2         | 16.0         | 14.3         | 6.5          | 7.1          |
| Red squid    | 121.4        | 172.7        | 133.6        | 185.0        | 139.1        |
| Other        | 209.4        | 209.6        | 225.3        | 380.6        | 361.2        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>525.8</b> | <b>531.0</b> | <b>464.2</b> | <b>754.6</b> | <b>663.8</b> |

### Imports (000MT)

|                       | <u>1987</u>  | <u>1988</u>  | <u>1989</u>  | <u>Jan-Aug</u> |             |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
|                       |              |              |              | <u>1989</u>    | <u>1990</u> |
| S/Korea               | 5.6          | 1.1          | 4.4          | 0.9            | 0.8         |
| Taiwan                | 5.3          | 3.9          | 3.8          | 2.1            | 1.3         |
| E. Germany            | .0           | 1.0          | 3.0          | 0.0            | 1.5         |
| Spain                 | 1.0          | 0.2          | -            | 0.1            | 0.1         |
| Poland                | 7.2          | 19.3         | 13.1         | 9.9            | 8.1         |
| Bulgaria              | 3.7          | 9.2          | 1.5          | 3.8            | 10.3        |
| USA                   | 2.9          | 2.6          | 1.8          | 1.5            | 0.7         |
| Argentina             | 6.0          | 2.3          | 3.9          | 1.6            | 3.4         |
| New Zealand           | 2.0          | 1.2          | 2.5          | 4.6            | 3.2         |
| <b>Sub-total</b>      | <b>39.2</b>  | <b>52.5</b>  | <b>48.2</b>  | <b>32.1</b>    | <b>39.1</b> |
| "Mongo"<br>cuttlefish | 62.7         | 53.9         | 67.4         | 42.2           | 41.5        |
| <b>Grand total</b>    | <b>101.9</b> | <b>106.4</b> | <b>115.6</b> | <b>74.3</b>    | <b>80.6</b> |

### Prices (wholesale yen/kg frozen size 21-25/case of 8.5kgs)

|                 | <u>Year ago</u> | <u>6 mo. ago</u> | <u>Last mo.</u> | <u>Oct 90</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Common squid    | 225-240         | 220-250          | 280-300         | 280-300       |
| Argentina Illex | 175-190         | 160-190          | 260-280         | 260-280       |

### Market Situation and Outlook

- The number of vessels involved in the squid industry has been reduced.
- The market is expected to be stable in 1990 with prices remaining higher than those of 1989.