

8. SQUID

Japanese catch (000MT)

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Common squid	132.6	91.0	182.5	156.4	209.0
Cuttle-fish	16.0	14.3	6.5	7.1	8.0
Red squid	172.7	133.6	185.0	139.1	152.0
Other	209.6	225.3	380.6	361.2	342.0
Total	531.0	464.2	754.6	663.8	711.0

Imports (000MT)

	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
S/Korea	4.3	5.6	1.1	0.9	2.1
Taiwan	7.9	5.3	3.9	3.3	1.4
E. Germany	1.9	0.0	1.0	-	2.1
Spain	1.1	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
Poland	13.4	7.2	19.3	13.4	11.9
Bulgaria	2.2	3.7	9.2	10.4	11.3
USA	1.5	2.9	2.6	1.8	1.3
Argentina	5.5	6.0	2.3	3.9	7.5
New Zealand	1.4	2.0	1.2	4.8	3.4
Other	4.3	5.5	11.7	13.7	15.7
Sub-total	43.5	39.2	52.5	52.3	56.9
"Mongo" cuttlefish	81.3	62.7	53.9	67.4	61.2
Grand total	125.3	101.9	106.4	119.7	118.2

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

	Year ago	6 mo.ago	Last mo.	Feb. 91
Common squid	230-260	280-300	325-350	325-350
Argentina Illex	160-180	260-280	265-275	275-290

Market Situation and Outlook

- While the catch of squid in foreign waters was decreased by a reduction in the number of vessels involved in the fishery, the catch in Japanese waters was very high.