

COLOMBIA

Despite the fact that Colombia has a coastline of some 1,800 miles, the fishing industry relatively underdeveloped and accounts for less than 1 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. The total catch in 1985 amounted to 34,500 tons. In 1985, per capita fish consumption was 4.5 kg, well below the international average of 16 kg. However, in recent years the government export promotion agency, Proexpo, has backed plans to develop the sector into a major export industry. Exports of crustaceans and fish grew by some 31 percent in 1988 to reach a provisional \$62.6 million. According to the recently established Asociación Nacional de Acuicultores de Colombia (ANAC), the country will harvest 56 tons of shrimp worth \$28 million this year, on shrimp farms extending over some 4,000 hectares. Colombia's Pacific coast is considered ideal for shrimp production, with optimum temperature and saline levels, and a pronounced tidal system. It can sustain up to three harvests a year, and farmers can exploit in parallel other non-traditional items such as babilla (a small cousin of the crocodile) and frogs for human consumption.

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