

14. LOBSTER

Imports

Atlantic lobster(MT)

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
(A) Live:					
Canada	374	575	494	647	826
USA	50	184	639	661	524
(B) Frozen:					
Canada	106	339	1,448	672	1,128
USA	101	25	85	108	34
Total Atlantic	631	1,123	2,666	2,088	2,512

Rock lobster(MT) (Ise-Ebi, fresh or frozen)

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Hong Kong	54	2	12	1	0
Indonesia	56	98	401	298	183
India	1,133	1,283	1,144	1,314	1,387
Sri Lanka	247	286	118	129	184
Cuba	2,630	2,791	3,052	2,846	2,239
Namibia	1,777	1,289	1,516	987	535
S/Africa	616	1,149	1,189	1,255	1,470
Australia	1,181	2,099	3,607	3,291	2,373
New Zealand	619	520	1,159	217	188
Other	728	856	1,701	1,889	3,441
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Total	9,041	10,373	13,899	12,227	12,000

Market Situation and Outlook

- The import of live lobster from Canada has been increasing rapidly and imports in 1990 increased by 28% from the year before.
- The import of frozen lobster from Canada in 1990 increased by 68% from the year before.
- While imports of 1448 metric tons of Canadian frozen lobster in 1988 were achieved as a result of combined imports of snow crab and frozen lobster, recent trends indicate that the frozen lobster has been developing its own position in the huge Japanese market for shrimp, prawn, and spiny lobster.