

14. LOBSTER

<u>Imports</u>					
<u>Atlantic lobster(MT)</u>					
	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>Jan-Aug</u>	
				<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
(A) Live:					
Canada	575	494	647	388	489
USA	184	639	661	352	278
(B) Frozen:					
Canada	339	1,448	672	515	954
USA	25	85	108	55	3
<b>Total Atlantic</b>	<b>1,123</b>	<b>2,666</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>1,724</b>
<u>Rock lobster(MT) (Ise-Ebi, fresh or frozen)</u>					
	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>Jan-Aug</u>	
				<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Hong Kong	2	12	1	0	0
Indonesia	98	401	298	255	108
India	1,283	1,144	1,314	1,013	960
Sri Lanka	286	118	129	53	92
Cuba	2,791	3,052	2,846	1,982	1,485
Namibia	1,289	1,516	987	987	532
S/Africa	1,149	1,189	1,255	1,079	1,374
Australia	2,099	3,607	3,291	3,194	2,344
New Zealand	520	1,159	214	109	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,373</b>	<b>13,899</b>	<b>12,224</b>	<b>9,936</b>	<b>9,235</b>

Market Situation and Outlook

- Lobster exports to Japan have been very strong in 1990. Poor landings of rock lobster, especially in Australia, have increased the demand for Atlantic lobster.
- Lobster has developed a good sales image in Japan, and has become a popular restaurant item. Live lobster is becoming increasingly common in high class restaurants.