

14. LOBSTER

		<u>Imports</u>				
<u>Atlantic lobster(MT)</u>						
		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
(A) Live:						
Canada		177	374	575	494	647
USA		13	50	184	639	661
(B) Frozen:						
Canada		32	106	339	1,448	672
USA		46	101	25	85	108
Total Atlantic		268	631	1,123	2,666	2,088
<u>Rock lobster(MT) (Ise-Ebi, fresh or frozen)</u>						
		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Hong Kong		6	54	2	12	1
Indonesia		67	56	98	401	298
India		1,032	1,133	1,283	1,144	1,314
Sri Lanka		237	247	286	118	129
Cuba		3,042	2,630	2,791	3,052	2,846
Namibia		1,526	1,777	1,289	1,516	987
S/Africa		547	616	1,149	1,189	1,255
Australia		1,155	1,181	2,099	3,607	3,291
New Zealand		449	619	520	1,159	214
Total		8,629	9,041	10,373	13,899	12,224

Market Situation and Outlook

- The market for Atlantic lobster has expanded nearly 10 fold since 1985 in line with increased demand for high quality sea food products.
- The excessive imports of frozen lobster in 1988 dampened frozen product imports in 1989 but the market has now recovered.
- Live lobster imports continue to expand.
- Currently in process of developing basis for major lobster promotion campaign in Japan.