

TAIWAN

With a population of over 20 million, Taiwan is one of the world's most densely populated areas. In 1989, Taiwan's economy had a Gross National Product of \$150.2 billion US, while per capita income stood at a very substantial \$6,873 US. The \$118.5 billion in total trade and its \$66.3 billion in exports placed Taiwan 13th among all trading nations in the world. Surrounded on all sides by ocean, seafood is a normal daily diet in the Taiwanese family. In 1988, per capita annual fish consumption was 45.83 kilograms; and the self-sufficiency rate for fish in Taiwan was 131.56 percent. Local fishery production was 1,360,867 metric tonnes in 1988 and 1,371,681 metric tonnes in 1989.

Imports of fishery products in 1988 equalled \$117 million US and, in 1989, totalled \$114.8 million. The majority of frozen salmon imports are sold to western style restaurants and, the salted salmon are usually served with rice gruel in breakfast at home. Other fish are sold both in supermarkets and at the local wet fish market, while live lobster is mainly supplied to seafood restaurants. The highest demand for seafood in this market is for high quality fishmeal for feed purposes. In 1989, Taiwan imported 360,000 tons of high quality white fishmeal to feed eel, shrimp, hogs and chickens. Currently, approximately 72 percent of imported white fishmeal comes from Finland.

Tariff reductions have taken place in Taiwan over the last few years due to its trade liberalization policies. A new round of tariff cuts is expected in early 1991. Tariff rates for fish and fish products range between 15-50 percent. There are import restrictions governing the importation of fishery products: an import permit is required, licensed by an authorized bank; importation is limited to commodities procured from areas other than districts infected with cholera; and imported goods will be taxed and released only after being approved by the port quarantine section of the Department of Health.

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