

8. SQUID

Japanese catch (000MT)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Common squid	173.7	132.6	91.0	182.5	156.4
Cuttle-fish	21.2	16.0	14.3	6.5	7.1
Red squid	121.4	172.7	133.6	185.0	139.1
Other	209.4	209.6	225.3	380.6	361.2
Total	525.8	531.0	464.2	754.6	663.8

Imports (000MT)

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>Jan-Aug</u>	
				<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
S/Korea	5.6	1.1	4.4	0.9	0.8
Taiwan	5.3	3.9	3.8	2.1	1.3
E. Germany	.0	1.0	3.0	0.0	1.5
Spain	1.0	0.2	-	0.1	0.1
Poland	7.2	19.3	13.1	9.9	8.1
Bulgaria	3.7	9.2	1.5	3.8	10.3
USA	2.9	2.6	1.8	1.5	0.7
Argentina	6.0	2.3	3.9	1.6	3.4
New Zealand	2.0	1.2	2.5	4.6	3.2
Sub-total	39.2	52.5	48.2	32.1	39.1
"Mongo" cuttlefish	62.7	53.9	67.4	42.2	41.5
Grand total	101.9	106.4	115.6	74.3	80.6

Prices (wholesale yen/kg frozen size 21-25/case of 8.5kgs)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Oct 90</u>
Common squid	225-240	220-250	280-300	280-300
Argentina Illex	175-190	160-190	260-280	260-280

Market Situation and Outlook

- The number of vessels involved in the squid industry has been reduced.
- The market is expected to be stable in 1990 with prices remaining higher than those of 1989.