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Australian fisheries and aquaculture industry



PRODUCTION



The value of Australian fisheries and aquaculture production is estimated to be

\$2.95 billion in 2019–20

Of which, **\$857 million** was salmonids, **\$535 million** rock lobster, **\$350 million** prawns and **\$179 million** tuna



Total production value is estimated to have been

9% lower than in 2018–19



24.9 kt of prawns

are estimated to have been produced in 2019–20,
up slightly from 2018–19

TRADE



The value of Australian fisheries product exports was

\$1.41 billion in 2019–20,

8% lower than 2018–19. The major exported commodities included: rock lobster **\$543 million**, salmonids **\$191 million** and tuna **\$165 million**



China, Japan, Hong Kong and the United States accounted for

84% of export value in 2019–20



The volume of seafood exports increased by

22% in 2019–20 to 55.9 kt,

largely as a result of an increase in the volume of salmonid, other finfish and prawn exports. In 2019–20 Australia imported around **27 kt** of prawns and exported around **6.7 kt** of prawns

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES



There were approximately

5,800 fisheries and aquaculture businesses
operating at the end of 2018–19