

Fisheries and Aquaculture

8.37 Fisheries sector plays an important role in the socio-economic development of the country. It has been recognised as an important income and employment generator. This is an important source of livelihood for a large section of economically backward population of the country, particularly in the coastal areas. It has acted as an important source of employment generation through establishment of a number of subsidiary industries, besides emerging as an important export-earning sector. The trend of fish production and export is listed in Table 8.15.

Year	Fish production (Lakh tonnes)			Export of Marine products	
	Marine	Inland	Total	Quantity	Value
				(Lakh Tonnes)	(Rs. Crore)
1950-51	5.3	2.2	7.5	0.2	2
1960-61	8.8	2.8	11.6	0.2	4
1970-71	10.9	6.7	17.6	0.4	35
1980-81	15.5	8.9	24.4	0.8	235
1990-91	23.0	15.4	38.4	1.4	893
1996-97	29.7	23.8	53.5	3.8	4121
1997-98	29.5	24.4	53.9	3.9	4697
1998-99(P)	27.0	25.6	52.6	3.0	4627
1999-00(P)	28.3	28.3	56.6	3.4	5116

P : Provisional