

## Fisheries and Aquaculture

39. Fisheries is an important source of augmenting food supply, raising nutritional levels, generating employment and, earning foreign exchange. The trend of fish production and export is listed in Table 8.17. The share of inland fish production was 45 per cent of total (marine and inland) output of 53.9 lakh tonnes in 1997-98.

Year	Fish production (Lakh tonnes)			Export of Marine products	
	Marine	Inland	Total	Quantity (Lakh Tonnes)	Value (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	873
1995-96	27.1	22.4	49.5	3.0	3501
1996-97	29.7	23.8	53.5	3.8	4131
1997-98(P)	29.5	24.4	53.9	3.9	4697
1998-99(T)	30.3	25.7	56.0	NA	NA

**P : Provisional      T : Target**