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FISHERIES SECTOR IN SRILANKA**

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ABSTRACT

The fisheries sector plays an important role in terms of contribution to the GNP, employment and protein supply of the country. Although the marine resources are renewable, in Sri Lanka these are not fully utilized due to lack of fishing effort and technology.

The primary objective of this study was to investigate the recent trends of production in marine fish, price variation in major fish species and to examine the trends in return to efforts of fishermen. Secondary data were used to achieve the above objective major source of data were publications of central bank of Srilanka & Statistical abstracts .The ordinary Least Square method was used to study the trends.

According to the results upward trends in domestic fish production and imported amount of fish and fish products were observed. But after 1998, local productions showed downward trends. Price trends for seer, Kalawalla, mullet, Hurulla and sallaya fish were noticed upward. In the same time data about fish imports shows the upward trend and per capita consumption shows downward trends. Returns to effort of fishermen also showed marginal upward trend, but the rate of trend is less than the trend rate of the GNP.

After 1998, in Sri Lanka local fish production decreased, volume of imports increased and per capita consumption decreased. Further the import of fish product had not fill the gab of per capita consumption This may have adverse effects on nutritional status of the people especially of low income group.

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