

ANGUILLA IMPORTS SEAFOOD AND THEIR BY-PRODUCTS 2000-2006

Let's Talk Seafood!



Seafood is any sea animal that is served as food or is suitable for eating, particularly seawater animals, such as fish and shellfish. The term seafood is also applied to similar animals from fresh water and all edible aquatic animals are collectively referred to as seafood. The harvesting of seafood is known as fishing and the cultivation of seafood is known as aquaculture, mariculture, or simply fish farming.

Anguilla and Fish

The people of Anguilla will tell you that traditionally Anguillians love seafood and there is always a need for seafood products. While there are some fishermen that sell their catch locally some sell their catch in the foreign market, where it is assumed that higher prices are paid. Consequently, as local demand is not always met by local supply, there is a need to import seafood to satisfy the needs of the householders, as well as restaurants.



Imports of Seafood by region

Seafood imports have been grouped into five categories for the purpose of analysis. These include:

- Frozen & Fresh fish; e.g.: Flying Fish Fillets
- Canned fish; e.g.: Canned Tuna, Salmon & Mackerel
- Non Smoked; e.g.: Cod, Mackerel & Herrings
- Smoked; e.g.: Herrings
- Seafood by-products; e.g.: Caviar, Sea-Eggs

Imports from North America (USA & Canada) totaled XCD \$16,745,981 for the period under review 2000 - 2006. North America remained Anguilla largest trading partner for this commodity area, accounting for 75.5% of the overall seafood trade. While imports from our neighboring countries St.Martin/Maarten has increased steadily throughout the years with combine figures amounted to XCD \$4,212,500 or 19% of this overall trade while imports from CARICOM countries totaled XCD \$30,173; 14% of total seafood trade in the period under review. Seafood imports from Rest of the World were valued at XCD \$1,200,830.

Table 2: Regions that Anguilla Imports Seafood Products

Countries	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Total	%
Caricom	2,586	5,260	1,761	-	10,854	6,677	3,035	30,173	0.14%
St.Martin/ Maarten	365,706	644,521	634,515	560,818	630,841	739,864	636,235	4,212,500	19%
North America	1,923,464	2,135,681	1,718,122	2,095,972	2,545,878	2,701,603	3,625,261	16,745,981	75.5%
Rest of the World	170,220	212,964	177,043	226,856	137,552	135,454	140,741	1,200,830	5.4%
Totals	2,461,976	2,998,426	2,531,441	2,883,646	3,325,125	3,583,598	4,405,272	22,189,484	100.0%

Raw trade data compliments Anguilla H.M. Customs



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By-Products 2000 - 2006*

During the period 2000 – 2006, imports of seafood into Anguilla totaled XCD\$22,162,473.00 in value. Of the years under review, 2006 saw the highest value of imports for these commodities; totaling XCD\$4,401,126.00 or 22.9% as compared to 2005 where the value was XCD\$3,582,008.

Table 2: Seafood Products Imported In XCD 2000 - 2006

Description	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Frozen and Fresh Fish	1,688,355	2,123,546	1,653,410	1,895,515	2,358,156	2,639,060	3,183,956
Canned	218,817	216,804	180,993	251,819	241,678	263,338	321,855
Non Smoked & Smoked	346,478	246,204	295,033	355,977	333,668	277,040	448,155
Seafood By-Product	203,072	406,783	399,749	375,021	388,261	402,570	447,160
Total Value	2,456,722	2,993,337	2,529,185	2,878,332	3,321,763	3,582,008	4,401,126
Annual % Change		21.8%	-15.5%	13.8%	15.4%	7.8%	22.9%

In the period under review, largest quantity of seafood products was imported in 2000; 677,751 kilograms (kg). Most of this was frozen and fresh seafood products which accounted for 75% of the total weight for that year, while canned products, non smoked, smoked and by-products seafood's all make up the other 25% of the weight that year. During the other years there was a decline of seafood products imported which was manifested in a 56% decline of the seafood products imported into Anguilla in the year 2001. In the year 2002 there was another decline of 43% of seafood products. There was an increase of 21% of seafood products the following year and then we saw once again a decline of 14% in the year 2004. In the year 2005 there was large increase in imports of seafood products



Table 3: Seafood Products Imported In Weight (kg) 2000 - 2006

Description	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Frozen and Fresh Fish	555,241	144,939	78,944	101,860	103,732	220,276	163,823
Canned	56,104	48,381	40,244	35,506	26,719	33,026	27,773
Non Smoked & Smoked	40,536	52,392	16,871	42,568	24,276	26,950	33,525
Seafood Byproduct	25,870	52,762	35,134	27,812	24,220	31,622	24,309
Total Weight	677,751	298,474	171,193	207,746	178,947	311,874	249,430
Annual % Change		-56%	-43%	21%	-14%	74%	-20%