

**KEDUDUKAN EKSPORT DAN IMPORT
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1. The total **exports** volume of fishery commodities of Malaysia (Table 1) amounted to 107,622 tonnes in 1997 compared with 134,942 tonnes for the proceeding corresponding year indicating a drop of 20.2%. In spite of that, quite a number of fishery commodities had shown a remarkable increase in exports i.e. fish, dried, salted or in brine and smoked by 14.31% from 902 tonnes in 1996 to 1,031 tonnes in 1997; crustaceans and molluscs, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted or dried increased by 25.13% from 35,574 tonnes in 1996 to 44,511 tonnes in 1997.

However, the decline in exports volume of fishery commodities of Malaysia were due to the drop of exports of live fish (comprising of freshwater fish, eels and marine fish) by 21.01% from 6,578 tonnes in 1996 to 5,196 tonnes in 1997; export of fish fry and ornamental fish decreased 31.15% from 235,152,030 pieces in 1996 to 161,912,780 pieces in 1997; fish, fresh, chilled or frozen by 31.79% from 46,688 tonnes in 1996 to 31,850 tonnes in 1997; fish, crustaceans and molluscs, prepared or preserved N.E.S. decreased by 48.97% from 39,588 tonnes in 1996 to 20,204 tonnes in 1997.

**Table 1 : Malaysia Export and Import - Value and Quantity
1996 and 1997**

	1996	1997	Change (%)
Export			
Quantity (tonnes)	134,942	107,622	- 20.2
Value (RM million)	826.9	939.6	+ 13.6
Import			
Quantity (tonnes)	299,918	297,776	- 0.7
Value (RM million)	887.5	979.2	+ 10.3

For the whole of 1997, the total **imports** volume of fishery commodities of Malaysia decreased by 0.7% from 299,918 tonnes in 1996 to 297,776 tonnes in 1997.

2. In terms of total ringgit values, export of Malaysian Fishery Commodities in 1997 was valued at RM939.6 million compared to the total value of import amounting to RM979.2 million for the same year thus giving a deficit of RM39.6 million. In term of value, total export increased by RM112.7 million or 13.6% to RM939.6 million in 1997 against RM826.9 million in 1996.

3. In terms of performance by areas (Table 2), Peninsular Malaysia recorded a 29.8% decrease in export quantity from 112,394 tonnes in 1996 to 78,845 tonnes in 1997. While export quantity of Sarawak increased by 48.7% from 5,378 tonnes in 1996 to 7,995 tonnes in 1997 and Sabah recorded an increase of 21.0% in export quantity from 17,170 tonnes in 1996 to 20,782 tonnes in 1997. In terms of value, Peninsular Malaysia recorded an increase in export value of 11.5% from 616.9 million in 1996 to RM687.7 million in 1997. Sarawak also increased its export value by 35.5% from RM57.4 million in 1996 to RM77.8 million in 1997 and Sabah also recorded an increase in export value by 14.1% from RM152.6 million in 1996 to RM174.1 million in 1997. In terms of performance by areas on the imports quantity, Peninsular Malaysia recorded a decrease of 0.03% from 290,242 tonnes in 1996 to 290,161 tonnes in 1997. Import quantity of Sarawak decreased by 18.3% from 6,273 tonnes in 1996 to 5,124 tonnes in 1997. While Sabah recorded a decrease of import quantity by 26.8% from 3,403 tonnes in 1996 to 2,491 tonnes in 1997. In terms of import value, Peninsular Malaysia recorded an increase by 11.9% from RM841.3 million in 1996 to RM941.3 million in 1997. Sarawak recorded a decrease of import value by 14.5% from RM26.9 million in 1996 to RM23.0 million in 1997. While Sabah also recorded a decrease of import value by 22.8% from RM19.3 million in 1996 to RM14.9 million in 1997.

**Table 2 : Export and Import By Area, Malaysia
Quantity and Value, 1996 and 1997**

Export/ Import	Quantity (Tonnes)		Change (%)	Value (RM Million)		Change (%)
	1996	1997		1996	1997	
Export						
Peninsular Malaysia	112,394	78,845	- 29.8	616.9	687.7	+ 11.5
Sarawak	5,378	7,995	+ 48.7	57.4	77.8	+ 35.5
Sabah	17,170	20,782	+ 21.0	152.6	174.1	+ 14.1
Total	134,942	107,622	- 20.2	826.9	939.6	+ 13.6
Import						
Peninsular Malaysia	290,242	290,161	- 0.03	841.3	941.3	+ 11.9
Sarawak	6,273	5,124	- 18.3	26.9	23.0	- 14.5
Sabah	3,403	2,491	- 26.8	19.3	14.9	- 22.8
Total	299,918	297,776	- 0.7	887.5	979.2	- 10.3

4. As reflected in Chart V, over the last 5 years, the total value of export showed an upward trend. In 1993 the export was valued at RM801 million, it has gradually increased to RM940 million in 1997. Total value of import showed a similar trend of increase for the last 5 years. In 1993, import was valued at RM691 million and it increased to RM979 million in 1997. However, as reflected in Chart IV, over the last 5 years, the quantity of export did not increase accordingly. In 1993 quantity of export was at 206,189 tonnes and it dropped to 107,622 tonnes in 1997. As for the import quantity there was a slow increase over the past 5 years. In 1993 quantity of import was at 261,631 tonnes and it increased to 297,776 tonnes in 1997.
5. In 1997, bulk of the fishery commodities were exported to the traditional countries like Thailand (24,248 tonnes or 22.5%), Singapore (22,380 tonnes or 20.8%) followed by Japan (13,196 tonnes or 12.3%), Hong Kong (7,213 tonnes or 6.7%), Italy (5,722 tonnes or 5.3%), China (4,790 tonnes or 4.5%), Australia (4,529 tonnes or 4.2%) and Netherlands (3,674 tonnes or 3.4%). In term of quantity, exports to Hong Kong, Italy, China and Netherland have increased 17.6%, 15.0%, 131.6% and 20.7% respectively. The breakdown and changes in the export quantity by destination for 1996 and 1997 are shown in Table 3 and Chart 1. In 1997 Malaysia has exported fishery commodities to non-traditional markets such as Costa Rica, Jamaica, Jordan, Reunion Island, Ukraine and Yugoslavia. Reduction in quantity export of fishery commodities was due to the following-countries which did not import from Malaysia like Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Honduras, Luxembourg and Mali in 1997.

**Table 3 : Quantity Export of Fishery Commodities
to Various Countries, 1996 and 1997**

Country	1996		1997		Changes (%)
	Quantity (tonnes)	Percent (%)	Quantity (tonnes)	Percent (%)	
Thailand	28,354	21.0	24,248	22.5	- 14.5
Singapore	31,226	23.1	22,380	20.8	- 28.3
Japan	31,155	23.1	13,196	12.3	- 57.6
Hongkong	6,131	4.6	7,213	6.7	+ 17.6
Italy	4,977	3.7	5,722	5.3	+ 15.0
China	2,068	1.5	4,790	4.5	+ 131.6
Australia	5,450	4.0	4,529	4.2	- 16.9
Netherland	3,044	2.3	3,674	3.4	+ 20.7
Others	22,537	16.7	21,870	20.3	- 3.0
Total	134,942	100.0	107,622	100.0	- 20.2

6. In terms of export values, Japan still remained the top importer at RM247.5 million (26.3%), followed by Singapore at RM103.1 million (10.9%) Italy RM78.7 million (8.4%), Hong Kong RM75.1 million (8.0%). Export values to Japan increased by 2.5% in 1997 compared to the previous year. Three other important countries that showed an increase in values were Netherland by 56.9%, United Kingdom by 39.2% and Italy by 21.8%. However, export to Singapore decreased by 8.9% in 1997 compared to the previous year as in Table 4.

**Table 4 : Export Value of Fishery Commodities
To Various Countries, 1996 and 1997**

Country	1996		1997		Changes (%)
	RM (Million)	Percent (%)	RM (Million)	Percent (%)	
Japan	241.4	29.2	247.5	26.3	+ 2.5
Singapore	113.2	13.7	103.1	10.9	- 8.9
Italy	64.6	7.8	78.7	8.4	+ 21.8
Hong Kong	69.3	8.4	75.1	8.0	+ 8.4
Netherlands	38.5	4.7	60.4	6.4	+ 56.9
Australia	49.1	5.9	53.4	5.7	+ 8.8
United Kingdom	33.7	4.1	46.9	5.0	+ 39.2
U.S.A.	40.7	4.9	43.7	4.7	+ 7.4
Others	176.4	21.3	230.8	24.6	+ 30.8
Total	826.9	100.0	939.6	100.0	+ 13.6

7. The difference in export quantity and value to the various countries indicating that exports to countries like Japan, U.S.A. and other European countries consisting mainly of fishery commodities of higher values, whereas the exports to countries like Thailand comprising mainly of cheaper fishery commodities.
8. The main fishery commodities exported in terms of percentage and their average price per tonne for 1997 are shown in Table 5.

Table 5 : Main Fishery Commodities Export, 1997

Fishery Commodities	Export Quantity (%)	Export Value (%)	Average Price/ Tonne (RM)
* Live Fish	-	8.4	-
Fish, Fresh or Chilled	14.7	3.8	2,255
Fish, Frozen	14.9	3.1	1,835
Squid, Cuttlefish, Octopus & Other Molluscs, Fresh, Chilled or Frozen	22.4	9.6	3,754
Shrimps, Prawns, Fresh and Frozen	17.2	39.7	20,185
Fish, prepared or preserved, n.e.s.	11.9	17.2	12,614
Canned Crustaceans and Molluscs	3.5	6.4	16,083

* Note : Unit quantity is in pieces and tonnes

9. Composition of fishery commodities traded in 1997 is shown in Table 6. Malaysia exported mainly of high value fishery commodities like fresh and frozen prawns, while importing lower value commodities like fresh, chilled and frozen fish to obtain gains on foreign exchange and also to meet the domestic demand.

Table 6 : Composition of Export and Import of Fishery Commodities, Malaysia, 1997

Composition	Export		Import	
	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (RM)	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value RM
Live Fish	5,196.48	79,281,211	3,819.06	69,217,138
Fish, Fresh or Chilled	15,773.02	35,573,805	155,252.71	301,840,968
Frozen Fish	16,076.50	29,501,807	56,413.20	248,179,406
Shrimps, prawns, fresh, frozen	18,466.77	372,752,048	23,329.43	128,913,877
Squid, cuttlefish, octopus & other molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen	24,129.02	90,569,277	3,772.52	14,445,018
Fish, prepared or preserved, n.e.s :	12,830.46	161,838,784	11,276.76	62,604,998
Crustaceans, Molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved, n.e.s.	7,373.47	125,272,038	2,468.61	14,900,572
Fish meal unfit for human consumption	1,613.35	2,060,486	20,341.29	37,597,406
Miscellaneous	6,162.90	42,726,491	21,102.40	101,534,707
Total	107,621.97	939,575,947	297,775.98	979,234,090

10. In terms of quantity, in 1997 Malaysia exported shrimp, prawns, fresh, frozen; squid, cuttlefish, octopus and other molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen increased compared to 1996 by 23.2% and 33.6% respectively. While exports of live fish; fish, fresh or chilled; frozen fish; fish, prepared or preserved, n.e.s; crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved, n.e.s; fish meal unfit for human consumption and miscellaneous decreased by 21.0%, 36.0%, 27.1%, 58.2%, 17.0%, 31.2% and 8.0% respectively. This is reflected in Table 7.

**Table 7 : Composition of Export of Fishery Commodities,
Malaysia, 1996 and 1997**

Composition	Export Quantity		Change (%)
	1996	1997	
Live Fish	6,578.02	5,196.48	- 21.0
Fish, Fresh or Chilled	24,638.63	15,773.02	- 36.0
Frozen Fish	22,049.51	16,076.50	- 27.1
Shrimps, prawns, fresh, frozen	14,984.03	18,466.77	+ 23.2
Squid, cuttlefish, octopus & other molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen	18,060.24	24,129.02	+ 33.6
Fish, prepared or preserved, n.e.s :	30,700.10	12,830.46	- 58.2
Crustaceans, Molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved, n.e.s.	8,887.64	7,373.47	- 17.0
Fish meal unfit for human consumption	2,343.72	1,613.35	- 31.2
Miscellaneous	6,699.75	6,162.90	- 8.0
Total	134,941.64	107,621.97	- 20.2

11. In terms of quantity, in 1997, Malaysia's imports of live fish; frozen fish; shrimps, prawns, fresh, frozen; fish, prepared or preserved, n.e.s; crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved, n.e.s and miscellaneous have decreased compared to 1996 by 1.78%, 8.84%, 6.47%, 10.27%, 12.16% and 46.03% respectively. While imports of fish, fresh or chilled; squid, cuttlefish, octopus and other molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen and fish meal unfit for human consumption increased by 14.27%; 16.55%, and 30.19% respectively as shown in Table 8.

**Table 8 : Composition of Import of Fishery Commodities,
Malaysia, 1996 and 1997**

Composition	Import Quantity (Tonnes)		Change (%)
	1996	1997	
Live Fish	3,888.16	3,819.06	- 1.78
Fish, Fresh or Chilled	135,864.04	155,252.71	+ 14.27
Frozen Fish	61,881.26	56,413.20	- 8.84
Shrimps, prawns, fresh, frozen	24,943.24	23,329.43	- 6.47
Squid, cuttlefish, octopus & other molluscs, fresh, chilled or frozen	3,236.76	3,772.52	+ 16.55
Fish, prepared or preserved, n.e.s :	12,568.00	11,276.76	- 10.27
Crustaceans, Molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved, n.e.s.	2,810.24	2,468.61	- 12.16
Fish meal unfit for human consumption	15,624.70	20,341.29	+ 30.19
Miscellaneous	39,101.28	21,102.40	- 46.03
Total	299,917.73	297,775.98	- 0.71

12. The 5 main fishery commodities imported in terms of percentage and their average price for Malaysia in 1997 are shown as Table 9 below:-

Table 9 : Main Fishery Commodities Import, Malaysia, 1997

Fishery Commodites	Quantity (%)	Value (%)	Average Price/Tonne (RM)
Fish, Fresh or Chilled	52.1	30.8	1,944
Frozen Fish	18.9	25.3	4,399
Shrimps, prawns, fresh and frozen	7.8	13.2	5,526
Fish meal unfit for human consumption	6.8	3.8	3,829
Fish prepared or preserved, n.e.s	3.8	6.4	5,552

13. In terms of import, in 1997, Malaysia imported mainly from the following countries as shown in Table 10.

Table 10 : Malaysia Import by Main Countries 1997

Country	Import Quantity		Country	Import Value	
	Tonnes	(%)		RM Million	%
Thailand	174,102	58.5	Thailand	307.6	31.4
Indonesia	29,718	10.0	Indonesia	143.1	14.6
India	16,127	5.4	India	90.6	9.2
Taiwan	10,902	3.6	Taiwan	52.7	5.4
New Zealand	7,930	2.7	Korea	42.7	4.4
Chile	5,982	2.0	Japan	36.9	3.8
United Kingdom	5,967	2.0	United Kingdom	33.4	3.4
Myanmar	4,668	1.6	New Zealand	33.0	3.4
Others	42,380	14.2	Others	239.2	24.4
Total	297,776	100.0	Total	979.2	100.0

14. Notes All data are obtained from Statistics Book, Statistic Department, Malaysia. If there is any discrepancy, please refer your enquiry directly to Statistic Department, Malaysia.