Fish Exports

Asia Pacific and South America catch and ship the highest regional net fish exports. At territory-level Thailand, China and Norway produce the highest US$ value of net fish exports, and together they make up one third of worldwide net fish exports.

Whilst island territories of Asia Pacific have high net fish exports, Central American islands often are not net exporters of fish. Japan is a net importer of fish so is not given an area on this map, nor as a region on the graph below.

Note that the total area of the territories on this map is equal (but differently distributed) to that for fish imports. This is also true for the area of the bars on the graph below.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net exports of fish (in US$) that come from there. Net exports are exports minus imports. When imports are larger than exports the territory is not shown.

“There is no firm evidence to show that fish exports are detrimental to food security in the exporting country as generally the products exported are different from those consumed locally.”

Helga Josupeit, 1998

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