

Australian fisheries and aquaculture thrive in 2022

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Aquaculture has had another successful year within the Australian seafood industry, according to the latest edition of ABARES Australian Fisheries and Aquaculture Statistics.

David Galeano, Acting ABARES Executive Director said the gross value of fishery and aquaculture production (GVP) in 2021-22 increased by 8 per cent to \$3.42 billion, with aquaculture exceeding the value of wild catch.

“Over the last two decades we’ve seen aquaculture continue to grow, helping to boost overall fisheries production,” Galeano said.

“The share of aquaculture in total Australian fisheries and aquaculture GVP in 2021-22 was 56 per cent, driven largely by an increased value of salmonids.

“The total value of fishery and aquaculture products exports increased by 2 per cent to \$1.28 billion in 2021-22, largely reflecting the increased export values of salmonids and abalone.

“Australians love their seafood, a fact that’s hard to forget as we head into the holiday season when many will be enjoying Australian prawns.

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“While consumption of seafood was less than chicken, pork and beef, it was above lamb and sheep meat consumption for the year.

•••••The value of fishery and aquaculture products imports increased by 2 per cent to \$2.19 billion in 2021-22, driven mostly by an increase in the value of prawns.•