

Table 5.7
Catches by Fishery Type and Products

	(Thousand tons)				
Fishery type and Products	1995	2000	2004	2005	2006*
Total	7,489	6,384	5,776	5,765	5,669
Marine fisheries	6,007	5,022	4,455	4,457	4,405
Tunas	332	286	249	239	208
Bonito	309	341	297	370	323
Sardine	661	150	50	28	52
Mackerels	470	346	338	620	629
Alaska pollack	339	300	239	194	208
Crabs	57	42	33	34	36
Squids	547	624	349	330	284
Marine culture	1,315	1,231	1,215	1,212	1,181
Yellowtails	170	137	150	160	154
Oysters	227	221	234	219	208
Laver	407	392	359	387	367
Wakame (Sea weed).....	100	67	62	63	58
Pearl (tons)	63	30	29	29	26
Inland water fisheries	92	71	# 60	54	# 42
Salmons and trouts	22	17	# 22	19	# 16
Sweetfish	14	11	# 7	7	# 3
Shellfishes	28	20	# 17	14	# 15
Inland water culture	75	61	# 46	42	41
Eel	29	24	22	20	21
Trouts	18	15	13	12	11
Common carp	13	11	4	4	3

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

2. Fishery Workers

The number of workers engaged in marine fishing has continued to decrease. In 2005, the number declined again, falling by 3.8 percent from the previous year to 222,000 workers. By type of fishery, coastal fishery workers numbered 192,000 persons, while offshore and pelagic fishery workers numbered 30,000 persons. Among male workers, 35.7 percent were at least 65 years of age, and the ratio of elderly workers is increasing every year.