



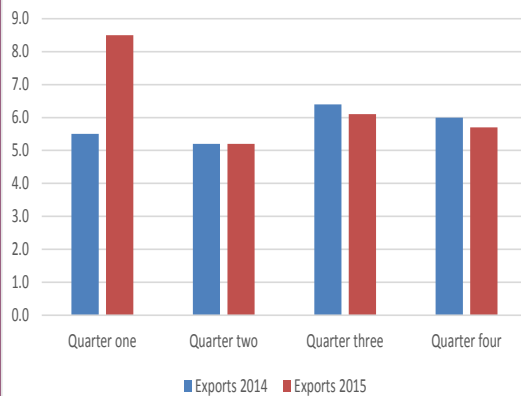
# INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS

## DECEMBER QUARTER 2015

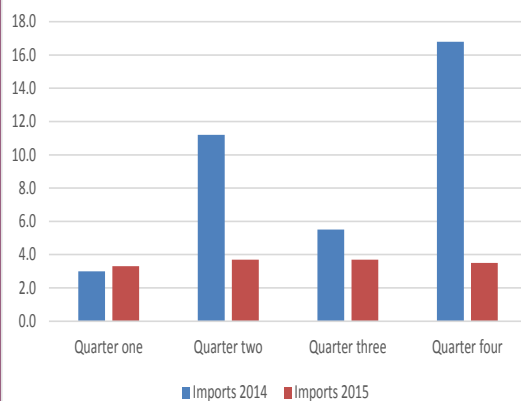


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Quarterly Exports 2014 & 2015 in PGK' Billion



Quarterly Imports 2014 & 2015 in PGK' Billion



Quarterly Balance of Trade 2014 & 2015 in PGK Billion



### Harmonised System of Customs Coding for December Quarter 2015

PGK Thousands

ALL HS SECTIONS		Exports	Imports
I	Live animals: animal products	91,142	130,904
II	Vegetable products	99,692	291,687
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	275,726	25,058
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	132,401	218,619
V	Mineral products	368,915	7,564
VI	Chemicals and allied products	3,071,735	416,766
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	4,630	204,493
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	5,330	149,786
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	1,184	6,076
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	2,539	90,530
XI	Textiles & textile articles	879	133,327
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	78	25,166
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	297	37,197
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	1,339,162	359
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	4	87
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	164,983	279,452
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	122,698	1,014,738
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	45,261	374,249
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	11,996	58,319
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	504	69,714
XXI	Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques	28	85
XXII	Others	5,134	7,070
Total		5,744,318	3,541,245

### Standard International Trade Classifications for December Quarter 2015

PGK Thousands

ALL SITC SECTIONS		Exports	Imports
0	Food and live animals	311,078	590,038
1	Beverages and tobacco	4,730	41,279
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	576,454	123,731
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	3,013,019	330,465
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	275,726	21,708
5	Chemicals and related products, not elsewhere specified	5,055	232,562
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,369,102	515,009
7	Machinery and transport equipment	167,324	1,342,940
8	Miscellaneous manufactured goods	16,667	336,445
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	5,165	7,070
Total		5,744,318	3,541,245



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#### ACRONYMS USED

ASYCUDA++	A System of Customs Data (++ version)
CIF	Cost including insurance and freight
FOB	Free On Board
HS 2012	Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (Version 2012)
IMTS	International Merchandise Trade Statistics
IMTS2010	International Merchandise Trade Statistics Concepts and Definitions 2010
ITSB	International Trade Statistics Branch of NSO - PNG
MSG	Melanesian Spearhead Group
PICT	Pacific Island Countries and Territories
PNG	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
PNG - LNG	Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification

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## OVERVIEW

In 2015, Papua New Guinea's total Exports grew on an average of 7.5 percent (%) between 2005 and 2015, peaking at K25.4 billion in 2015, an increase of 10.9% from the 2014 value. This increase was attributed mainly to K12.7 billion worth of Mineral products which accounted for 46% of the total Exports. The exports of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) which commenced in June 2014 is included in this group.

The Imports on the other hand recorded a rather contrasting trend during the observed period with a huge decrease of 61 percent (%) to K14.17 billion in 2015 from the all-time high of K36.33 billion in 2014. This was largely due to massive decreases in the imports of chemical and allied products resulting in a favorable trade surplus of K11.27 billion for 2015.

Papua New Guinea also continued trading with its major trading partners in Asia (62% for exports & 52% for imports) and the Oceania (22% exports & 37% imports) regions respectively. PNG also traded with countries in the Americas, Europe and Africa.

## EXPORT PROFILE

The major commodities in 2015 were classified in the section of the HS2012 classification;

- Mineral products valued at K12.69 billion (PNG-LNG K11.2 billion);
- Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones and metals at K5.27 billion (Silver, platinum K5.22 billions);
- Vehicles, aircrafts & associates transport equipment at K2.21 billion (Civil engineering equipment's K35 million);
- Animal or vegetable oils & fats K1.32 billion (Palm Oil K1.31 billion);
- And Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material K1.11 billion (Logs K1 billion).

Refer to Table 11 for detailed commodities. Papua New Guinea exported most of its commodities to its major trading partners in Japan (30% of total exports), Australia (24%) and China (14%).

## IMPORTS PROFILE

The major imports in 2015 were classified in the section of the HS2012 classification;

- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof value at K3.98 billion;
- Mineral products K1.76 billion;
- Vehicles, aircrafts & associated transport equipment K1.28 billion;
- Base metals & articles thereof K1.20 billion
- And Chemical & allied products K1.18 billion.

Refer to Table 12 for detailed commodities. As with exports, Japan, Australia, China and Taiwan were the major trading partners in terms of imports to PNG.

## TRADE AGREEMENT PROFILE

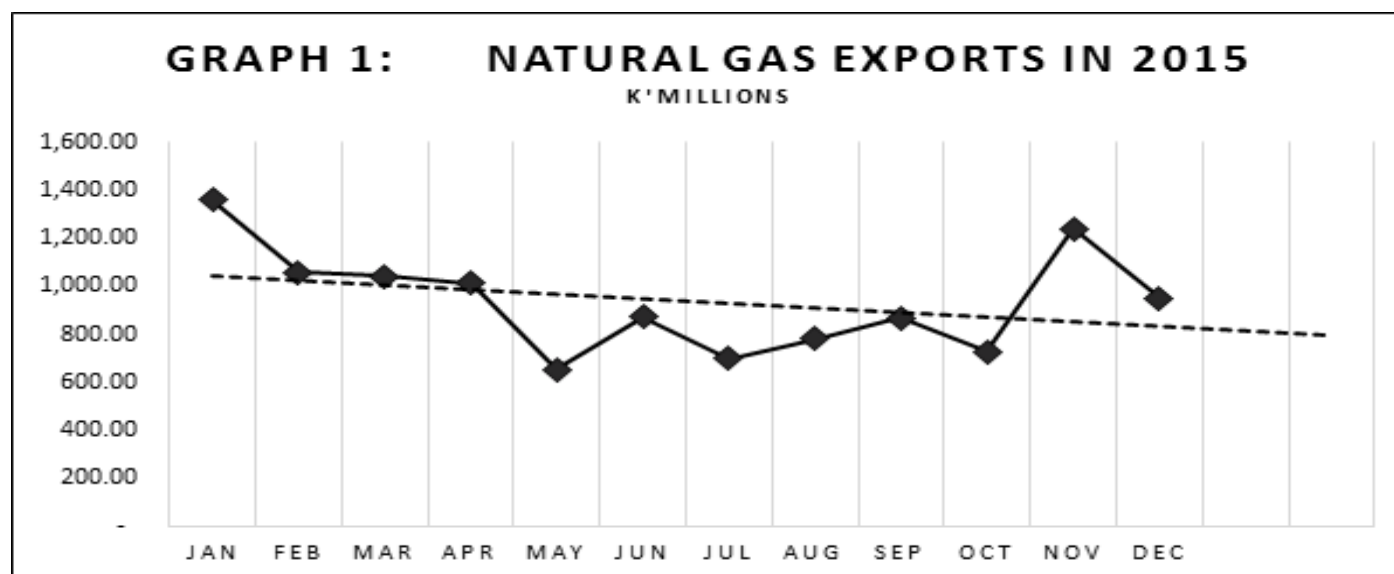
The MSG recorded the most exports to Solomon Island at K33 million comprising mostly of soft drinks, cement and prepared meat. Followed by Fiji at K16 million and Vanuatu at K2 million. Imports however has Fiji at K53 million in which includes Wheat flour, electricity equipment and biscuits. Solomon Islands at K14 million and Vanuatu at K2 million which PNG imports mostly processed fish and bovine meat.

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## ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

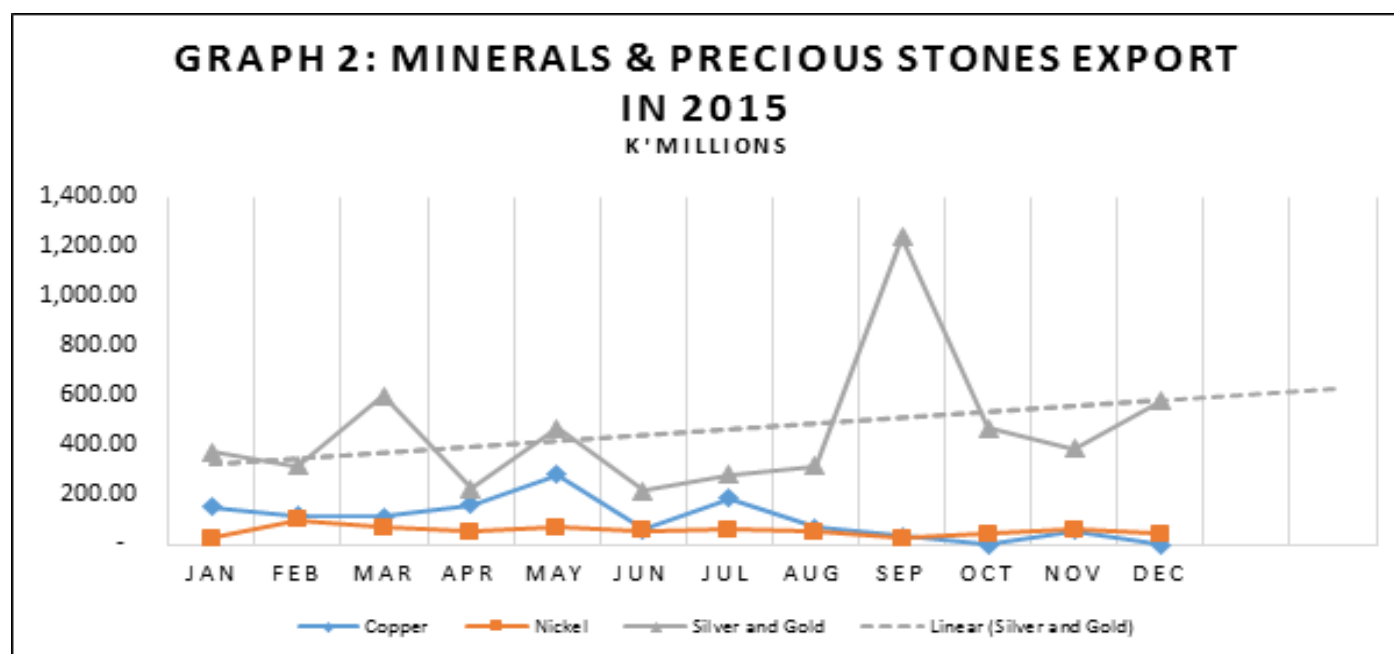
## 1.1 LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORT

The PNG Liquefied Natural Gas observed a decrease in 2015 with the monthly average of K940 million. Forecasts also indicates a decline due to low commodity prices recorded in the June, September and December Quarters of the year respectively. Below is a line graph representing monthly Exports of PNG-LNG.



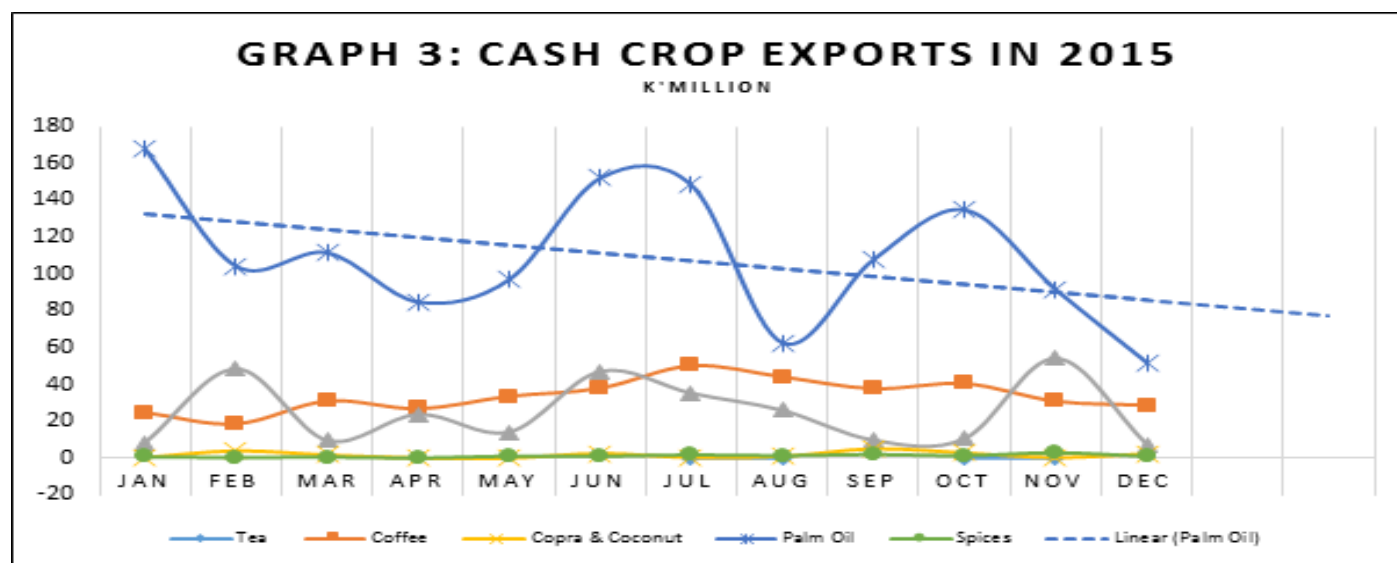
## 1.2 MINERALS &amp; PRECIOUS STONES EXPORTS

In the Mining of Ores and precious stones records an all high average of K445 million per month for Gold and Silver concentrates exports and an increasing forecast for the December quarter of 2015. Copper has a monthly average of K102 million and Nickel with monthly average of K53 million in 2015. Graph below shows monthly Exports from the PNG Mining Sector.

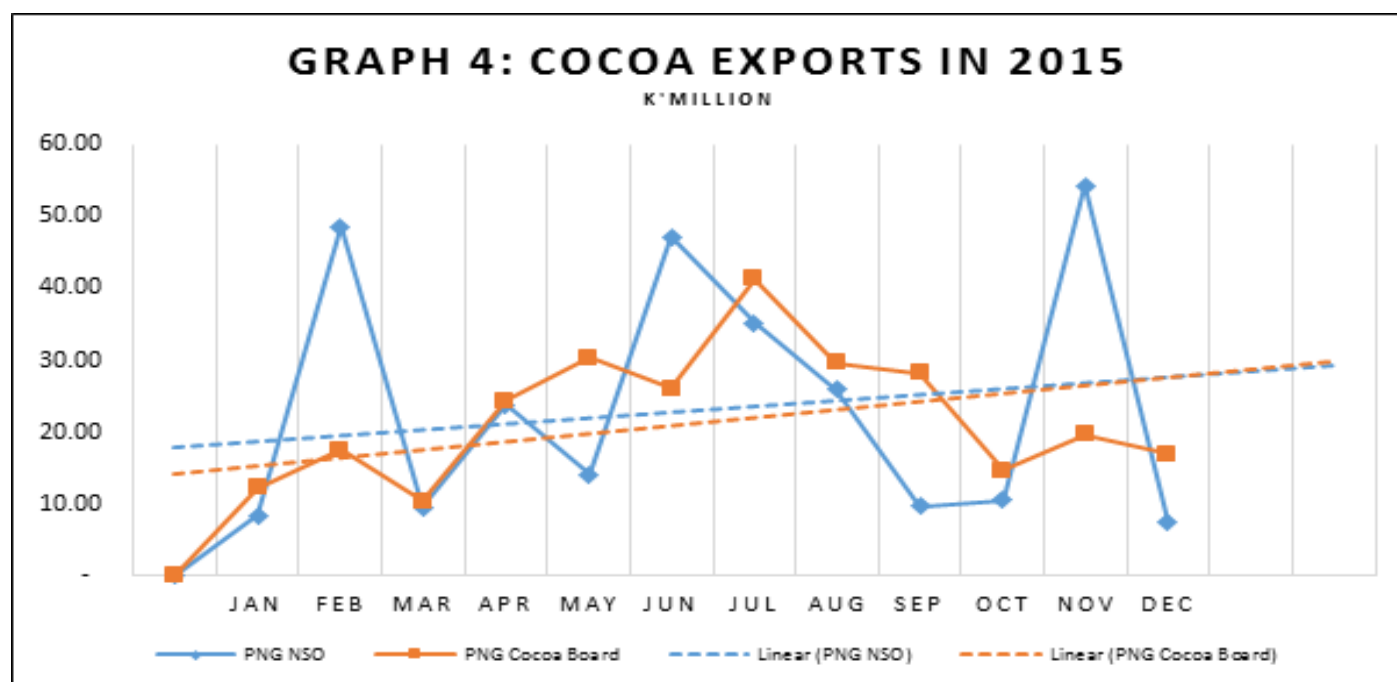


## 1.3 AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS EXPORTS

Crude Palm Oil remains as the largest exported agriculture commodity for PNG in 2015 with monthly average of K109 million per month. Coffee observes a monthly average of K33 million. Graph below shows monthly Exports from the PNG Agriculture Sector.



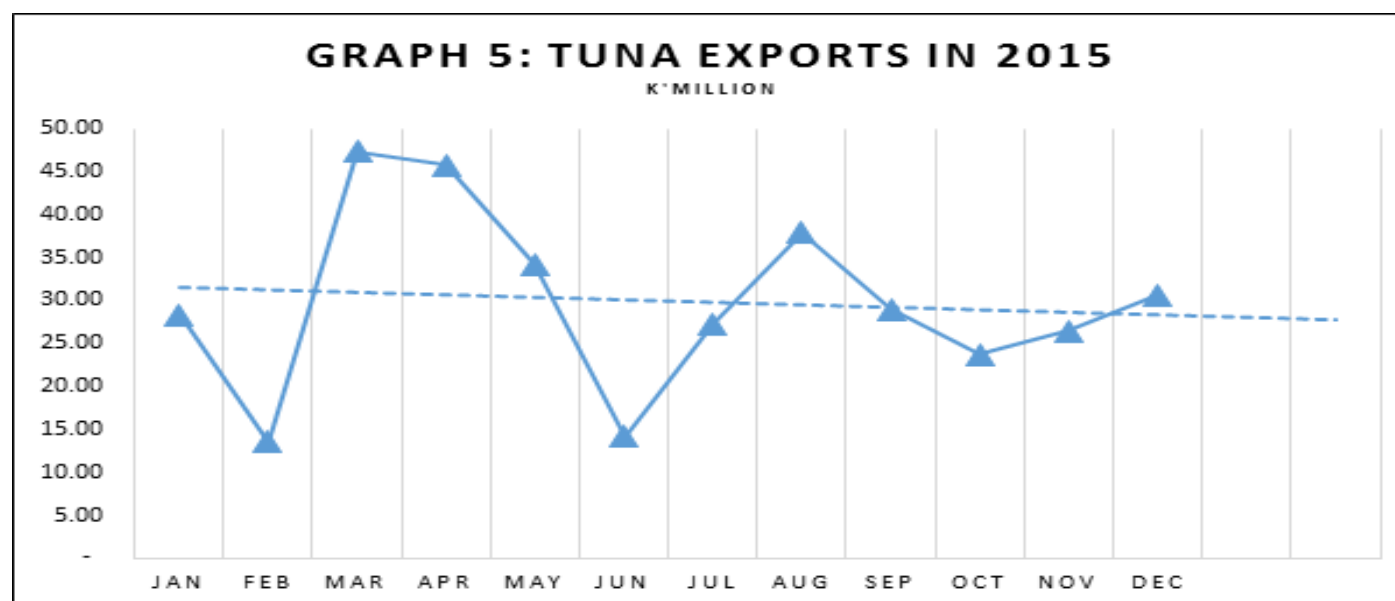
Cocoa also has a monthly average of K24 million compared to data collected from PNG Cocoa Board in which has a monthly average of K23 million. Similar linear forecast also observes an increase in the Commodity Price. Graph below compares PNG-NSO data from the Cocoa Board.





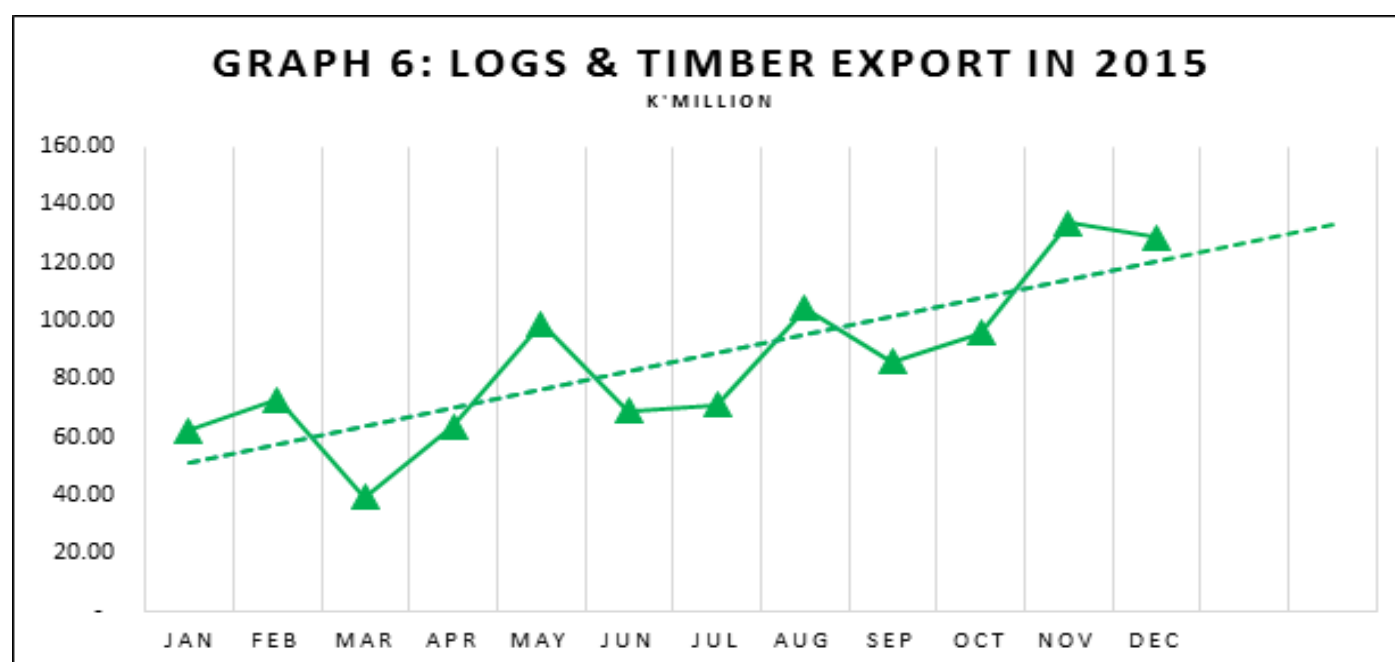
## 1.4 FISHERIES EXPORTS

Tuna and other marine exports has average exports of K29 million per month with a decline in the export forecast for the industry. Graph below shows monthly Exports of marine product from PNG.



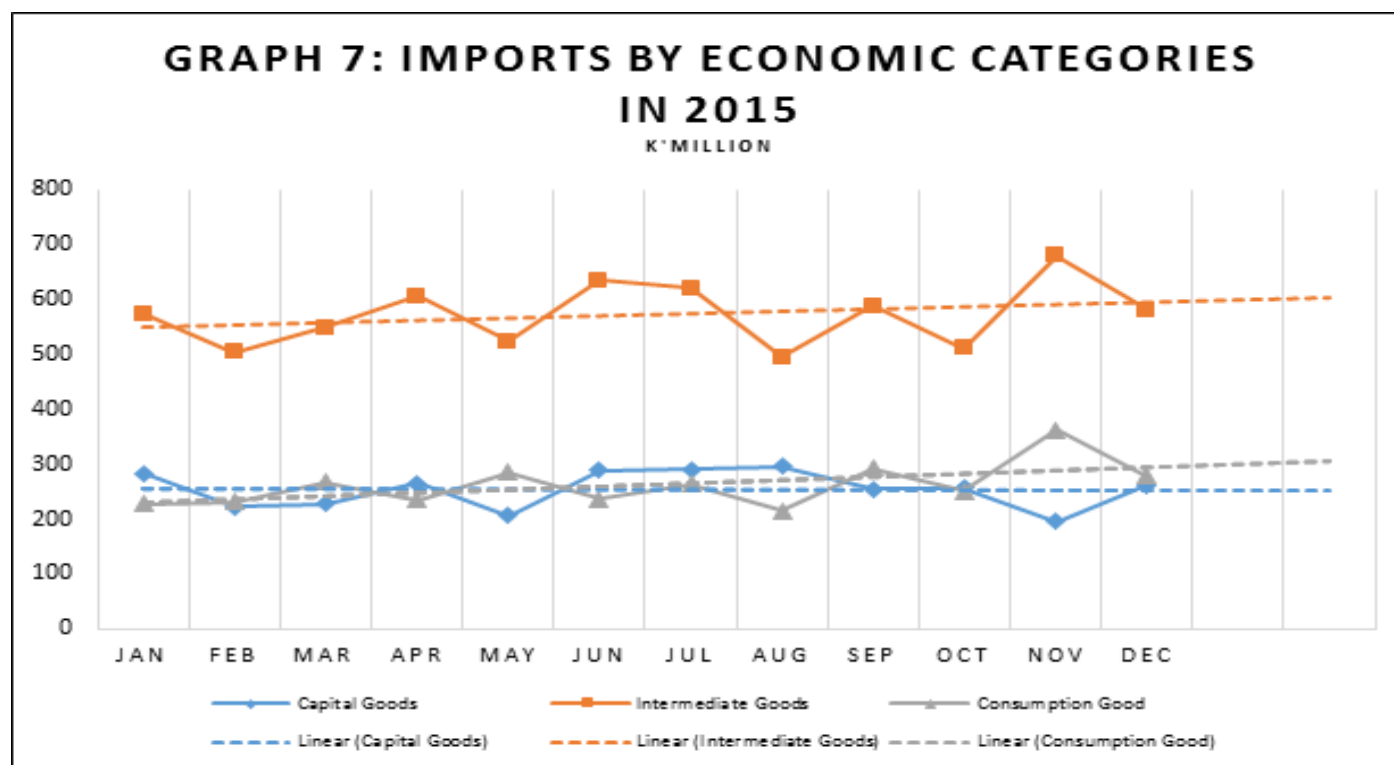
## 1.5 FOREST PRODUCTS EXPORTS

Logs and Timber products observed an increase in monthly exports with an average of K85 million per month in 2015. Graph below shows monthly Exports of Forest products from PNG.



## 2. IMPORTS BY ECONOMIC CATEGORIES

Imports by Broad categories, Intermediate Goods observes a monthly average of K527 million while Capital Goods and Consumption Goods observes monthly averages of K254 million and K262 million respectively. Graph below shows monthly Imports of Economic category groups in 2015.



## 3. COMMENTS FOR PNG EXPORTS AND IMPORTS IN 2015

PNG Exports observed a decline in the forecasting trend lines due to low commodity prices recorded while the Economic Categories in Imports records constant monthly averages in 2015.



TABLE 1

## BALANCE OF TRADE - ALL ITEMS

[PGK Thousands]

Period	Exports FOB			Imports CIF	Trade Balance	
	Domestic	Re-exports	Total		Surplus(+) /	Deficit(-)
Annually						
2005	5,224,680	n/a	5,224,680	5,256,062		-31,382
2006	7,716,950	n/a	7,716,950	5,965,548		1,751,402
2007	5,161,591	n/a	5,161,591	4,207,847		953,744
2008	6,969,371	n/a	6,969,371	9,305,430		-2,336,058
2009	7,761,473	n/a	7,761,473	10,906,659		-3,145,186
2010	10,821,752	n/a	10,821,752	14,614,847		-3,793,095
2011	12,622,406	642,488	13,264,894	13,800,663		5,146,244
2012	9,151,300	1,198,411	10,349,711	14,833,972		9,857,742
2013	11,031,227	481,938	11,513,166	13,507,727		-1,994,562
2014	22,612,751	327,388	22,940,139	36,329,252		-13,389,113
2015	23,421,070	2,027,626	25,448,696	14,176,805		11,271,892
% Change from 2014	4%	519%	11%	-61%		
Quarterly 2015						
March	6,560,200	1,900,682	8,460,881	3,312,267		5,148,614
June	5,092,818	101,747	5,194,565	3,678,284		1,516,281
September	6,031,202	17,729	6,048,932	3,645,009		2,403,923
December	5,736,850	7,468	5,744,318	3,541,245		2,203,073

Graph 8; Exports and Imports percentage change from 2005 to 2015



\* n/a - Re-exports from 2005 to 2010 is included in the Domestic Exports Totals.

\* 2014\* - Data is being Audited by Customs Services subject to Change

\* 2015\* - All figures for 2015 are preliminary figures only subject to be finalized in our next publication.

\* Source: PNG Customs Services

TABLE 2

TOTAL IMPORTS BY HS								
[PGK Thousands]								
HS Sections	Descriptions	HS Chapters	Annually		Quarterly 2015			
			2014	2015	March	June	September	December
I	Live animals: animal products	01 -05	454,696	484,476	128,364	110,507	114,701	130,904
II	Vegetable products	06 -14	860,767	966,615	212,320	213,879	248,729	291,687
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	15	108,646	126,012	32,732	33,975	34,248	25,058
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	16 - 24	778,873	842,912	184,821	225,622	213,850	218,619
V	Mineral products	25 - 27	16,902,505	1,758,065	386,923	510,664	443,712	416,766
VI	Chemicals and allied products	28 - 38	8,698,798	1,178,803	292,068	406,890	275,353	204,493
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	39 - 40	589,995	638,008	158,294	180,679	149,249	149,786
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	41 - 43	16,925	19,790	3,988	4,484	5,242	6,076
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	44 - 46	31,609	30,647	9,254	7,001	6,829	7,564
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	47 - 49	356,009	344,643	89,684	84,656	79,773	90,530
XI	Textiles & textile articles	50 - 63	331,951	471,422	114,214	77,996	145,885	133,327
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	64 - 67	77,405	90,461	19,452	20,571	25,272	25,166
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	68 - 70	217,606	155,807	41,705	40,508	36,396	37,197
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	71	2,662	3,510	1,923	325	903	359
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	72 - 83	1,244,324	1,202,836	270,902	314,979	337,504	279,452
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	84 - 85	3,888,606	3,981,452	1,002,113	997,413	967,189	1,014,738
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	86 - 89	1,311,380	1,284,241	193,504	301,448	415,040	374,249
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	90 - 92	225,313	242,939	49,191	70,204	65,226	58,319
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	93	2,426	2,466	350	1,643	386	87
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94 - 96	194,277	290,961	75,988	71,059	74,201	69,714
XXI	Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques	97	841	681	321	96	179	85
XXII	Others	99	33,639	60,057	44,157	3,686	5,144	7,070
TOTAL			36,329,252	14,176,805	3,312,267	3,678,284	3,645,009	3,541,245

Source: PNG Customs Services  
Classification Used: HS 2012

TABLE 3

HS Sections	Descriptions	HS Chapters	DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY HS		Quarterly 2015			
			[PGK Thousands]		March	June	September	December
			Annually 2014	2015				
I	Live animals: animal products	01 - 05	462,559	380,248	88,135	98,087	102,885	91,142
II	Vegetable products	06 - 14	439,354	427,058	83,089	104,927	139,350	99,692
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	15	1,332,382	1,317,517	392,526	332,941	316,325	275,726
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	16 - 24	480,834	565,869	128,063	158,786	146,620	132,401
V	Mineral products	25 - 27	11,151,218	12,687,505	3,942,693	3,014,759	2,658,317	3,071,735
VI	Chemicals and allied products	28 - 38	530,019	154,174	131,969	16,808	767	4,630
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	39 - 40	25,404	21,521	4,170	6,769	5,253	5,329
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	41 - 43	2,152	3,185	609	578	815	1,184
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	44 - 46	748,301	1,108,411	220,689	242,858	275,950	368,915
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	47 - 49	5,731	4,568	1,058	130	842	2,538
XI	Textiles & textile articles	50 - 63	6,081	3,112	467	859	908	879
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	64 - 67	193	637	67	380	111	78
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	68 - 70	831	353	37	19	0	297
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	71	4,538,430	5,269,266	1,263,724	853,117	1,813,263	1,339,162
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	72 - 83	682,642	707,161	201,676	191,769	148,749	164,968
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	84 - 85	416,507	512,431	37,345	52,198	300,756	122,131
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	86 - 89	1,759,126	210,774	53,872	6,219	110,590	40,092
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	90 - 92	16,432	29,990	5,430	8,221	6,059	10,280
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	93	-	4	-	-	-	4
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94 - 96	3,401	3,822	1,617	885	815	504
XXI	Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques	97	73	97	1	36	32	28
XXII	Others	99	11,080	13,367	2,963	2,472	2,798	5,134
TOTAL			22,612,751	23,421,070	6,560,200	5,092,818	6,031,202	5,736,850

Source: PNG Customs Services  
HS 2012

TABLE 4

## RE-EXPORTS BY HS

[PGK Thousands]

HS Sections	Descriptions	HS Chapters	Annually		Quarterly 2015			
			2014	2015	March	June	September	December
V	Mineral products	25 - 27	0	0	-	-	0	-
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	39 - 40	4	10	-	-	9	1
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	41 - 43	611	6	-	-	6	-
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	44 - 46	-	82	-	-	82	-
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	47 - 49	0	2	-	-	2	0
XI	Textiles & textile articles	50 - 63	11	16	-	-	16	-
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	72 - 83	4,818	39	-	-	24	15
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	84 - 85	17,304	20,259	4,958	1,370	13,364	567
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	86 - 89	302,753	2,001,446	1,895,428	100,378	471	5,169
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	90 - 92	1,179	2,863	295	-	852	1,716
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94 - 96	703	2,903	-	-	2,903	-
Total			327,388	2,027,626	1,900,682	101,747	17,729	7,468

Source: PNG Customs Services  
HS 2012

**Graph 9: HS Exports, Re-Exports and Imports Trend in 2015 PGK Billions**

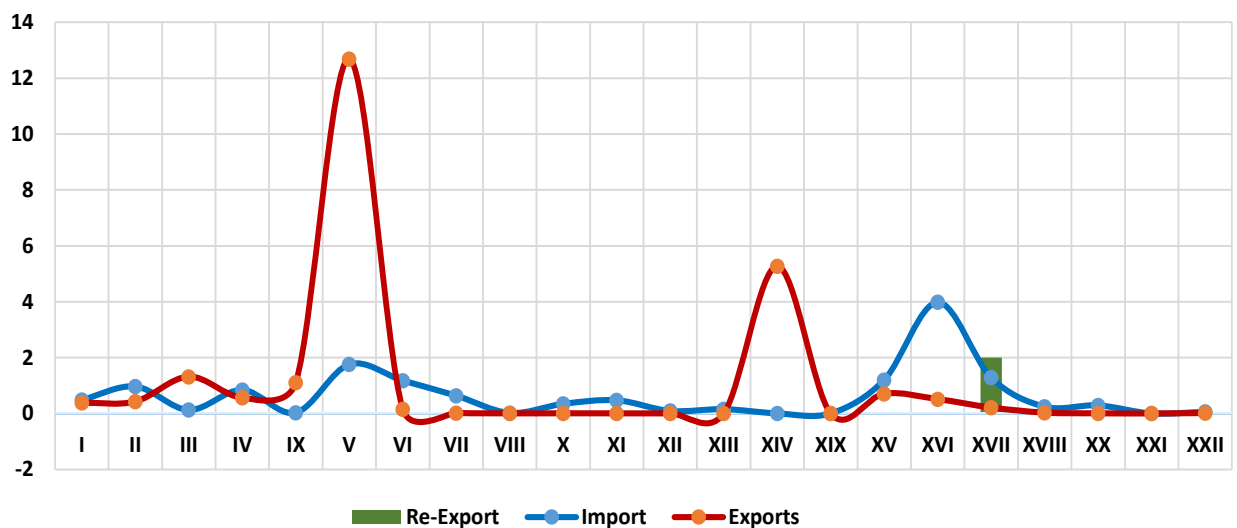


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II	Vegetable products	06 -14	439,354	427,058	83,089	104,927	139,350	99,692
III	Animal or vegetable oils & fats	15	1,332,382	1,317,517	392,526	332,941	316,325	275,726
IV	Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	16 - 24	480,834	565,869	128,063	158,786	146,620	132,401
IX	Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material	44 - 46	748,301	1,108,494	220,689	242,858	276,032	368,915
V	Mineral products	25 - 27	11,151,218	12,687,505	3,942,693	3,014,759	2,658,317	3,071,735
VI	Chemicals and allied products	28 - 38	530,019	154,174	131,969	16,808	767	4,630
VII	Plastic, rubber & articles thereof	39 - 40	25,404	21,531	4,170	6,769	5,262	5,330
VIII	Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods	41 - 43	2,152	3,190	609	578	820	1,184
X	Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof	47 - 49	5,731	4,571	1,058	130	844	2,539
XI	Textiles & textile articles	50 - 63	6,081	3,128	467	859	924	879
XII	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof	64 - 67	193	637	67	380	111	78
XIII	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	68 - 70	831	353	37	19	0	297
XIV	Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals	71	4,538,430	5,269,266	1,263,724	853,117	1,813,263	1,339,162
XIX	Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof	93	-	4				4
XV	Base metals & articles thereof	72 - 83	682,642	707,200	201,676	191,769	148,772	164,983
XVI	Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	84 - 85	416,507	532,690	42,304	53,568	314,120	122,698
XVII	Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	86 - 89	1,759,126	2,212,220	1,949,301	106,596	111,062	45,261
XVIII	Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	90 - 92	16,432	32,853	5,725	8,221	6,911	11,996
XX	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	94 - 96	3,401	6,725	1,617	885	3,718	504
XXI	Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques	97	73	97	1	36	32	28
XXII	Others	99	11,080	13,367	2,963	2,472	2,798	5,134
TOTAL			22,940,139	25,448,696	8,460,881	5,194,565	6,048,932	5,744,318

Source: PNG Customs Services  
HS 2012

TABLE 6

## BALANCE OF TRADE BY PNG CUSTOMS SERVICES PORTS

[PGK Thousands]

PORTS		Annually		Quarterly 2015			
		2014	2015	March	June	September	December
Alotau	Exports	146,694	140,108	44,398	41,158	29,264	25,288
	Imports	70,553	67,087	16,866	16,839	17,662	15,721
	Balance	76,140	73,021	27,532	24,318	11,602	9,568
Daru	Exports	-	37,594	12,350	14,564	1,184	9,496
	Imports	-	2	-	2	-	-
	Balance	-	37,592	12,350	14,562	1,184	9,496
Hagen	Exports	158	1	1	-	-	-
	Imports	48,151	41,537	13,084	10,353	6,152	11,948
	Balance	-47,993	-41,536	-13,084	-10,353	-6,152	-11,948
Six Mile - Jacksons Airport	Exports	363,942	2,140,050	1,923,659	17,558	128,260	70,572
	Imports	1,804,864	2,065,816	432,182	449,077	513,987	670,570
	Balance	-1,440,922	74,233	1,491,477	-431,519	-385,727	-599,998
Kimbe	Exports	1,112,486	1,116,461	310,232	289,288	253,046	263,895
	Imports	199,770	182,952	50,047	44,697	52,334	35,873
	Balance	912,716	933,510	260,185	244,591	200,712	228,022
Kavieng	Exports	-	135,112	18,830	28,109	40,123	48,049
	Imports	-	43,331	4,274	14,031	13,755	11,270
	Balance	-	91,781	14,557	14,078	26,368	36,779
Lae	Exports	2,833,608	1,356,983	266,561	255,527	479,308	355,587
	Imports	13,085,344	5,185,033	1,236,726	1,299,129	1,419,200	1,229,979
	Balance	-10,251,736	-3,828,050	-970,164	-1,043,601	-939,892	-874,392
Lihir	Exports	2,213,809	2,685,323	678,145	249,039	1,038,768	719,371
	Imports	928,378	647,469	123,186	184,048	120,074	220,160
	Balance	1,285,431	2,037,854	554,959	64,991	918,693	499,211
Lorengau	Exports	-	8,429	-	-	-	8,429
	Imports	-	12,891	-	-	4,940	7,951
	Balance	-	-4,462	-	-	-4,940	479
Madang	Exports	895,403	912,482	232,673	251,790	209,742	218,277
	Imports	438,625	587,447	122,413	139,340	218,082	107,611
	Balance	456,778	325,035	110,259	112,450	-8,340	110,666
Popondetta	Exports	221,141	192,389	52,318	48,451	56,992	34,628
	Imports	44,692	118,783	35,200	60,232	12,585	10,766
	Balance	176,449	73,606	17,118	-11,781	44,407	23,862
Port Moresby	Exports	14,439,458	15,952,359	4,785,563	3,811,382	3,574,142	3,781,272
	Imports	19,093,902	4,171,630	993,667	1,218,572	1,004,981	954,410
	Balance	-4,654,444	11,780,728	3,791,896	2,592,809	2,569,161	2,826,862
Rabaul	Exports	340,614	341,511	54,011	81,831	101,397	104,272
	Imports	442,108	475,488	99,907	92,536	127,947	155,098
	Balance	-101,493	-133,977	-45,897	-10,705	-26,550	-50,826
Tabubil	Exports	0	284	0	6	127	150
	Imports	5,331	21,501	717	938	19,846	-
	Balance	-5,331	-21,217	-717	-932	-19,718	150
Kiunga	Exports	-	1,157	615	310	86	147
	Imports	38,496	392,979	147,399	114,183	77,038	54,359
	Balance	-38,496	-391,822	-146,785	-113,872	-76,953	-54,212
Vanimo	Exports	165,404	240,974	46,334	35,747	89,425	69,468
	Imports	82,334	108,203	18,455	24,862	22,927	41,959
	Balance	83,070	132,771	27,879	10,886	66,497	27,509
Wewak	Exports	207,422	187,479	35,191	69,804	47,068	35,417
	Imports	46,706	54,655	18,142	9,445	13,498	13,570
	Balance	160,716	132,824	17,049	60,359	33,569	21,847
Total	Exports	22,940,139	25,448,696	8,460,881	5,194,565	6,048,932	5,744,318
	Imports	36,329,252	14,176,805	3,312,267	3,678,284	3,645,009	3,541,245
	Balance	-13,389,113	11,271,892	5,148,614	1,516,281	2,403,923	2,203,073

Source: PNG Customs Services

HS 2012



TABLE 7

Balance of Trade by Major Trading Partners in 2015  
[PGK Thousands]

COUNTRY		Annually		Quarterly 2015			
		2014	2015	March	June	September	December
Japan	Exports	6,564,090	6,919,989	2,540,659	1,616,940	1,217,470	1,544,920
	Imports	268,660	251,140	58,915	73,831	63,577	54,816
	Balance	6,295,431	6,668,849	2,481,743	1,543,109	1,153,893	1,490,104
Australia	Exports	5,145,181	5,593,750	1,309,665	882,665	1,958,866	1,442,555
	Imports	12,474,224	4,669,269	1,228,717	1,214,743	1,066,546	1,159,263
	Balance	-7,329,043	924,481	80,947	-332,078	892,320	283,292
China	Exports	2,287,834	3,200,225	643,912	769,171	909,994	877,148
	Imports	1,684,262	1,910,110	424,821	445,742	490,014	549,533
	Balance	603,572	1,290,115	219,091	323,429	419,980	327,614
Portugal	Exports	1,540	1,858,739	1,858,736	-	-	3
	Imports	24	61	3	1	52	6
	Balance	1,516	1,858,678	1,858,734	-1	-52	-3
Taiwan	Exports	1,999,661	1,647,329	473,066	573,347	116,393	484,524
	Imports	269,054	480,136	50,854	89,277	233,733	106,272
	Balance	1,730,606	1,167,193	422,211	484,070	-117,341	378,252
China, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	Exports	199,980	1,265,552	429,352	243,338	220,634	372,228
	Imports	262,019	256,100	56,132	69,385	67,915	62,667
	Balance	-62,039	1,009,452	373,220	173,953	152,718	309,561
Singapore	Exports	443,890	783,839	71,873	66,352	336,464	309,150
	Imports	1,924,520	1,658,846	381,446	468,489	418,851	390,060
	Balance	-1,480,630	-875,007	-309,573	-402,137	-82,387	-80,910
Philippines	Exports	979,315	479,251	262,287	70,809	70,452	75,703
	Imports	59,328	96,560	16,951	29,344	27,524	22,739
	Balance	919,986	382,692	245,335	41,465	42,928	52,964
Netherlands	Exports	574,570	462,821	145,795	136,420	95,670	84,937
	Imports	56,716	69,208	15,682	29,169	9,616	14,742
	Balance	517,854	393,613	130,113	107,252	86,054	70,195
Germany	Exports	720,469	413,824	59,135	94,673	212,160	47,855
	Imports	118,649	81,968	21,888	20,737	17,277	22,066
	Balance	601,820	331,856	37,248	73,936	194,883	25,789
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Exports	329,517	324,800	96,445	99,579	90,270	38,505
	Imports	212,995	356,991	82,572	90,226	108,453	75,740
	Balance	116,522	-32,191	13,874	9,353	-18,183	-37,235
Belgium	Exports	443,890	301,933	78,020	68,131	80,562	75,220
	Imports	1,924,520	28,693	11,964	3,008	3,613	10,107
	Balance	-1,480,630	273,240	66,056	65,123	76,950	65,112
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Exports	503,113	272,005	102,904	56,462	89,411	23,228
	Imports	109,298	97,937	36,216	25,169	14,508	22,043
	Balance	393,815	174,068	66,688	31,293	74,903	1,185
India	Exports	377,621	261,208	42,314	105,786	64,751	48,357
	Imports	137,167	266,627	34,987	176,937	24,204	30,500
	Balance	240,454	-5,418	7,328	-71,151	40,547	17,858
Spain	Exports	168,039	253,866	62,734	59,573	49,575	81,985
	Imports	81,436	5,502	673	853	2,331	1,645
	Balance	86,603	248,364	62,060	58,721	47,243	80,340
Malaysia	Exports	96,089	236,796	55,784	48,291	71,866	60,854
	Imports	781,441	843,393	175,462	221,051	227,159	219,722
	Balance	-685,353	-606,597	-119,677	-172,760	-155,293	-158,867
Italy	Exports	277,922	212,400	53,048	54,344	53,952	51,056
	Imports	36,800	50,877	14,240	16,093	12,978	7,566
	Balance	241,122	161,523	38,808	38,251	40,974	43,491
Bahrain	Exports	0	196,474	-	-	195,490	984
	Imports	0	-	-	-	-	-
	Balance	-	196,474	-	-	195,490	984
United States of America	Exports	222,532	178,378	56,011	45,991	47,897	28,480
	Imports	743,341	769,797	161,097	160,816	212,201	235,682
	Balance	-520,809	-591,419	-105,086	-114,826	-164,304	-207,203
Indonesia	Exports	1,062,843	123,847	21,697	12,388	83,128	6,634
	Imports	373,809	397,688	85,403	105,553	98,272	108,460
	Balance	689,034	-273,841	-63,706	-93,165	-15,143	-101,826
Others	Exports	530,357	461,669	97,444	190,305	83,926	89,994
	Imports	14,810,989	1,885,903	454,244	437,861	546,182	447,616
	Balance	-14,280,633	-1,424,234	-356,799	-247,556	-462,256	-357,623
TOTAL	Exports	22,928,452	25,450,711	8,460,881	5,194,565	6,048,932	5,744,318
	Imports	36,329,252	14,176,805	3,312,267	3,678,284	3,645,009	3,541,245
	Balance	-13,400,801	11,273,907	5,148,614	1,516,281	2,403,923	2,203,073

Source: PNG Customs Services  
HS 2012

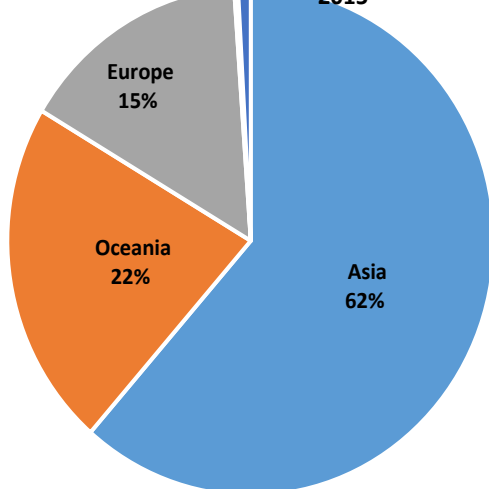


TABLE 8

		TRADE BY REGION					
		[PGK Thousands]					
REGION		ANNUALLY		Quarterly 2015			
		2014	2015	March	June	September	December
Africa	Exports	15,958	27,435	6,940	12,699	1,541	6,255
	Imports	22,951	18,103	6,758	4,454	3,401	3,490
	Balance	-6,993	9,332	182	8,245	-1,860	2,765
The Americas	Exports	258,801	186,426	56,866	48,078	48,562	32,920
	Imports	847,612	849,228	182,827	177,161	238,080	251,159
	Balance	-588,811	-662,802	-125,961	-129,084	-189,518	-218,239
Asia	Exports	14,473,078	15,636,936	4,670,885	3,722,593	3,409,988	3,833,470
	Imports	6,710,804	7,386,626	1,592,927	1,967,403	2,033,249	1,793,048
	Balance	7,762,274	8,250,310	3,077,958	1,755,191	1,376,739	2,040,422
Europe	Exports	2,962,861	3,909,892	2,391,989	510,305	600,483	407,114
	Imports	522,097	546,964	131,715	133,267	100,723	181,258
	Balance	2,440,765	3,362,928	2,260,274	377,038	499,760	225,856
Oceania	Exports	5,177,867	5,621,512	1,315,330	888,402	1,966,298	1,451,483
	Imports	13,022,487	5,210,443	1,348,010	1,358,277	1,214,458	1,289,697
	Balance	-7,844,620	411,069	-32,681	-469,876	751,840	161,785
TOTAL	Exports	22,928,452	25,448,696	8,460,881	5,194,565	6,048,932	5,744,318
	Imports	36,329,252	14,176,805	3,312,267	3,678,284	3,645,009	3,541,245
	Balance	-13,400,801	11,271,892	5,148,614	-8,872,849	-9,693,940	-9,285,563
of which the PICTs	Exports	39,886	66,495	18,872	12,488	22,060	13,076
	Imports	15,203,301	165,411	50,018	37,721	55,098	22,574
	Balance	-15,163,415	-98,916	-31,146	-25,234	-33,038	-9,498

Source: PNG National Statistics Office

Graph 10: World Regional Exports in 2015



Graph 11: World Regional Imports in 2015

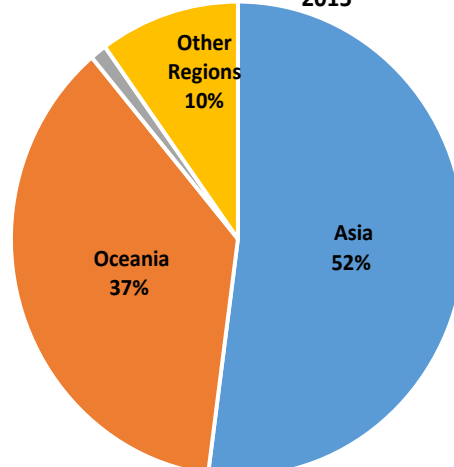


TABLE 9

EXPORTS BY SITC in 2015							
PGK Thousands							
Sections	Economic Category	ANNUALLY		Quarterly 2015			
		2014	2015	March	June	September	December
0	Food and live animals	1,359,515	1,333,776	291,288	355,502	375,909	311,078
1	Beverages and tobacco	7,314	13,401	852	2,793	5,027	4,730
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	4,991,816	2,978,398	830,367	871,085	700,493	576,454
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	7,492,967	11,464,843	3,513,778	2,567,137	2,370,909	3,013,019
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1,332,344	1,317,517	392,526	332,941	316,325	275,726
5	Chemicals and related products, not elsewhere specified	531,531	155,717	132,154	17,314	1,195	5,055
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,608,903	5,339,355	1,256,436	875,023	1,838,794	1,369,102
7	Machinery and transport equipment	2,496,441	2,744,410	1,991,640	160,270	425,176	167,324
8	Miscellaneous manufactured goods	42,308	47,493	8,585	9,933	12,307	16,667
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	1,077,001	53,787	43,256	2,568	2,798	5,165
TOTAL		22940139	25,448,696	8,460,881	5,194,565	6,048,932	5,744,318

Source: National Statistical Office  
SITC rev 4

TABLE 10

		IMPORTS BY SITC in 2015					
		PGK Thousands					
Sections	Economic Category	ANNUALLY		Quarterly 2015			
		2014	2015	March	June	September	December
0	Food and live animals	1,915,859	2,125,945	494,817	501,787	539,304	590,038
1	Beverages and tobacco	144,320	140,775	29,639	40,365	29,492	41,279
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	262,999	354,359	74,627	58,053	97,947	123,731
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	16,578,608	1,445,453	320,423	446,056	348,508	330,465
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	101,991	105,406	25,671	28,314	29,713	21,708
5	Chemicals and related products, not elsewhere specified	8,866,523	1,323,720	340,636	445,030	305,492	232,562
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,192,602	2,192,452	506,793	554,142	601,678	515,009
7	Machinery and transport equipment	5,124,056	5,188,219	1,189,661	1,283,607	1,372,011	1,342,940
8	Miscellaneous manufactured goods	1,140,827	1,238,128	284,226	317,204	292,869	336,445
9	Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in SITC	1,468	62,348	45,774	5	670	7,070
TOTAL		36,329,252	14,176,805	3,312,267	3,674,563	3,617,685	3,541,245

Source: National Statistical Office  
SITC rev 4

TABLE 11

## PRINCIPAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY SITC in 2015

Commodity	2015	PGK Thousands			
		March	June	September	December
<i>Natural gas</i>	11,277,260	3,463,237	2,540,358	2,348,911	2,924,754
<i>Silver, platinum</i>	5,228,685	1,223,431	853,003	1,813,131	1,339,120
<i>Palm Oil</i>	1,307,643	383,798	332,521	315,753	275,572
<i>Copper ores</i>	1,167,766	377,868	447,005	285,795	57,098
<i>Logs</i>	1,004,368	199,358	215,408	248,896	340,705
<i>Nickel</i>	625,058	170,822	175,917	134,935	143,384
<i>Coffee</i>	369,145	70,859	92,484	121,437	84,366
<i>Tuna</i>	351,523	86,205	91,406	93,252	80,659
<i>Civil engineering plant and equipment parts</i>	349,045	18,486	33,996	250,402	46,162
<i>Cocoa</i>	293,254	65,953	85,172	70,957	71,171
<i>Crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates</i>	209,051	49,113	58,625	57,893	43,419
<i>Aircraft parts</i>	167,615	24,767	3,028	108,114	31,705
<i>Nitrogen</i>	145,844	130,402	15,441	-	-
<i>Petroleum products</i>	135,314	15,152	26,525	21,894	71,743
<b>Other Exports</b>	<b>789,499</b>	<b>280,748</b>	<b>121,929</b>	<b>159,831</b>	<b>226,991</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,421,070</b>	<b>6,560,200</b>	<b>5,092,818</b>	<b>6,031,202</b>	<b>5,736,850</b>

\* Source: PNG National Statistics Office

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Graph 12:

Major Exports in PGK Billion

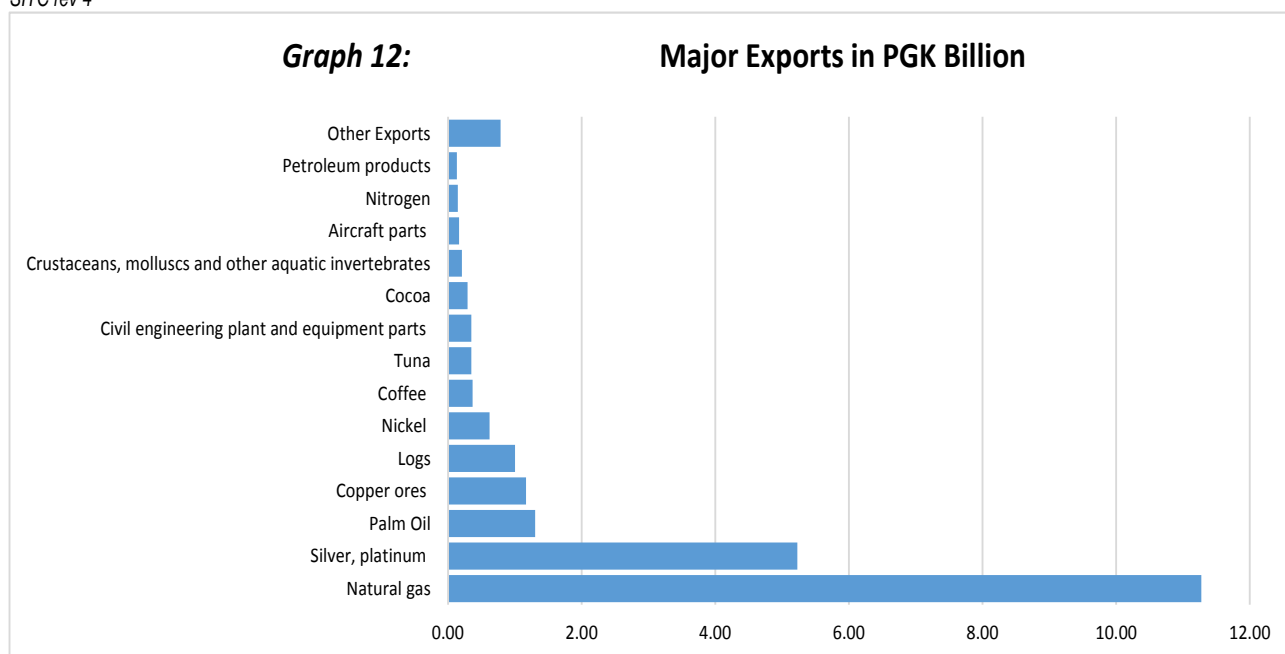


TABLE 12

## PRINCIPAL IMPORTS BY SITC in 2015

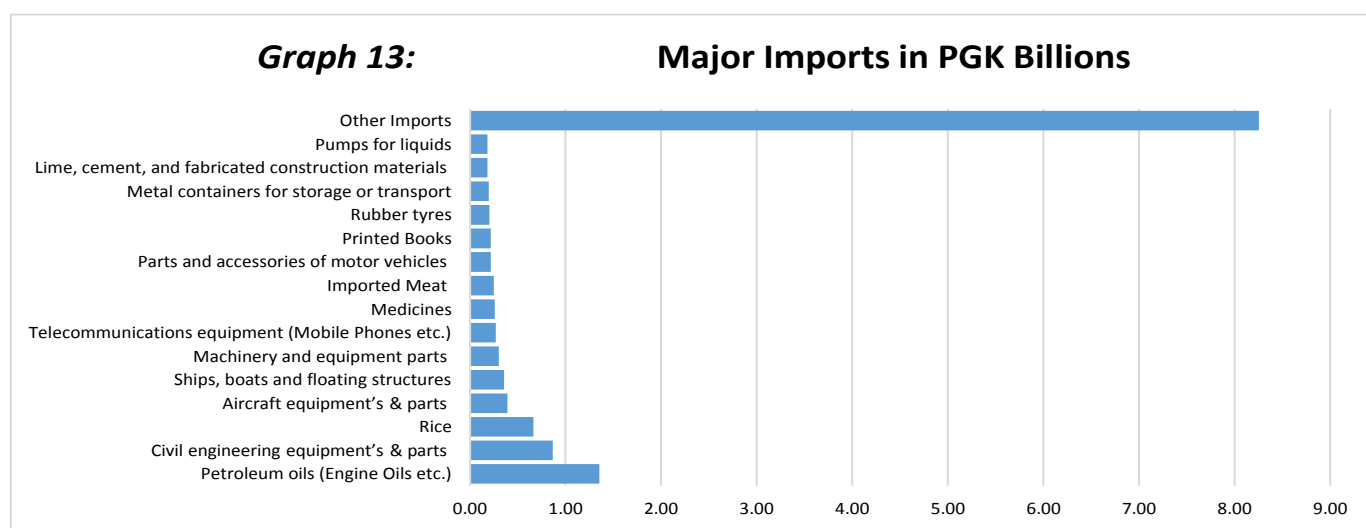
Commodity	PKG Thousands				
	2015	March	June	September	December
Petroleum oils (Engine Oils etc.)	1,355,047	291,609	426,849	337,719	298,870
Civil engineering equipment's & parts	866,651	243,866	238,691	219,323	164,771
Rice	663,220	141,879	134,725	167,237	219,379
Aircraft equipment's & parts	392,954	46,704	74,061	60,053	212,136
Ships, boats and floating structures	358,517	31,962	102,192	207,236	17,128
Machinery and equipment parts	302,723	86,626	86,220	54,867	75,010
Telecommunications equipment (Mobile Phones etc.)	270,461	41,882	71,525	78,220	78,835
Medicines	258,401	26,909	168,657	35,873	26,962
Imported Meat	247,548	63,865	57,197	53,973	72,513
Parts and accessories of motor vehicles	218,074	51,098	51,517	56,080	59,380
Printed Books	217,221	57,259	53,590	49,559	56,813
Rubber tyres	205,245	40,553	66,477	45,132	53,083
Metal containers for storage or transport	197,935	45,219	45,031	68,921	38,764
Lime, cement, and fabricated construction materials	184,408	58,194	42,221	34,228	49,765
Pumps for liquids	183,618	39,618	42,666	62,678	38,657
Other Imports	8,254,782	2,045,026	2,012,944	2,086,587	2,079,181
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,176,805</b>	<b>3,312,267</b>	<b>3,674,563</b>	<b>3,617,685</b>	<b>3,541,245</b>

\* Source: PNG National Statistics Office

\* SITC rev 4

Graph 13:

Major Imports in PGK Billions



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. The Data presented was captured electronically by the PNG Customs in the ASYCUDA++ format from automated post recorded by Customs Agents. The remainder of posts are non-automated and paper sent to the PNG Customs Services Head Office in Port Moresby for entries. In Table 6 of this Publication presents a balance of trade from automated Customs Services Ports. The Data is being presenting according to the "General System" of trade as defined in the IMTS2010 requirements.
2. The Publication is compiled relating to the fiscal year beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015 and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year according to PNG's Trade and Statistical Territory. Therefore reported Statistics is preliminary until full reconciliation of data and published in our Annual Trade reports.
3. Exports data presented are a combination of Domestic Exports (Table 3), Re-exports (Table 4) and Total Exports (Table 5) respectively. Domestic exports include commodities grown in the country, extracted from its natural resources or manufactured in the country. These include goods of foreign origin which have been assembled or materially transformed in the country.
4. Re-exports are exports of goods of foreign origin which have NOT been materially transformed while in PNG. These include goods are basically used for the Capital formations such an example of the PNG-LNG completion stages. Total Exports is the overall total of both Domestic Exports and Re-Exports.
5. Imports (Table 2) are generally goods for home uses and from Agreements between PNG and Trading partners.
6. Currently data is being recorded using the Harmonized System version 2012 (HS2012). This data is also subsequently converted on a one to one relationship to an extended version of the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC Rev 4). The SITC is essentially an economic classification which categorizes items by type, e.g. Food, Beverages, Mineral Fuels, Chemicals, Manufactured Goods, Machinery and Equipment and provides an appropriate basis for the analysis of merchandise trade data. Table 9, Table 10, Table 11 and Table 12 are classified using the SITC classification. Allied to the SITC is an End-Use or Economic Function Classification which groups all goods into the following broad categories (BEC) as in Consumer Goods, Raw Materials and or Intermediate Goods and Capital Goods.
7. Imports are valued on PGK costs which includes insurance and freight (CIF) basis and represents the cost to the importer of buying the goods and bringing them to this country, but excluding customs or any other duty paid on arrival.
8. Exports are shown on PGK Freight on board (FOB) valuation basis, i.e. the value of the goods including charges up to delivery on board the exporting vessel. Values shown are primarily recorded in terms of PNG Kina.
9. Table 7 in this Publication refers to Merchandise trade between PNG and Countries of which are major Importers of PNG Commodities in 2015. Table 8 also includes the World Regional Trade.
10. In a number of tables presented the figures are rounded to the nearest PGK thousands. Also the following symbols are used;

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