

FRESH AND CHILLED FISH INFOFISH <i>Trade News</i> , <i>No.10/2000</i> 2 June 2000		1US\$ =GB£0.67 1US\$=¥106.93		1US\$=SG\$1.73 1US\$=FCFA708.45		1US\$=HK\$7.79 1US\$=CNY8.28 1US\$=RM3.80	
SINGAPORE		Imports of live food fish have declined in the last three years, both in quantity and value, from 3 486 MT valued at S\$ 18 269 000 in 1997 to 3 413 MT valued at S\$ 12 947 000. The decline was mainly attributed to the sharp drop in imports of high value marine finfish (such as live grouper), a trend which began in the early 90s. Imports of live marine fish, including grouper, declined from 1 244 MT valued at S\$ 7 943 000 in 1997 to only 989 MT valued at S\$ 5 834 000 last year, due to the economic crisis. In the period under review, consumers switched from high value live fish such as grouper, to lower priced species such as seabass and other freshwater species, as reflected by the increase in imports of freshwater fish.					
		Singapore: Imports of Live Food Fish, excluding Fry and Ornamental Fish, 1997-1999 (Q=MT; V=S\$1000)					
		1997		1998		1999	
		Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
	Freshwater Fish						
	Eels	16	279	16	240	13	221
	- Hong Kong	6	87	5	75	5	74
	- Taiwan	4	NA	4	NA	3	96
	Carp	510	695	436	545	452	621
	- Malaysia	508	685	436	545	451	599
	Other Freshwater Fish	1716	9352	1760	6690	1959	6271
	- Cambodia	210	4293	107	2339	70	1466
	- Malaysia	1407	3117	1559	2900	1827	3560

	- Thailand	17	129	29	224	5	55
	-Vietnam	81	1793	65	1314	56	1181
	Total of Freshwater Fish	2242	10326	2212	7475	2424	7113
	Marine Fish	1244	7943	1137	6113	989	5834
	- Malaysia	1255	7717	1127	6110	975	5641
	Grand Total	3486	18269	3349	13588	3413	12947

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