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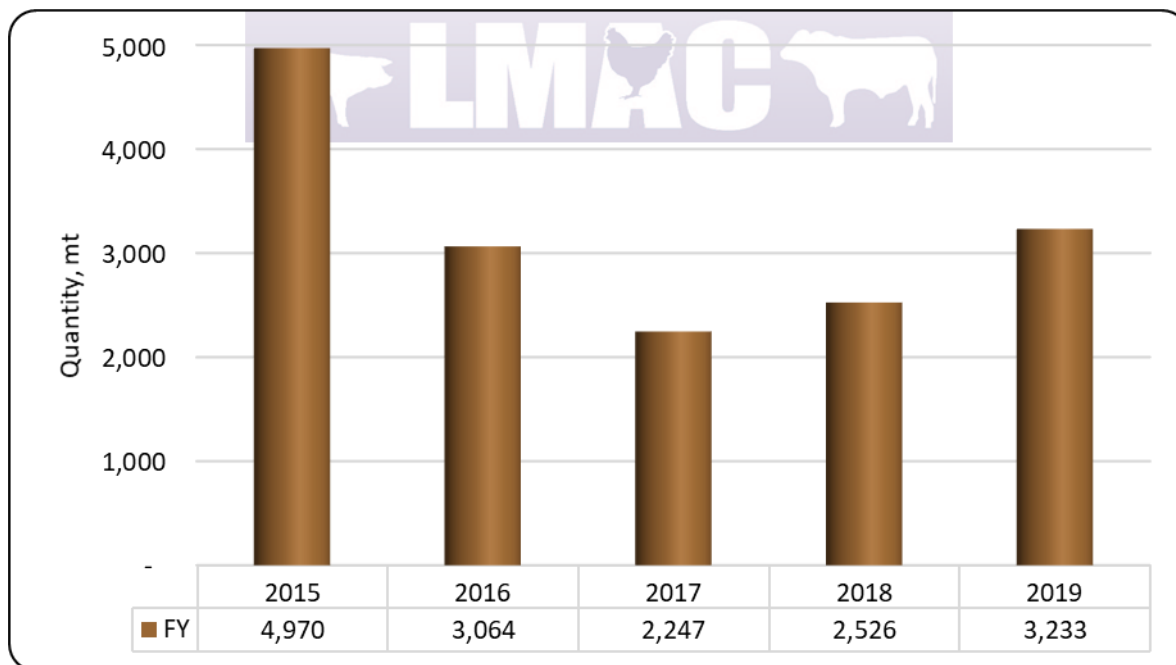
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Market Watch: 2019

Aquaculture Sector

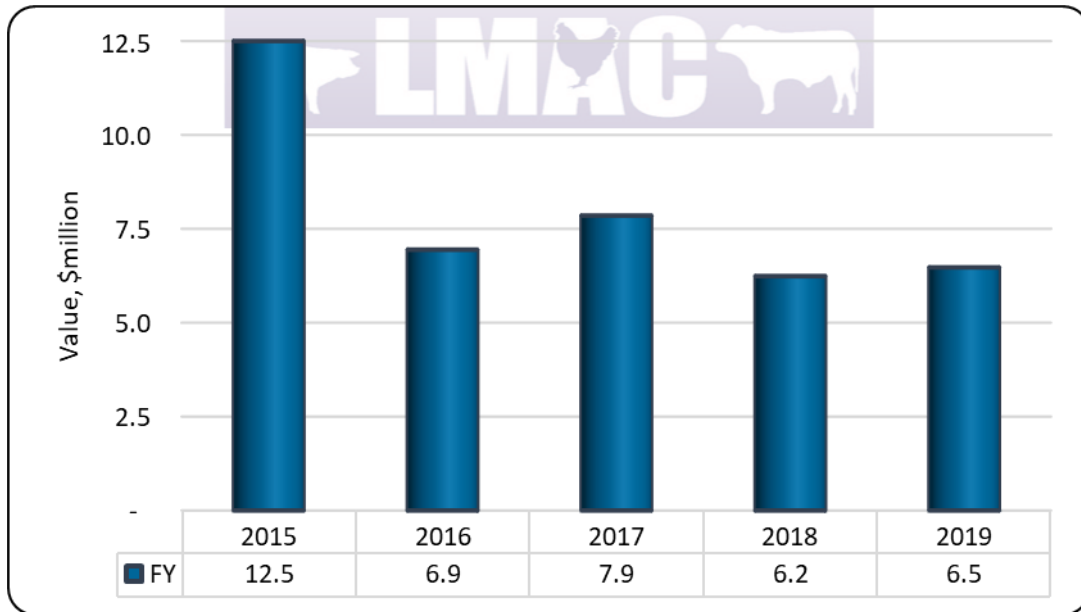
Exports of fish in 2019 was 3,233mt, valued at USD 6.5m which represents an increase of 28 and 12% in quantity and value, respectively when compared to 2018.

The exports were dominated by frozen fresh water fish and frozen tilapia that made up 51% and 47% respectively of the quantity, and 44 and 46%, respectively of the value. There have been renewed efforts by fish producers to increase exports to compensate for an increasingly volatile domestic market susceptible to inflationary pressures.



Exports of Fish (mt), 2015 – 2019

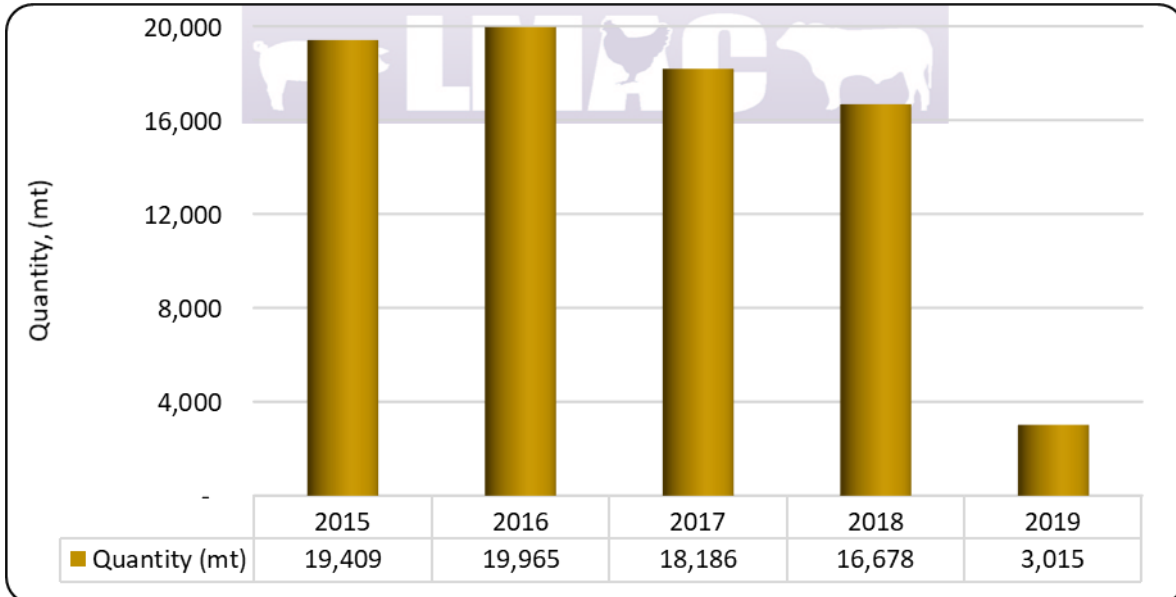




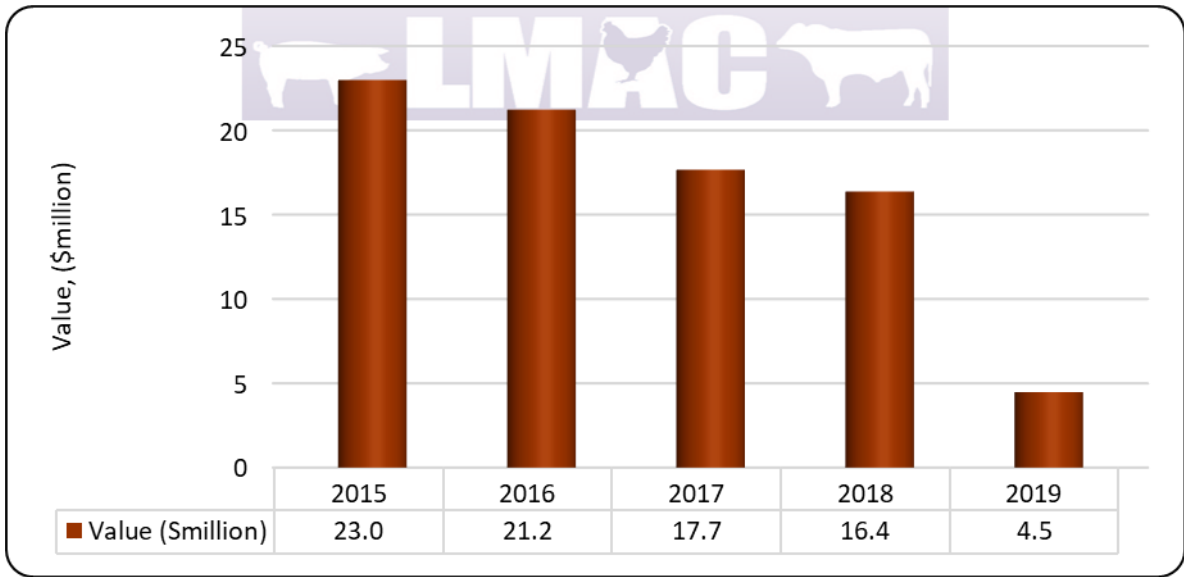
Exports of Fish (USD), 2015 – 2019

Imports

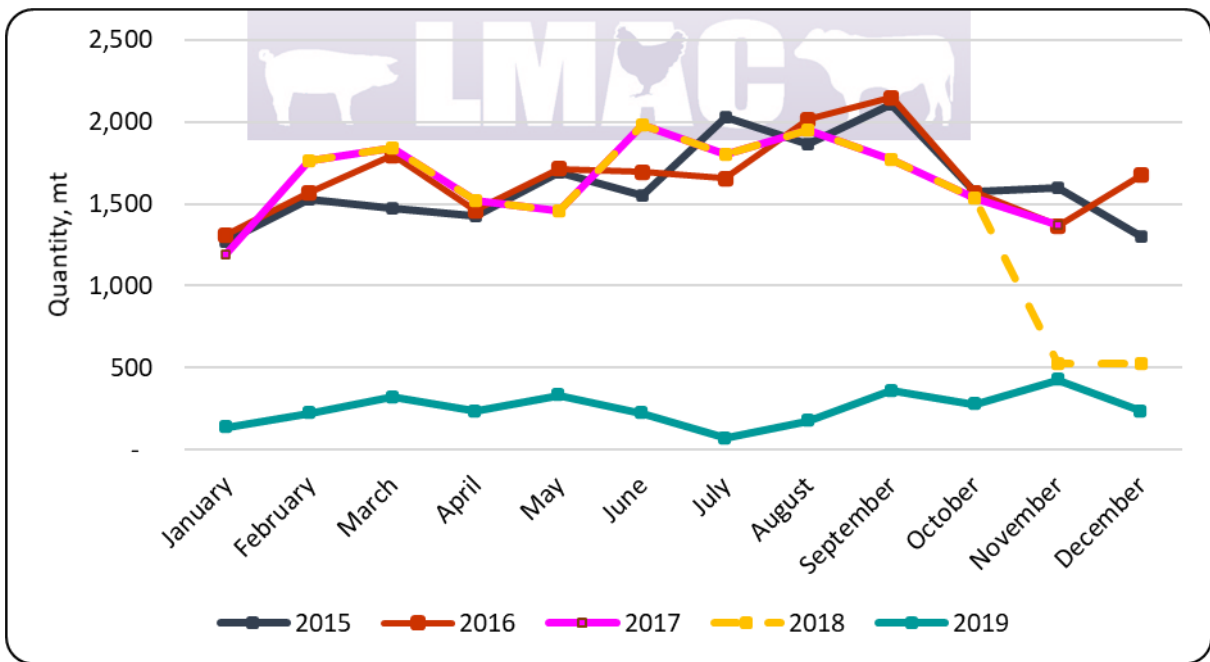
Imports of fish in 2019 were 3,015mt, a decline of 82% over 2018. In monetary terms, the decline was 72% from USD 16.4 million to USD 4.5 million. Foreign currency shortages and declining purchasing power appear to have had a severe negative impact upon fish imports.



Annual Fish Imports (mt), 2015 – 2019

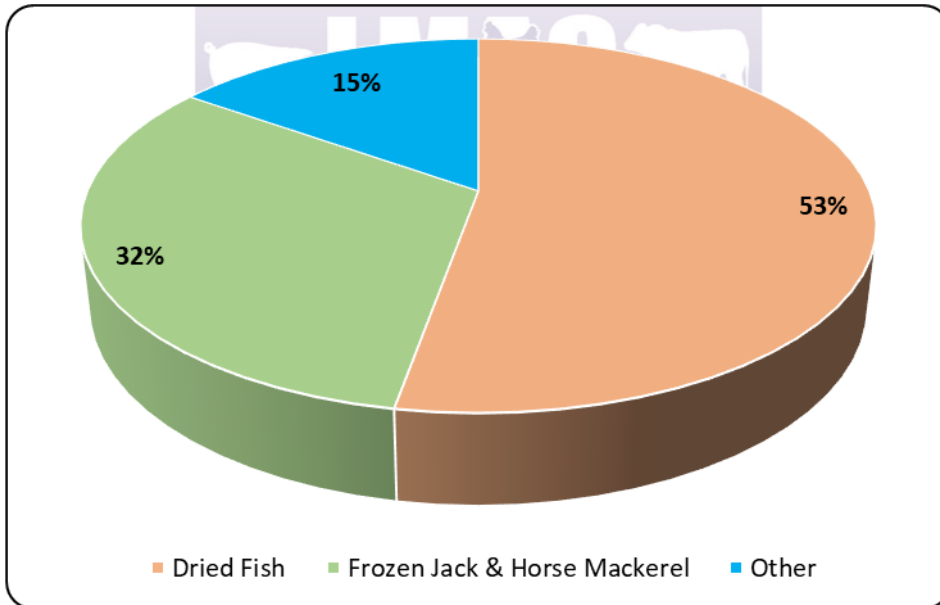


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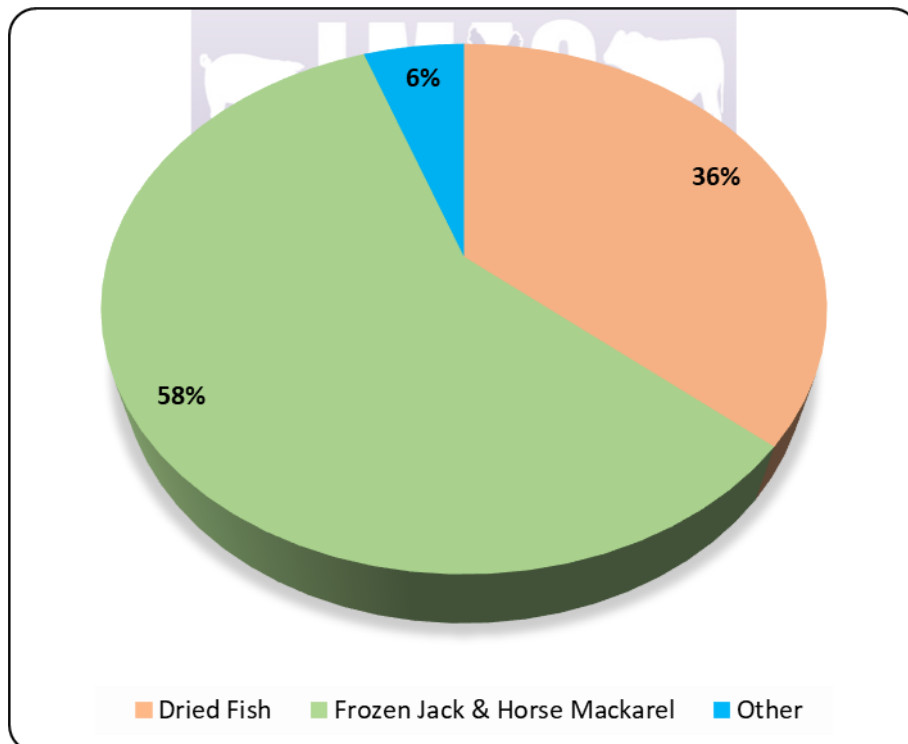


Monthly Fish Imports mt, 2015 – 2019

In 2019, fish imports were dominated (53%) by dried fish in value at an average price of USD 2,165/mt, while in quantity, imports were dominated (58%) by frozen Jack and Horse Mackerel at an average price of USD 835/mt.



Value of Imported Fish, USD, 2019



Quantity of Imported Fish, mt, 2019