

AquaExpo Guayaquil, the Most Important Prawn Congress in South America, was celebrated from October 18 to 20th

South America's foremost technical trade event took place at the Guayaquil Convention Center.

Organized by the National Chamber of Aquaculture (CNA) with the goal of boosting global industry knowledge and innovation, the gathering consists of a trade fair featuring Ecuadorian and foreign companies and a scientific-technical congress to address aquaculture issues of such interest and importance as disease prevention and management, nutrition and feeding practices, efficiency and technological innovations, crop diversification, genetic improvement, and market trends, among other topics.

Source: El Universo newspaper



The Volume of Shrimp Exports Rose 33% by August of This Year

The sale of shrimp to the world keeps its first-place ranking among non-oil/non-mining exports. According to the Ecuadorian Federation of Exporters (Fedexpor), the increase in export volume from January to August of this year was on the order of 33%.

Sales from January to August amounted to \$5.085 billion. China, the main buyer of Ecuadorian shrimp, made purchases for \$2.707 billion in that period, representing a 100% increase in monetary terms and a 67% growth of its imports. Purchases from the United States, totaling \$1.047 billion, were also on the rise, while the European Union weighed in with \$747 million and Colombia, \$38 million.

Source: El Comercio newspa-



TOC Americas 2022: All Set for an In-Person Return

Attendees at the 22nd version of the foremost maritime logistics event in the Latin American region had to wait through two years of digital editions to return to the face-to-face format and reconnect in person with the containerized supply chain's main players.

This year, the Peruvian National Port Authority is privileged to host TOC Americas 2022, which will bring together the region's port industry and container supply chain community to address topics of utmost interest, including resilience and market innovation, digital transformation, port operations, and clean energy and automation, to name a few. Discussions will focus on sustainability, advances in maritime port matters, as well as the challenges faced and measures taken for the logistics chain to continue operating for the benefit of productive sectors.

Source: News Maritime Network

Ecuador-Mexico FTA Enters Decisive Week with Shrimp in the Spotlight

Disagreements continue in free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations between Ecuador and Mexico, where the delay in signing turns on the issue of Ecuadorian shrimp.

A key purpose of this agreement is Ecuador's full membership in the Pacific Alliance, a major economic bloc in Latin America currently comprising Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru. As the parties have stated in their various meetings, membership would open up new trade routes for the country with the Asia-Pacific region. However, according to statements over the last few weeks by Julio José Prado, Minister of Production and Foreign Trade, although agreements have been reached on 99% of the points discussed, the shrimp issue is keeping the signing of the FTA "up in the air."

Source: Bloomberg Línea