

FISHING VESSELS AND PERSONNEL

The number of licensed fishing vessels operating in 1949 was 855, the number of men employed on them being 2,355. This represents an increase of 42 units, most of which occurs on the class motor net and line vessels. The details of the arrangement of the fleet in respect of the various classes of fishing vessels operating at each of the ports is shown in Table II.

FISH LANDINGS

The total landings of fish and shell-fish landed at the various ports are shown in Table I.

A table showing the total quantity and value of each kind of fish is set out below. Snapper is the most abundant species, and the other species, headed by tarakihi, are nearly in the same proportion as before.

Kind or Class of Fish.	Quantity.				Value.			
	Cwt.		Percentage of Total.		£		Percentage of Total.	
	1949.	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.	1948.
Snapper	134,517	148,828	29.90	33.35	214,933	234,224	24.87	27.94
Tarakihi	111,010	93,251	24.67	20.90	193,354	163,508	22.37	19.52
Hapuka	38,752	32,771	8.61	7.34	130,296	108,234	15.07	12.91
Blue cod	29,779	32,877	6.63	7.37	72,667	71,863	8.41	8.57
Gurnard	25,203	22,239	5.60	4.98	24,916	22,424	2.88	2.68
Sole	24,681	23,911	5.48	5.36	74,510	73,481	8.62	8.77
Flounder	17,752	18,581	3.94	4.16	64,567	64,773	7.47	7.73
Barracouta	13,129	13,090	2.93	2.93	5,625	6,391	0.65	0.76
Ling	11,764	12,060	2.61	2.70	22,950	25,213	2.65	3.01
Trevally	6,651	9,326	1.49	2.09	5,111	7,846	0.60	0.90
Elephant fish ..	6,146	4,701	1.38	1.05	13,238	9,815	1.53	1.17
" Mixed rounds "	4,576	7,949	1.03	1.78	2,674	6,580	0.31	0.78
Pike	4,099	3,502	0.91	0.78	5,004	4,677	0.58	0.56
Moki	3,964	2,401	0.88	0.54	6,472	4,084	0.75	0.49
Red cod	2,890	4,654	0.64	1.04	2,591	4,784	0.30	0.57
Shark	2,439	1,476	0.54	0.33	3,156	1,610	0.37	0.19
John-dory	2,038	826	0.45	0.19	3,107	1,252	0.36	0.15
Mullet	1,961	2,240	0.44	0.51	3,385	3,541	0.39	0.42
Hake	1,934	2,452	0.43	0.55	5,850	7,712	0.68	0.92
Herring	1,591	1,397	0.35	0.31	1,649	1,149	0.19	0.14
Butterfish	1,129	1,572	0.25	0.35	3,618	4,794	0.42	0.57
Whiptail	544	344	0.12	0.08	457	244	0.05	0.03
Kahawai	534	1,220	0.12	0.27	466	1,131	0.05	0.14
Mackerel	532	172	0.11	0.04	375	118	0.04	0.01
Kingfish	452	229	0.10	0.05	673	359	0.08	0.04
Warehou	409	405	0.09	0.09	639	802	0.07	0.10
Cream fish	287	289	0.06	0.06	201	202	0.02	0.02
Sardine	223	896	0.05	0.20	156	1,046	0.02	0.12
Brill	162	25	0.04	0.01	548	70	0.06	0.01
Conger-eel	157	169	0.03	0.04	161	121	0.02	0.01
Parore	145	80	0.03	0.02	198	69	0.02	0.01
Trumpeter	123	381	0.02	0.09	282	1,064	0.03	0.13
Garfish	116	20	0.02	0.01	338	68	0.04	0.01
Whiting	91	..	0.02	..	70	..	0.01	..
Perch	79	32	0.02	0.01	58	21	0.01	0.01
Skate	32	10	0.01	0.01	19	11	0.01	0.01
Maomao	6	10	..	..	9	10	..	..
Frost-fish	5	11	..	..	8	11	..	..
Bonita	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Totals	449,903	444,397	..	..	864,332	833,302	..	..

Mixed flats, swordfish, and tuna which appeared on the 1948 total have been dropped, no catches of these fish being recorded in 1949.