

FISHING-VESSELS AND PERSONNEL

The number of licensed fishing-vessels operating in 1947 was 758, a reduction of 39 units, but this is offset by the fact that the catching-power of some of the remaining units has been increased. The details of the rearrangement of the fleet in respect of the various classes of fishing-vessels operating at each of the ports is shown in Table I, and the effect of the changes is dealt with in the text covering operations at the main ports.

FISH LANDINGS

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

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, remain almost in the same proportion :—

Kind or Class of Fish.	Quantity.				Value.			
	Cwt.		Percentage of Total.		£		Percentage of Total.	
	1947.	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.	1946.
Snapper	129,482	116,832	29.54	30.72	180,553	158,973	22.50	24.08
Tarakihi	91,692	77,927	20.92	20.49	157,723	127,589	19.65	19.33
Hapuku	32,154	27,522	7.34	7.24	101,815	82,156	12.68	12.45
Blue cod	29,513	21,036	6.73	5.53	74,459	51,366	9.27	7.78
Sole	25,354	22,434	5.78	5.90	76,276	65,558	9.50	9.93
Gurnard	21,291	24,168	4.86	6.36	21,294	25,003	2.64	3.79
Flounder	19,723	14,442	4.50	3.80	63,045	47,010	7.85	7.12
Barracouta	16,670	11,440	3.80	3.01	8,117	6,999	1.01	1.06
Ling	15,683	11,584	3.58	3.05	34,900	25,317	4.35	3.84
“Mixed rounds”	11,330	7,478	2.58	1.97	11,200	8,467	1.39	1.28
Red cod	8,212	9,796	1.87	2.58	7,833	8,754	0.97	1.33
Trevally	6,969	6,819	1.59	1.80	6,115	6,075	0.76	0.92
“Mixed flats”	4,790	1,873	1.09	0.49	17,356	6,097	2.16	0.92
Elephant-fish	3,718	4,639	0.85	1.22	7,185	8,266	0.90	1.25
Pioki	3,522	2,247	0.80	0.59	4,422	2,851	0.55	0.43
Mullet	2,967	2,786	0.68	0.73	4,386	4,026	0.55	0.61
Hake	2,554	1,737	0.58	0.46	7,484	4,909	0.98	0.74
Butterfish	1,896	1,920	0.43	0.50	5,351	5,040	0.67	0.76
Moki	1,763	1,975	0.40	0.52	3,104	3,536	0.39	0.54
Herring	1,326	1,307	0.30	0.35	1,049	994	0.13	0.15
Kahawai	1,160	2,092	0.27	0.55	951	1,743	0.12	0.27
Swordfish	1,131	449	0.26	0.12	1,100	483	0.14	0.07
Shark	1,129	2,041	0.26	0.54	1,311	2,181	0.16	0.33
John-dory	965	730	0.22	0.19	1,387	1,020	0.17	0.16
Parori	621	1,574	0.14	0.41	393	1,212	0.05	0.18
Warehou	613	443	0.14	0.12	1,238	931	0.15	0.14
Whiting	377	316	0.09	0.08	264	223	0.03	0.03
Mackerel	350	195	0.09	0.05	302	201	0.04	0.03
Kingfish	295	330	0.07	0.09	413	387	0.05	0.06
Whiptail	267	289	0.06	0.07	234	352	0.03	0.05
Trumpeter	248	310	0.06	0.08	694	872	0.09	0.13
Conger-eel	199	173	0.05	0.04	148	135	0.02	0.02
Sardine	97	1,197	0.02	0.31	90	988	0.01	0.15
Frost-fish	69	4	0.02	..	53	4	0.01	..
Skate	50	70	0.01	0.02	41	56	0.01	0.01
Perch	49	50	0.01	0.01	33	42	0.01	0.01
Garfish	43	49	0.01	0.01	113	168	0.01	0.03
Maomao	11	10	..	..	16	13	..	..
Brill	10	20	..	..	30	56	..	0.01
Bonita	7	17	..	..	18	43	..	0.01
Totals	438,300	380,321	..	..	802,496	660,096	..	..