

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MOLLUSC SHELL PRODUCTS IN THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

Data from a 5 years period (1988-1992) from the Customs Department, Ministry of Finance, concerning import and export of shell products have been analysed. Japan, Germany, UK, Italy, Greece and USA placed the largest orders of shell products in Thailand. The total value of exported shell products tended to decrease from 1988 to 1992, with 29.4 million baht in 1988 and 14.5 million baht in 1992. The largest amount of imported shell products came from the Philippines and China. The total value of imported shell products tended to increase during the five years period to 2.8 million baht in 1992. The shell products are separated into 3 categories: MPP worked mother-of-pearl and articles; SCP: other worked shells of crustaceans and molluscs and articles; and OTH: other. The highest value of shell products is MPP for export and SCP for import.