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On Oct. 17, after announcing the government's fisheries resource development program for the 1990-94 period, Fisheries Secretary Maria de los Angeles Moreno Uriegas told reporters that the annual catch had increased from 1.2 million metric tons in 1980 to 1.517 million MT this year. She added that in the past decade, productivity had increased by 4.2%. According to President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's state of the union address on Nov. 1, fisheries output this year is estimated at 1.574 million MT, a 3% increase over 1989. Mexico's fishing fleet is comprised of 74,693 boats. From 1986 to date the dolphin mortality rate has declined by 70%. The capture of tortoises has been banned. Domestic industry processed 773,000 MT of raw fish products this year, for a total 300,000 MT of finished product. A total of 790,000 MT of fish products were sold in Mexico this year, a 3.4% increase over 1989. Fisheries industry exports for 1990 are estimated at 191,000 MT valued at \$589 million. Principal exports are shrimp and tuna, accounting for 46% and 22% of export revenues, respectively. Official sources estimate that fish product imports for the year will total 66,000 MT at a cost of \$50 million. (Source: El Financiero, 10/18/90, 11/02/90)

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