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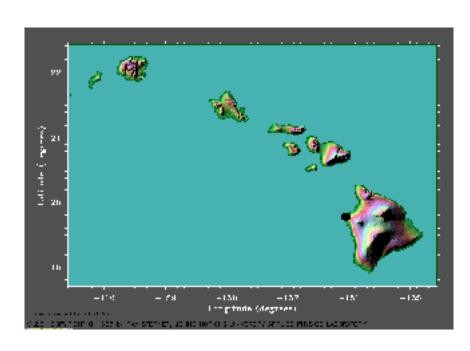
THE WORLD ABALONE MARKET: AN UPDATE ON PRODUCTION FROM USA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

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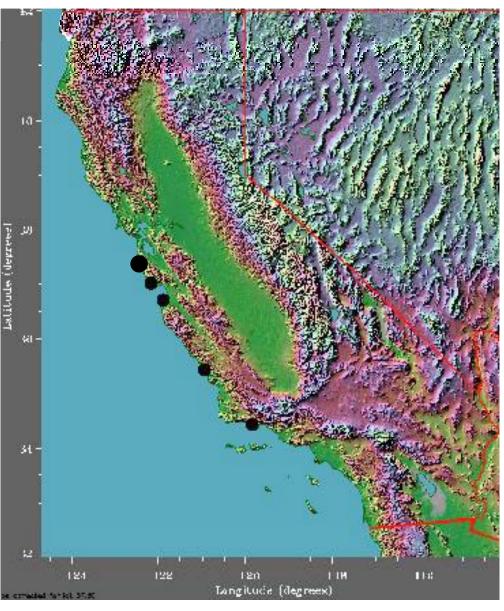
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USA Abalone Farms



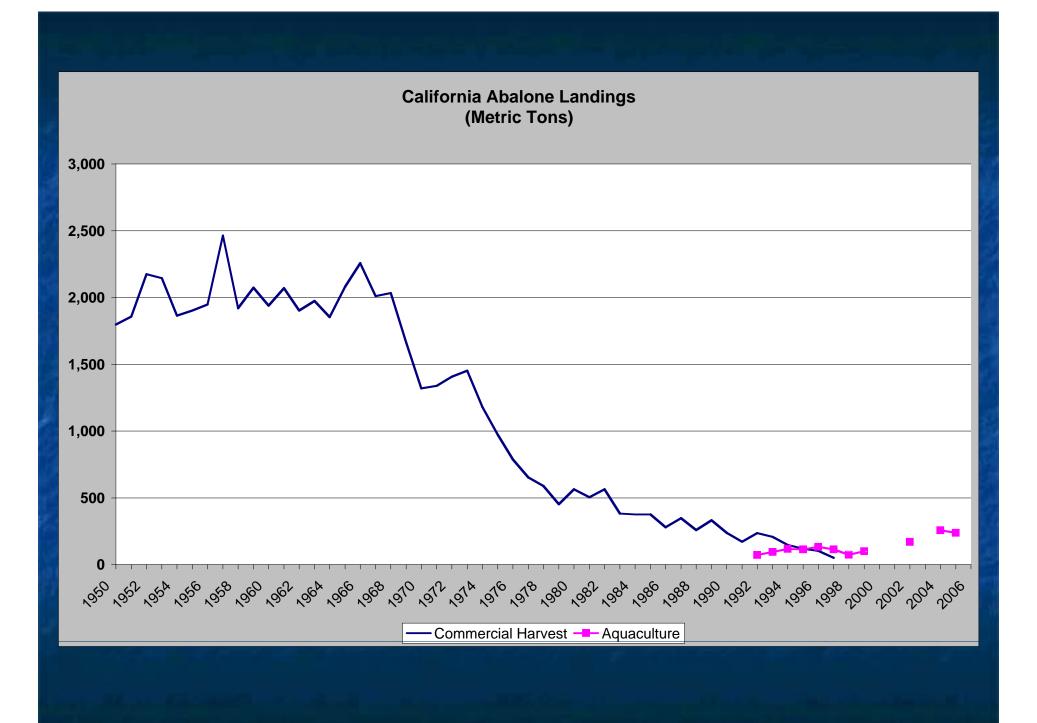
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Farm Raised California Red Abalone *Haliotis rufescens*







2005 Abalone Market



Abalone shell with severe infestation of the sabellid worm *Terrabrasabella heterouncinata*





Farm raised red abalone with severe Withering Syndrome



2008-09 FARM PRODUCTION - California

13 Farms

95% Haliotis rufescens (Red abalone)

Just over 50% exported

One leading farm – 120mt

Most other farms +/- 20mt

Total production – 253mt (US\$9+million)

Hawaii – about 80mt



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KOREAN ABALONE PRODUCTION

Explosive production increases of 60 times in the past 9 years to a total of over 4,500mt in 2007, maybe as much as 7000 – 8000mt in 2008.

80% of production is in remote Wando County in South Jeolla Province.

Majority of the production is H.discus hannai

85% of production is exported (mostly to Japan).

KOREAN ABALONE FARMS

More than 1000 farms. Various grow-out systems, most in sea.

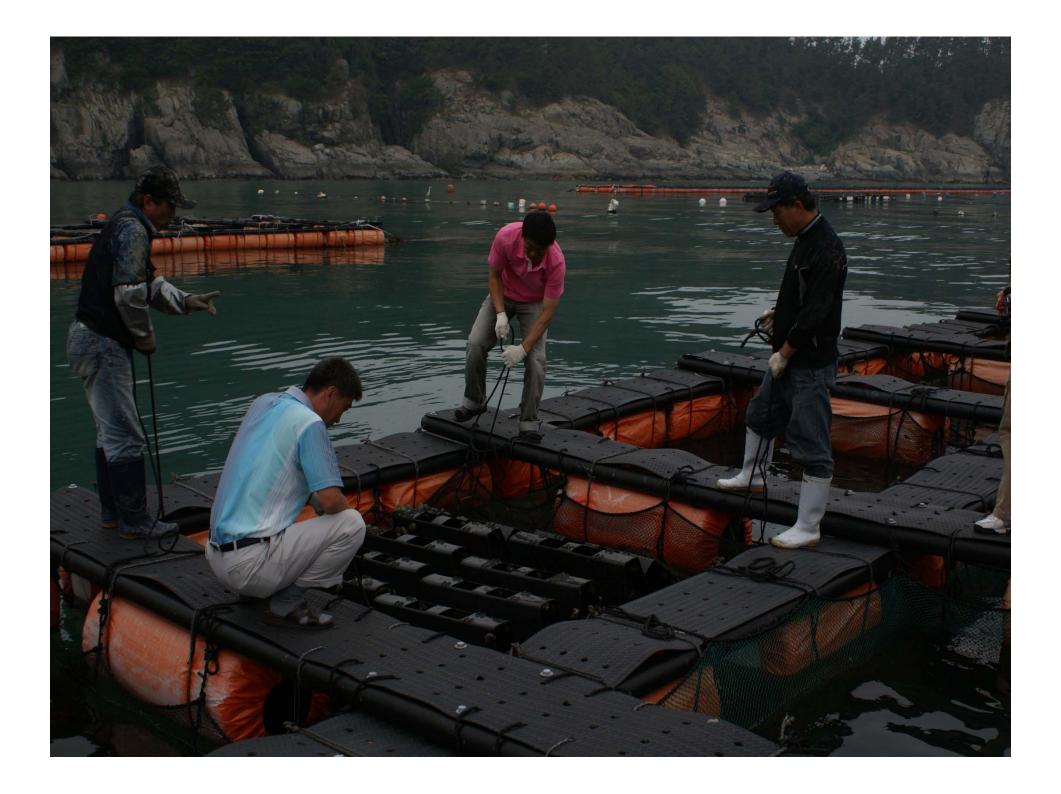
The majority of farms are very small scale producers

The distribution process is problematic, with middle men often charging the producers 30% and more.

Production control, restructuring of distribution channels and consumption expansion are needed for sustainable development Korea's abalone farming industry.

Current depressed prices may reduce future production below 2008 levels. However, abalone (large and small) now popular in all Korean sea food markets.



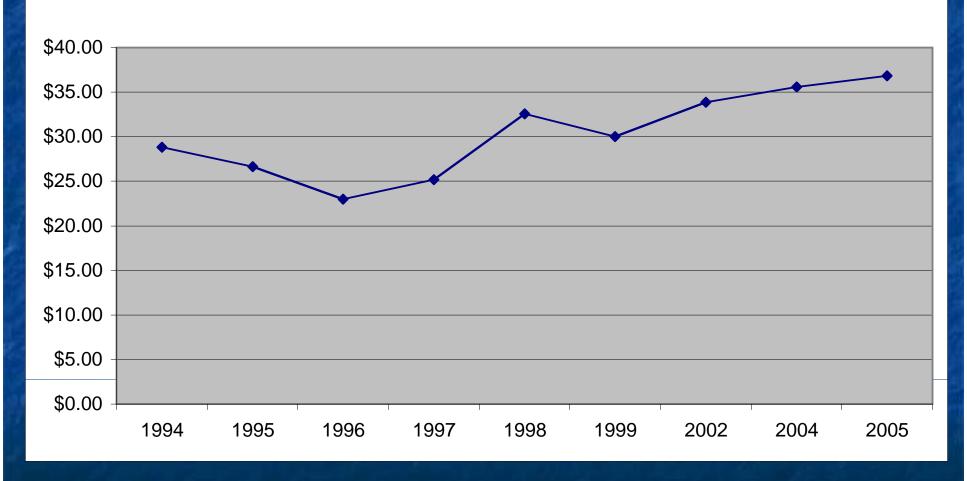












USA Abalone Aquaculture

