

Economics of Fish Demands in Lagos State, Nigeria

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ABSTRACT This study analysed the economics of fish demands in Lagos State, Nigeria. Primary data were collected from a total of 110 fish consumers using multistage sampling procedure. Data were collected on household consumption activities for 2002 consumption period. The data were analysed using descriptive statistics and regression analysis. The results showed that the average sampled consumers are literate with mean household size of 5. It was evident from the study that, the higher the income level of the respondents the higher the quantity of fish demanded and fish demand also increases as household size and age increases. The result of the regression analysis revealed that fish demand in the study area is income inelastic. It was also revealed that (income, substitute, household size and age) half of the variables positively influenced the monthly expenditure on fish, while the rest four variables (sex, marital status, occupation and education) influenced the monthly expenditure on fish negatively. However, age and education had significant relationship with monthly expenditure on fish.