



## Seafood

The seafood sector is the second pillar of the manufacturing industry. Domestic exports (DOE) of seafood amounted to Rs 10 billion in 2016, representing an increase of 5.6% from 2015. With Europe remaining our major market, accounting for 95% of our seafood. Government shows interest in further development of the Seafood sector. Budgetary measures to boost the Seafood Sector are as follows:

- Extension of the validity of the fishing rights from 1 year to 5 years for fishing vessels flying the Mauritian flag, subject to all their catch being unloaded and processed in Mauritius
- Provision of several facilities to enable the fishermen cooperatives to transform their fish catch into value-added fish products, including:
  - Provision will be made to upgrade and equip the Maison des Pêcheurs at Cap Malheureux, Tamarin and Mahebourg
  - Extension of scheme for one additional year to enable fishermen cooperative societies to acquire semi-industrial vessels
  - Provision of grants to the fishermen cooperative societies for the acquisition of refrigeration vehicles
- Amendments to the Maritime Zone Act to cater for marina development