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COUNTRY STATEMENT - GUAM

1. During 1981 consumption of unprocessed fresh and frozen fish exceeded 488mt with a retail value of between \$2.3 and \$2.7 million (US). This represents an annual per capita consumption of 4.65 kg, or an average annual per capita expenditure of \$22 (US).
2. Locally based inshore and offshore fisheries during 1981 accounted for only 137 mt or 28 per cent of the total whole fish consumption. During 1982 domestic harvests increased to an estimated 154 mt; however, local landings continue to fall for short of meeting domestic demand. Imports from the Philippines, Republic of Palau, and Japan continue to provide the major source of supply.
3. Over the past five years growth of the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative has been instrumental in over-coming marketing problems and fostering the development of domestic small scale fisheries production. Government development programmes will continue to aid in the growth of this Co-operative. Additionally in the coming year Government sponsored activity will be directed toward infrastructure development - boat launching ramps, a harbour for storm refuge, commercial port and dock expansion.
4. Guam continues to grow as a transshipment and service center for pelagic fishing vessels from several nations. The following table provides some summary data on such activity:

Fishing Vessels Arriving at the Commercial Port at Guam

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Total Arrivals</u> | <u>Vessels Dis- charging Fish for TRAnsshipment</u> | <u>Vessels Trans- ferring Fish</u> | <u>Metric Tons Discharged for Transshipment</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
| 1981 | 138 | 43 | 2 | 11,122 |
| 1982 | 127 | 38 | 6 | 24,481 |
| 1983(6mo) | | 33 | 4 | 10,565 |

It is the policy of the Government of Guam to foster and aid the continued growth of such fishing vessel support and transshipment activities.

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