**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 4003 / NW4549E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION:**

 (1) What amounts of abalone were confiscated from alleged poachers during the period 1 January 2012 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) for each specified year, (a) what number of alleged poachers were (i) arrested and (ii) successfully prosecuted and (b) in what jurisdiction did each prosecution occur;

(3) (a) what number of court cases against alleged abalone poachers are currently pending and (b) what is the estimated amount of abalone involved in each specified case;

(4) what amount of the confiscated abalone was (a) destroyed, (b) sold and (c) sold at auction in each specified year? **NW4549E**

**REPLY:**

 **(1)(a) dates**

2012 – 11 June 2012 and 23 October 2012

2013 – 22 March 2013; 24 May 2013; 06 September 2013; 30 October 2013

2014 – 24 March 2014; 09 May 2014; 06 June 2014; 01 August 2014; 17 September 2014; 03 November 2014; 19 December 2014

2015 – 04 August 2015; 11 August 2015; 19 October 2015; 17 December 2015

2016 – 18 May 2016; 08 June 2016; 20 July 2016; 28 September 2016; 28 October 2016; 01 December 2016

**(b) venues**

All abalone auctions were held in the Foretrust Building, 6th floor, OCFO Boardroom

**c) means of advertising for all sales and/or auctions of abalone seized from poachers and/or other sources**

Only South African Companies with a valid fish processing establishment permit issued per calendar year by the Department are eligible to participate in abalone auctions

**(2) 2012:**

11 June 2012; Walker Bay; R 4 166 990.42; 1761.09kg

23 October 2012; Walker Bay; R 4 126 412.46; 4059.98kg

**2013:**

22 March 2013; Combined Abalone; R 3 283 272.13; 1993.99kg

24 May 2013; Walker Bay; R 1 081 981.00; 1189.22kg

06 September 2013; Walker Bay; R 1 361 710.03; 1791kg

30 October 2013; SPP Canning; R 1 085 166.12; 1377.70kg

30 October 2013; Walker Bay; R 1 033 599.10; 1324.04kg

**2014:**

24 March 2014; Combined Abalone; R 1 110 898.33; 2210.82kg

09 May 2014; Komicx Products; R 636 268.50; 1305.09kg

09 May 2014; Walker Bay; R 906 312.00; 1598.25kg

06 June 2014; Walker Bay; R 1 084 170.64; 2287.15kg

01 August 2014; SPP Canning; R 1 753 488.68; 2584.26kg

17 September 2014; Combined Abalone; R 799 350.00; 2220.40kg

03 November 2014; Combined Abalone; R 332 145.00; 1161.58kg

03 November 2014; Komicx Products; R 336 790.30; 1057.91kg

03 November 2014; Walker Bay; R 529 344.00; 502.77kg

03 November 2014; Walker Bay; R 623 082.00; 772.61kg

19 December 2014; SPP Canning; R 1 305 150.00; 2529.33kg

**2015:**

04 August 2015; Komicx Products; R 2 350 864.80; 2379.27kg

11 August 2015; SPP Canning; R 10 020 964.50; 7470.47kg

19 October 2015; HIK Abalone; R 2 608 280.00; 1735.57kg

19 October 2015; Ocean Star Fishing; R 3 747 014.30; 2326.76kg

17 December 2015; Walker Bay; R 4 940 100.00; 4591.94kg

17 December 2015; Walker Bay; R 3 607 770.00; 2539.03kg

**2016:**

18 May 2016; Walker Bay; R 4 685 680; 2788.11kg

08 June 2016; SPP Canning; R 4 926 900; 2780.93kg

20 July 2016; Shamode Trading; R 4 915 760; 3071.11kg

28 September 2016; Shamode Trading; R 4 145 680; 3450.20kg

28 October 2016; Ocean Star Fishing; R 4 948 700; 2311.60kg

01 December 2016; Shamode Trading; R 3 870 784.92; 2262.33kg

**2017:**

27 March 2017; Shamode Trading; R 5 897 313.49; 3433.01kg

06 July 2017; Combined Abalone; R 6 440253.30; 3027.50kg

30 November 2017; Shamode Trading; R 7 759 934.31; 3555.69kg

(3) All companies invited to the abalone auctions from 2012 to 2017 have all got the valid Fishing Processing establishment permit for the particular year. This is for the species: abalone. This information is obtained from our MRM section database for the particular years in question.