



**Trade Name:** North Brazilian / Caribbean Red Snapper

**Latin Name:** *Lutjanus purpureus*

**Fishing Season:** May through January

**Method Of Catch:** Wild Caught (Traps, Hook & Line) - No % Info Available for Trap vs Hook & Line

**Area Of Catch:** Caribbean / Northeastern Brazil (FAO 41)

**Main Country Of Export:** 80% of all production is exported to U.S.A.

### History & Overview

Brazilian Red Snapper is considered a reef fish, but is most commonly found along the sandy bottom, caught on the oceanic shelf between the depths of 130-455 feet 50 miles off of the coast, with 80% of landings from the state of Pará.

Red Snapper began to be fished for commercially in the 1960's as a "filler" during off seasons for both Tuna and Lobster. The fishing was based very locally to the Northeast coast of Brazil, and while the fishing crews saw great success, depletion of stock over decades caused the fishery to expand its area of focus to source the species. More recently, regulations have been put in place to keep the fishing grounds confined to the Northeast, mainly in Pará and Amapá.

Red Snapper fleets consist of medium size vessels, approximately 40 Feet in length and possessing a cargo hold of around 18 tons of fish. There are around 200 commercial fishing licenses for Red Snapper available, with about 20% of the licenses typically going unused. There is a large number of illegal fishing vessels that also fish for Red Snapper, which makes it difficult to accurately gauge stocks available to licensed commercial fleets. It is estimated that over 300 vessels are currently fishing for Red Snapper, almost double the number that are legally licensed to participate in the fishery.

In recent years, landings of Red Snapper has averaged around 12,000,000 pounds per year, with the most recent statistics showing an uptick in landings, a positive sign for the fishery and Red Snapper market.

**Product Form:** Gutted & Scaled

**Pack:** IWP (Each fish is individually sleeved)

**Available Sizes:** 1/2lb-3/4lb, 3/4lb-1lb, 1lb-2lb, 1 1/2lb-2lb, 2-3lb

**Master Cartons:** All sizes are packed in 10lb Masters, EXCEPT 1 1/2-2lb and 2-3lb, which are in 22lb Masters



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