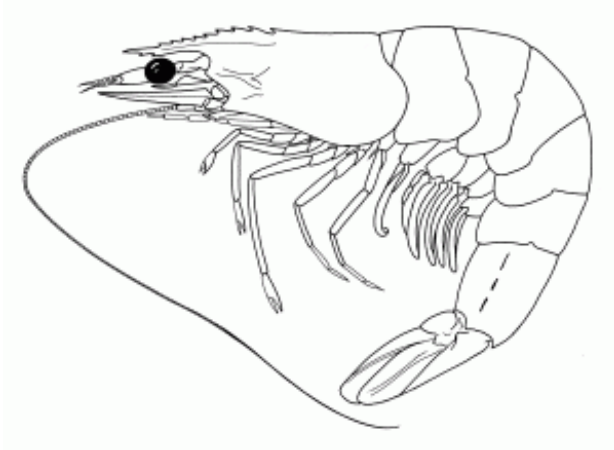




## Species Fact Sheets

*Penaeus vannamei* (Boone, 1931)



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## FAO Names

En - Whiteleg shrimp, Fr - Crevette pattes blanches, Sp - Camarón patiblanco.

3Alpha Code: PNV Taxonomic Code: 2280100111

## Scientific Name with Original Description

*Penaeus vannamei* Boone, 1931, Bull.Am.Mus.Nat.Hist., 63:173.

## Geographical Distribution



**Launch the Aquatic Species Distribution map viewer**



Eastern Pacific: from Sonora, Mexico, south to northern Peru.

## Habitat and Biology

Depth 0 to 72 m. Bottom mud. Marine (adults), and estuarine (juveniles).

## Size

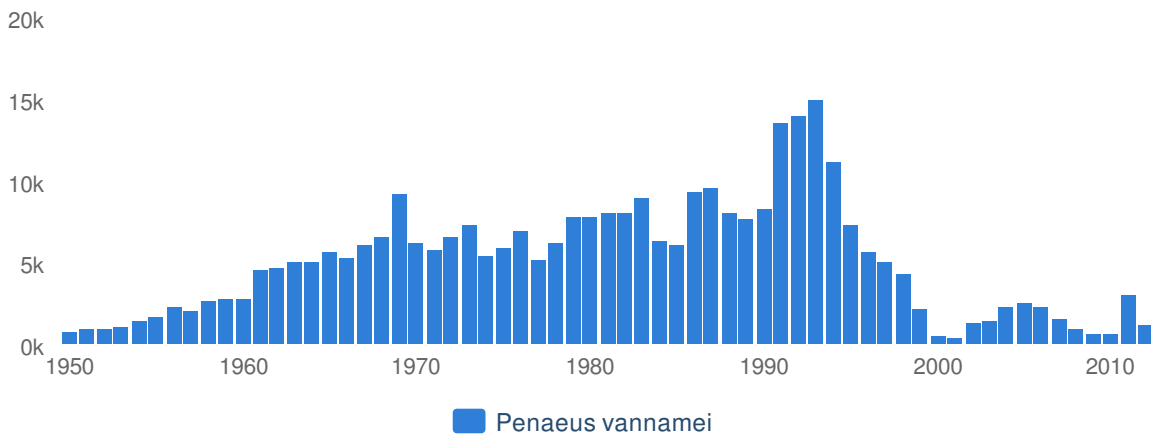
Maximum total length 230 mm; maximum carapace length 90 mm.

## Interest to Fisheries

The inshore fishery for this species is of major importance in Mexico, especially in the southern part. It is also taken in considerable quantities by the Mexican offshore trawlers. In Guatemala and El Salvador *P. vannamei* is the dominant species, but its importance seems to diminish farther to the southwest. The total catch reported for this species to FAO for 1999 was 2 479 t. The countries with the largest catches were El Salvador (1 379 t) and Ecuador (1 100 t).

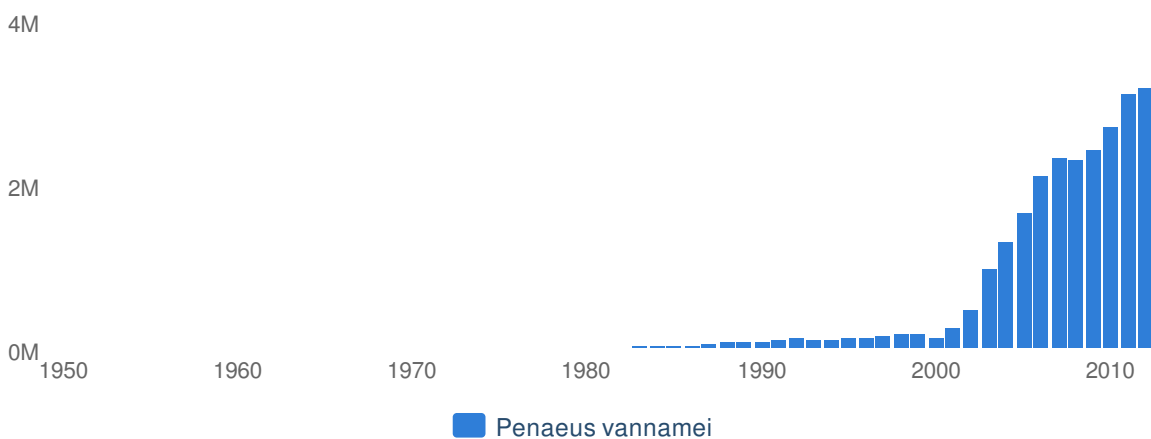
## Global Capture Production for species (tonnes)

Source: [FAO FishStat](#)



## Global Aquaculture Production for species (tonnes)

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## Local Names

**Mexico** : Camarón blanco , White shrimp ( this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus).

**Nicaragua** : White shrimp (this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus).

**Costa Rica** : White shrimp ( this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus).

**Panama** : White shrimp ( this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus), Camarón patiblanco .

**Colombia** : White shrimp (this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus), Camarón café .

**Ecuador** : White shrimp (this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus).

**Peru** : White shrimp (this name is used for all species of Litopenaeus), Langostino (Used for all species of Litopenaeus).

## Source of Information

