Aquaculture Sector
Exports of fish between January and September 2019 were 2,318mt, valued at $4.9m, an increase of 37% and 12% in quantity and value, respectively when compared to the same period in 2018. Exports were dominated by fresh water frozen fish and frozen tilapia that made up 47% and 52%, respectively of total exports. Consumer incomes have not kept pace with increasing costs of fish production, and as a result, fish producers are increasingly exploring regional and international markets to compensate for the local drop in demand.
Imports
Imports of fish from January to September 2019 were 2,075mt, a decline of 86% over the same period in 2018 and the value declined by 80% from USD 14.7 million to 3.0 million. Foreign currency shortages appear to have had a severe negative impact upon the import of fish.
Fish imports to September 2019 were dominated by frozen Jack and Horse Mackerel, both in quantity (58%) and value (54%) at an average price of $782/mt. Dried freshwater fish were also imported at $2,098/mt.
Quantity Imported Fish (mt), January – September 2019

Value of Imported Fish (USD), January – September 2019