

# ASOPORTUARIA UPDATE

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## #If we want, we can

Overcoming the difficult moment that the city and the country are going through, depends on each one of us. **ASOPORTUARIA**, together with its affiliates, have joined the institutional and business unions campaigns aimed at preventing contagion, respecting social distancing and the measures adopted by national and local governments, which are so necessary even when they may be uncomfortable.

Our affiliates have been very active in educational and solidarity work in the neighborhoods near the port facilities where, in addition to food, they have promoted educational self-care campaigns and made their inhabitants aware of the need to stop the spread of the virus as a requirement for reactivating all activities.



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Meanwhile, port activity continues to move on, complying with all protocols and biosecurity measures, guaranteeing the safety of all workers who, with responsibility, strive day by day to keep foreign trade active.

From **ASOPORTUARIA** we have expressed the importance that ports play in the economic reactivation of the industrial and commercial sectors, in the preservation and generation of employment and in resuming the path of growth. Likewise, we consider that the challenges that must remain for the port sector, even when the crisis is overcome, include:

- Adaptability to customer needs
- Greater efficiencies
- Digital transformation and automation
- Greater pressure for Greener Ports
- Intermodalism

## Progressive improvements continue in the Draft of the Port Area of Barranquilla

During the month of June, progress was made in the dredging plan in the Bocas de Ceniza sectors and in the internal sector of KM 14, which allowed the Port Captaincy to establish the draft at 9.8 meters in the access channel, although it doesn't yet include the Barrio Abajo Turn Zone.

The dredge machine was in maintenance for 10 days, so it is expected that when it resumes, the 10.20 meters of draft established in the canal maintenance contract will be achieved. Likewise, we expect in July the dredging of the turning basin, with which the conditions in this sector must be substantially improved.

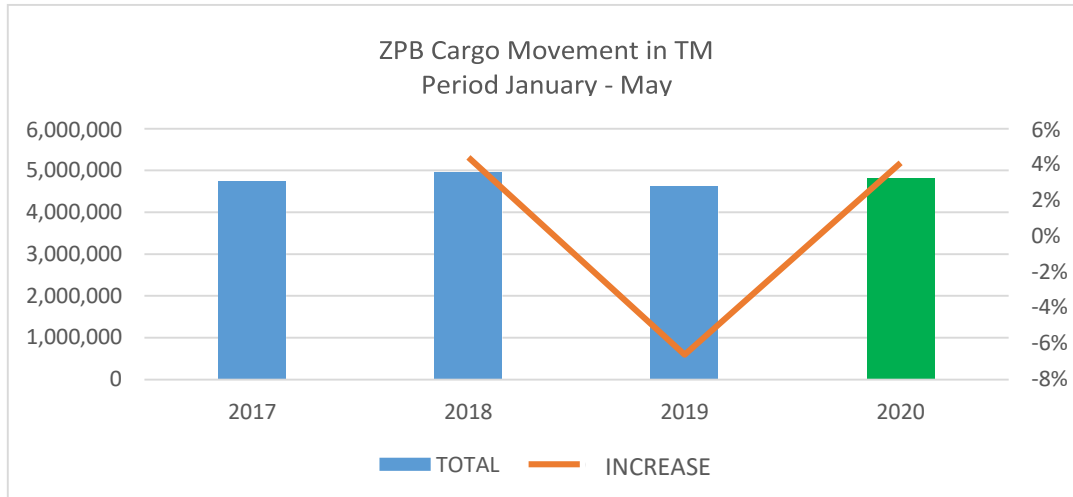


Source: Safety messages from the Port Authority

## Cargo Movement in May in the Port Area of Barranquilla

In May, the impact of the pandemic on cargo movement was already evident. As anticipated in previous **ASOPORTUARIA** bulletins, the load in the months of March and April was not severely impacted, because it was cargo mainly ordered two or three months before its arrival, when the pandemic was not yet worldwide spread. However, in May the effect of confinement and the economic crisis can already be seen, reflected in lower imports and lower exports through the different terminals.

During this month, 729,000 tons were mobilized, a significant decrease compared to April (924,000 MT) and compared to the same month of the previous year (983,000 MT). With this, the accumulated figures from January to May 2020 show an increase of 4% compared to the same period in 2019

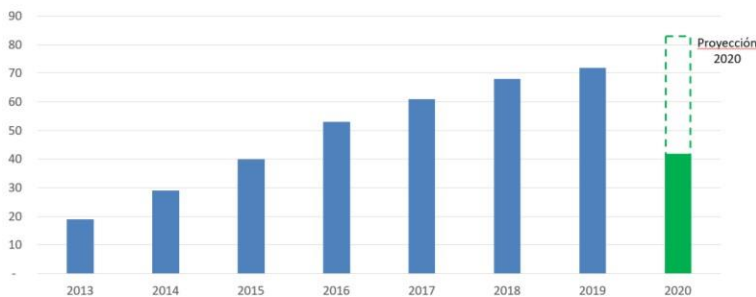


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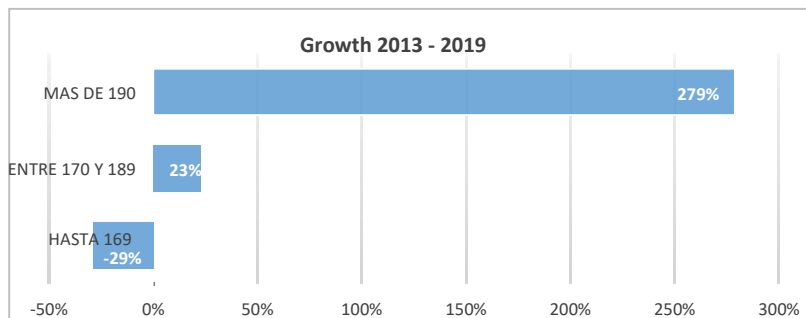
## Trend of Ship Arrivals to the Port Area of Barranquilla

Recently, **ASOPORTUARIA** carried out an analysis on the information on arrivals in the Port Area of Barranquilla since 2013. A relevant fact is the growing trend towards greater arrivals of ships over 195 meters from Length, from 19 ships, in 2013, to 72 in 2019 and with a projection of arrivals of 84 ships for 2020, with a growth of 279% in the period analyzed.

### Tendencia Arribos Buques de más de 190 mts de eslora




Source: own elaboration from DIMAR figures. 2020 projection, ASOPORTUARIA



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Although these ships currently represent 8% of the arrivals at the Port, in terms of cargo, ships with these characteristics represent about 22% of the cargo mobilized in the Port Area.

Participación por Buques según Esloras  
2013 – 2020




## Challenges of River Transportation in Colombia

At the beginning of June, **ASOPORTUARIA** had the opportunity to participate as a speaker in a webinar organized by WISTA Colombia and the Transport Bar Association, about the challenges of river connectivity in Colombia and the role of Ports, where we express the leading role played by ports in the Barranquilla Port Area to make intermodalism a reality in the country



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