

ASO PORTUARIA UPDATE

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Towards reactivation

After more than 5 months in lockdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Colombian government has decided to move to a new reopening phase for all sectors. This requires some measurements with the main objective of an economic and an employment reactivation. The port sector, which has not stopped operating within all the protection and control measurements since the lengthy quarantines, must play a leading role in the reactivation allowing the logistic operations and foreign trade of the different productive sectors.

It is necessary that we all contribute within the self-care and the responsible distancing protocols to avoid future outbreaks and that allow us to continue with the economic recovery. Our affiliates will continue fulfilling the safety protocols to attend the customers and port users' needs and to energize the imports and exports from the Port Area.

Nordic wolverine racking operation ended up successfully



Transfer maneuver of the Nordic Wolverine motor ship to the Venecia D motor ship

Afterwards the successfully refloating operation of the Nordic Wolverine motor ship and analyzing the several options that would guarantee the vessel repair and the safety of the tripulation and the environment, it was decided to realize at the Puerto Velero's area a racking operation. In this way, the cargo was transferred to the Venecia D motor ship in a 3 days operation, avoiding the product spill into the sea.

The Nordic Wolverine MS should be towed to a shipyard in Aruba to be completely repair; meanwhile the Venecia MS entered the Port Area last August 29 to unload the chemicals into the port terminals of the city.

Forum about the Barranquilla port area and its perspectives

On August 12, ASO PORTUARIA, with the local government of Barranquilla and Asonav, organized a forum with the grain importers, specifically the Yellow Corn importers from the United States of America, in which was exposed the current situation and perspectives of the navigable channel of the port area of Barranquilla. The objective was to socialize the efforts that have been carried out to stabilize the draft and to attend this important sector needs.

The panel included the participation of Cormagdalena as well as the Port Captain, who shared the advances of the dredging plan, the developed capabilities in the city and the perspectives for the next months and the next year. Grain traders of all the country, affiliated shipping agencies and port terminals affiliated to ASO PORTUARIA, also assisted the forum.



Virtual forum evidence

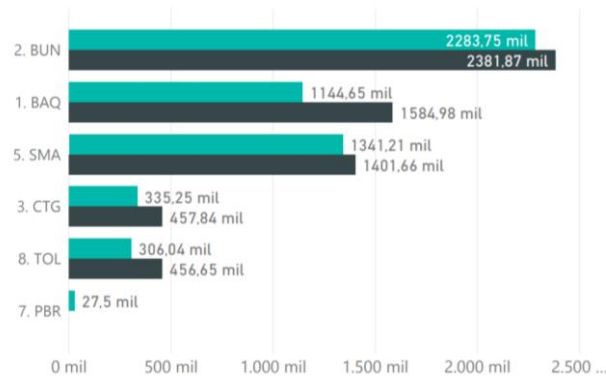
Barranquilla, second major port of grain imports in 2020

Between January and July 2020, the port area of Barranquilla has become the second port in Colombia for imports of grains and the first one in the Caribbean Coast, achieving a 38% growth comparing with the same period of the year before. This information has just been released in an inform elaborated by the shipping agency NAVES, based on the imports during this period.

Tons by ports _ 2020 vs 2019

Tons y Tons 2020 por Col_Port y Year Arrival

Year Arrival ● 2019 ● 2020



Total grain import for each port area; period between january – July 2019 and 2010

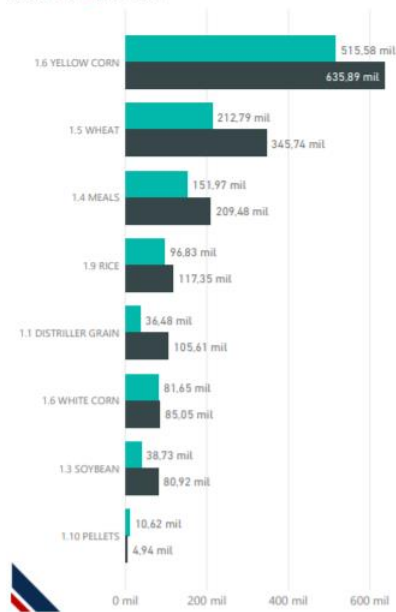
In spite of the pandemic impact, the imports of the country has increased in 844,610 TM (a 15.5% growth comparing the same period of the last year), from which the throughput by the port of Barranquilla has achieved 440,33 TM, representing more than a half of the total amount.

According to the inform, it is important to highlight that the most representative type of grains mobilized through the port area of Barranquilla, has been Yellow Corn (120,000 TM) and Wheat (133,000 TM).

Barranquilla: Tons by Grains _ 2020 vs 2019

Tons by product _ 2020 vs 2019

Tons y Tons 2020 por Año Mensual y Year Annual
Year Arrival ● 2019 ● 2020

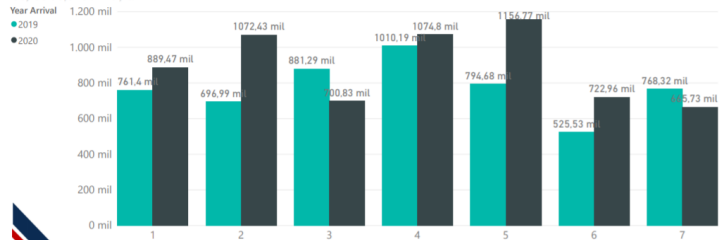


Grain imports through Barranquilla for each type of product; period January – July 2019 and 2020

Finally, it is advised a general slowdown in the imports during the last two months as an effect of the pandemic and the lockdown.

Tons by month _ 2020 vs 2019

Tons y Tons 2020 por Mes Mensual y Year Annual
Year Arrival ● 2019 ● 2020

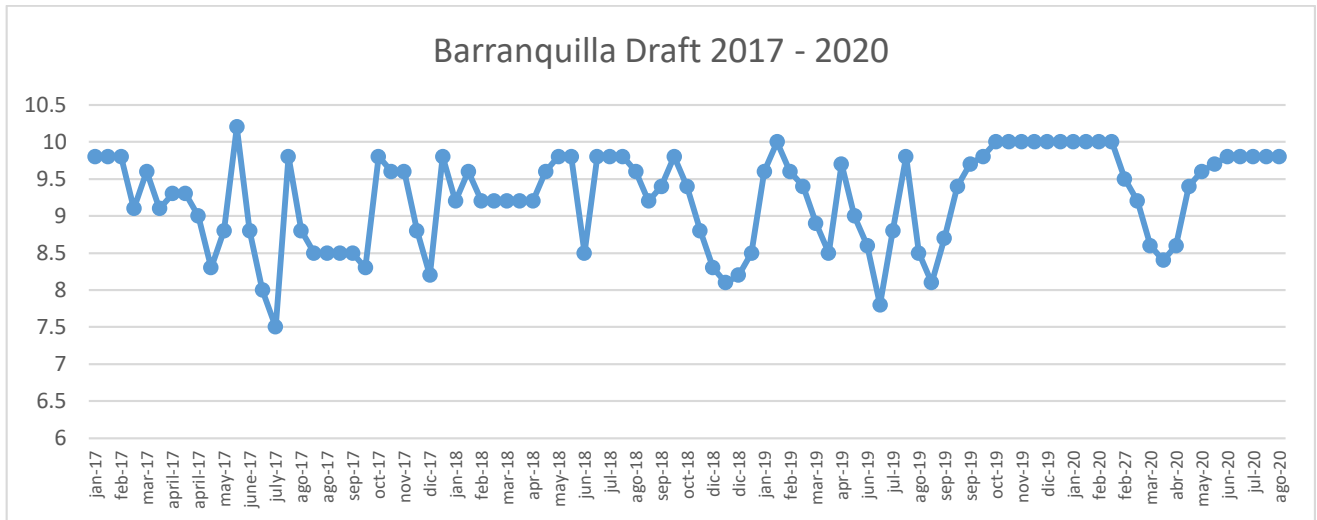


Total grain imports, monthly, period January – July 2019 and 2020

The stability in the Port Area of Barranquilla draft continues.

During August, there were some sedimentation phenomena in the navigable channel, which could be quickly and easily attended for the Hang Jun 5001 dredge, maintaining the operational draft in 9.80 meters, except for the Barrio Abajo turning basin.

The attention to this turning basin, due to a repair that was made to the drag and to the revision in the firefighting equipment, is expected to be performed on September.



Source: Security messages from the port captain

Good news for the port sector in Barranquilla

In previous days, Palermo port society received the protection stamp “Safe Guard V1” becoming the second port terminal worldwide in receiving this kind of certification. Evenly, the Palermo Free Zone was the first free zone in the world to be certified, guaranteeing the implementation of the best bio-security protocols.



Certification received by Palermo port society image.

On the other hand, recently Seaboard Shipping Company confirmed a new direct route to connect the Savannah Port, in Georgia, with Barranquilla, specifically the Sociedad Portuaria Regional de Barranquilla. This offers new alternatives that brings us closer to the important market of the East Coast of the United States.



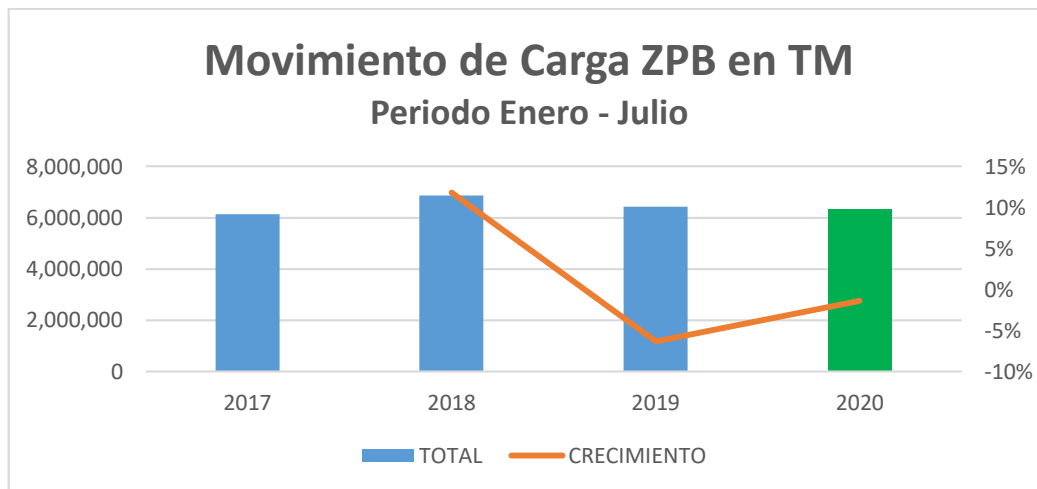
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Seaboard anuncia nueva ruta directa Savannah - Barranquilla

Con sólo 6 días de tránsito, llegará a @puertobq, una ruta directa desde Savannah, Georgia en Estados Unidos, saliendo desde origen los miércoles y llegando a la ciudad el martes antes del mediodía. Sigue el hilo 📌

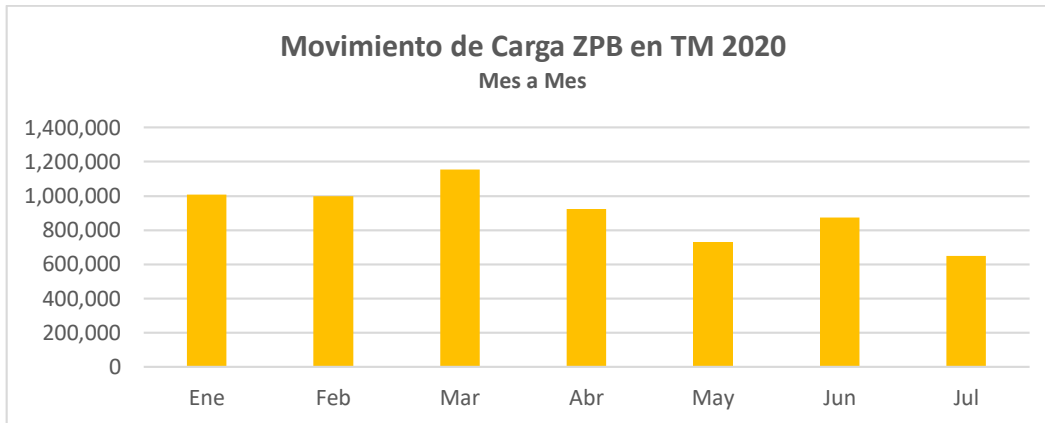


Cargo movement strongly impacted by the pandemic

In July, it was evident the strong decrease in the mobilized cargo through the port area of Barranquilla, assignable to the impact generated by the pandemic. This caused a 1.4% decrease in the cargo movement compared to the same period between January – July of last year.



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Concerning the product category, the stronger decreases has been presented in general cargo, Steel, liquid bulk and container movement.

ASOPORTUARIA in the ALL IN logistics forum.

The International Business students of Universidad Del Norte (PANGEA) carried out in August a forum about logistics to share actuality of the port sector, the impact of the pandemic and the experiences that the situation has brought us.



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