

Russian Caviar: From Boat to Blini

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Russia strictly regulates the caviar industry, and wild caviar production is almost entirely banned. Consequently, the motivation for illegal fishing remains high, and the Caspian Sea's sturgeon population has suffered since the fall of the Soviet Union because of illegal caviar production.

Black caviar has long been a Russian delicacy — the shiny black eggs a delicious symbol of affluence. Worth more than gold, black caviar is an increasingly unaffordable luxury. As a result, gourmets are turning to lower-priced red caviar, produced by salmon, to satisfy cravings for roe.

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