

Brazil: Tons of dead fish removed from Rio lake

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Rio de Janeiro's environmental authorities say the amount of dead fish removed from a lake where the Olympic regatta will be held in 2016 stands at more than 60 tons.

Rio's municipal department of the environment says in a Thursday statement that since Monday the 65 tons of [dead fish](#) have been removed from the Rodrigo de Freitas lake. The lake located in the heart of the city is among the area's many tourist attractions.

The department says that a [rain storm](#) earlier this week washed organic matter into the lake, leading to the big die-off of the fish.

It says the situation is improving and that no dead fish were pulled out of the lake on Thursday.

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