



## NORWAY LOBSTER

### (*NEPHROPS NORVEGICUS*)



Source : [Information system on commercial designations](#)

## BIOLOGY AND HABITAT

- Species description ([Read more](#))

The Norway lobster, also known as Dublin Bay prawn, scampi or langoustine, is the only species in the genus *Nephrops*.

- Geographical distribution and habitat ([Read more](#))

The Norway lobster lives in the north-eastern Atlantic ocean, and parts of the Mediterranean Sea.

## RESOURCE, EXPLOITATION AND MANAGEMENT

- Stocks and resource status/conservation measures ([Read more](#))

Minimum conservation size is established by the carapace length (from 20 to 32 mm) and by the total length (from 37 mm to 105 mm), depending on the fishing area.

- Production methods and fishing gears ([Read more](#))

The main fishing gears used are pots and traps.

The species is exclusively wild-caught, as juvenile mortality rate is very high in aquaculture.

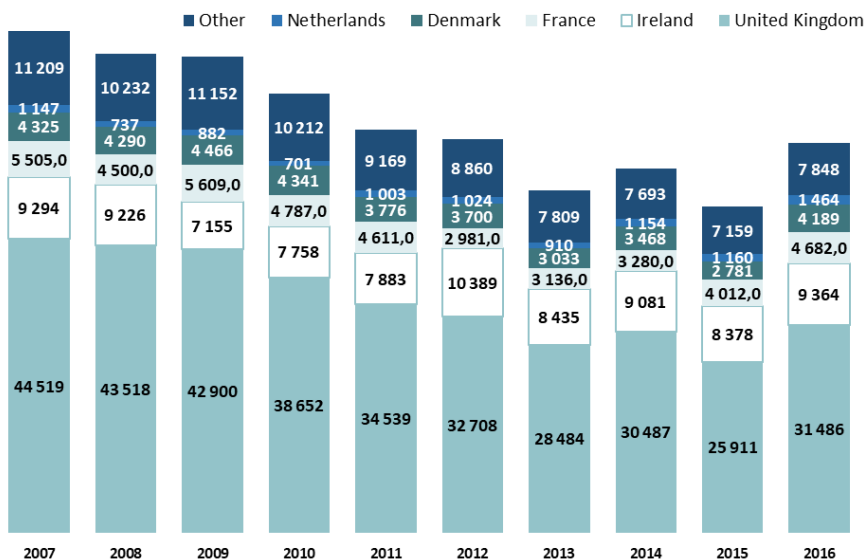
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## CATCHES

- The share of Norway lobster in the global catches is **0,006%** (FAO, 2016).
- Catches have decreased for the last ten years at both global level (-22,3%) and EU level (-22,4%).

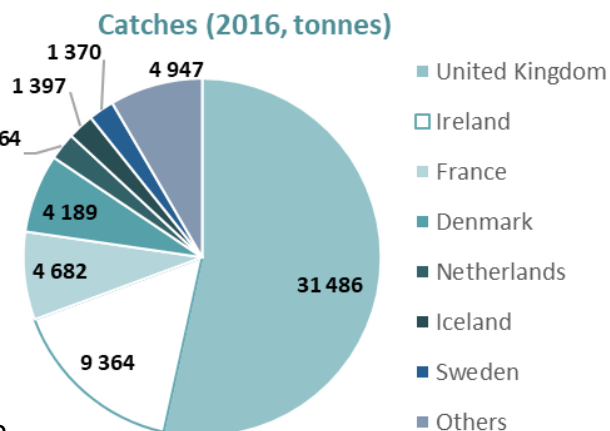
### Evolution of world catches (tonnes)



Source: FAO

### Evolution of EU catches

- The UE provides **99,8%** of the global Norway lobster catches in 2016, at the same level as 2007.
- The United Kingdom is the main EU producer (53,5% of EU catches in 2016), but the volume produced has fallen by 29,3 % from 2007 to 2016.



Source: FAO

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## TRADE (source COMEXT)

- Combined nomenclature [\(Read more\)](#)

### EU trade of Norway lobster products (2017, tonnes)

CN code	Product	EU imports		EU exports	
		Intra-EU	Extra-EU	Intra-EU	Extra-EU
03061500	Frozen Norway lobster, even smoked or cooked, in shell or not	18.485	2.213	17.971	1.884
03063400	Live, fresh or chilled Norway Lobster, in shell or not	5.859	78	7.480	8
03069400	Norway Lobster, in shell or not, dried, salted, smoked or in brine	1.501	1	574	4

- **Main extra-EU destinations are:**

- for frozen Norway lobster : Vietnam (757 tonnes in 2017), China (555 tonnes) and India (275 tonnes).

- **Main extra-EU suppliers are:**

- for frozen Norway lobster : Iceland (650 tonnes), Vietnam (594 tonnes) and China (476 tonnes).

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## PRICES ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN (EUR/kg)

## First-sale (fresh Norway lobster)

First-sale prices are presented for Ireland and France, which are the two major producers in the EU.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Source
Ireland	4,66	5,78	5,80	5,83	7,11	7,72	7,72	nd	EUMOFA
France	9,14	9,95	11,00	11,04	11,21	10,93	10,72	11,10	EUMOFA

## Wholesale

Wholesale prices are displayed for France and Spain.

Most frequent price	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Source
France (frozen, 20-30 pc/kg)	7,23	9,47	9,20	8,16	9,18	10,28	10,68	10,38	EUMOFA
Spain (frozen, 20-30 pc/kg)	nd	15,01	15,01	21,63	15,86	16,06	17,01	17,01	Mercamadrid

## Retail/consumption

Prices refer to average retail prices in France for fresh.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Source
France	14,20	14,30	15,50	16,10	16,50	16,00	15,90	15,50	FranceAgriMer

## Import (frozen)

Import prices are presented for Italy and Spain, which are the main Norway lobster importers in the EU.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Source
Italy	7,63	9,28	9,16	8,81	8,14	9,48	10,64	10,53	EUMOFA
Spain	7,35	8,43	8,70	8,54	8,74	9,73	10,38	11,33	EUMOFA

## Export (frozen)

Export prices refer to United Kingdom and Ireland, which are the main exporter in the EU.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Source
UK	6,12	7,78	8,15	7,56	8,52	9,04	9,79	9,58	EUMOFA
Ireland	6,17	7,56	7,91	8,42	8,45	8,93	10,07	9,93	EUMOFA

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## MARKETING ASPECTS

- Commercial designations in all EU official languages ([Read more](#))
- Common marketing standards ([Read more](#))

## CONSUMPTION

- Apparent consumption of Norway lobster, per capita in 2016: **0,07 kg** live weight equivalent (source: [EUMOFA supply balance](#)).
- Nutritional value (Norway lobster, North-East Atlantic, cooked, values per 100 g – source : NUTRAQUA/AQUIMER)

Nutritional value	Norway lobster
kilo calories (kcal)	91
Kilojoule (kJ)	386
Water (g)	76,3
Ashes (g)	1,8
Proteins (g)	20,9
Carbohydrates (g)	0,3
Lipids (g)	0,7
Cholesterol (mv)	149,1
Omega 6 (mg)	32
Omega 3 (mg)	166
EPA (mg)	76
DHA (mg)	75