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CROATIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2021, Croatia ranked 14th among EU-27 countries for fishery production and 10th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Croatia	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	62	0,07%	2%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	27	0,02%	2%
Total	218.175	4.720	89	0,04%	2%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2022, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

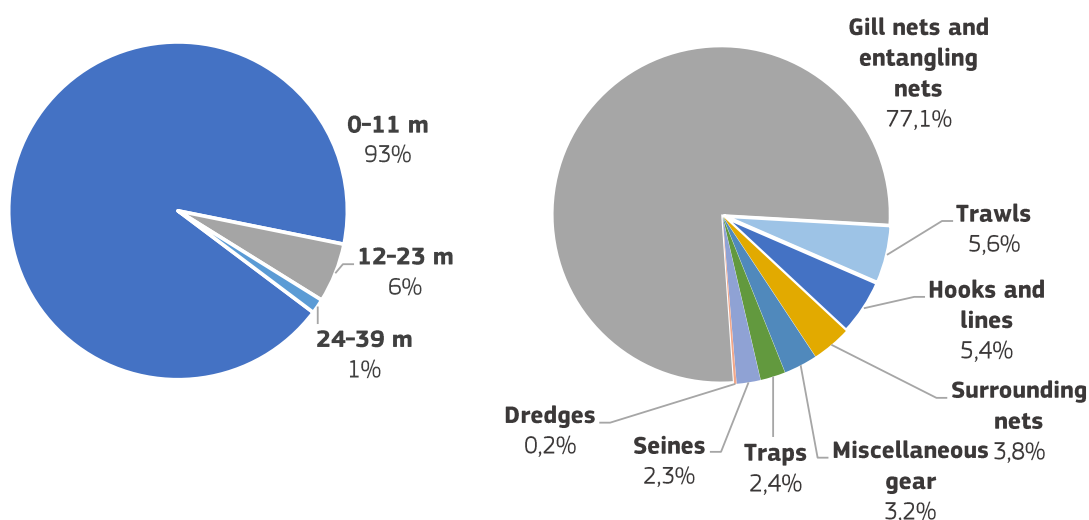
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 7.487	GT: 42.996	KW: 341.187	
TOTAL FTE: 3.146 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 58%	Jobs (FTE): 25%	Jobs (FTE): 17%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

GT: Gross tonnage - KW: Kilowatt - FTE: Full Time Equivalent

The Croatian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

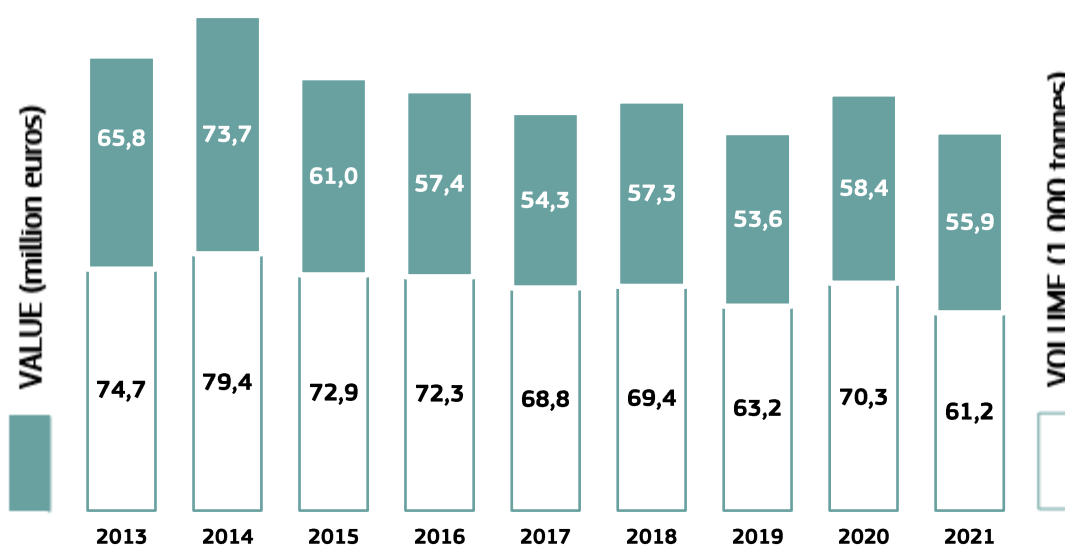
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given Member State. They include aquatic plants and species not destined for human consumption. Landings are recorded in net weight and value, and concern landings made by vessels from EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and the UK.

In 2021, all landings in Croatia consisted of fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

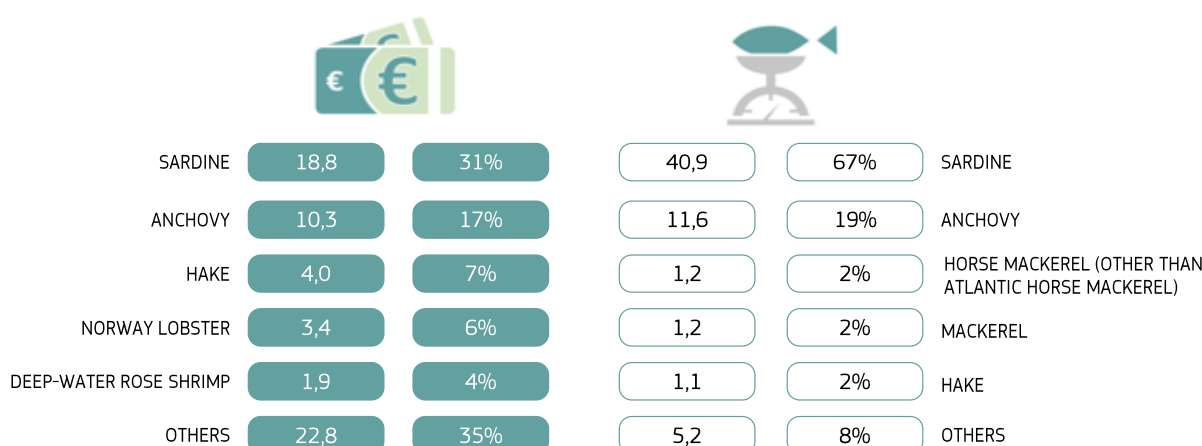
There are 273 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 25 September 2023).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015)



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2021, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes





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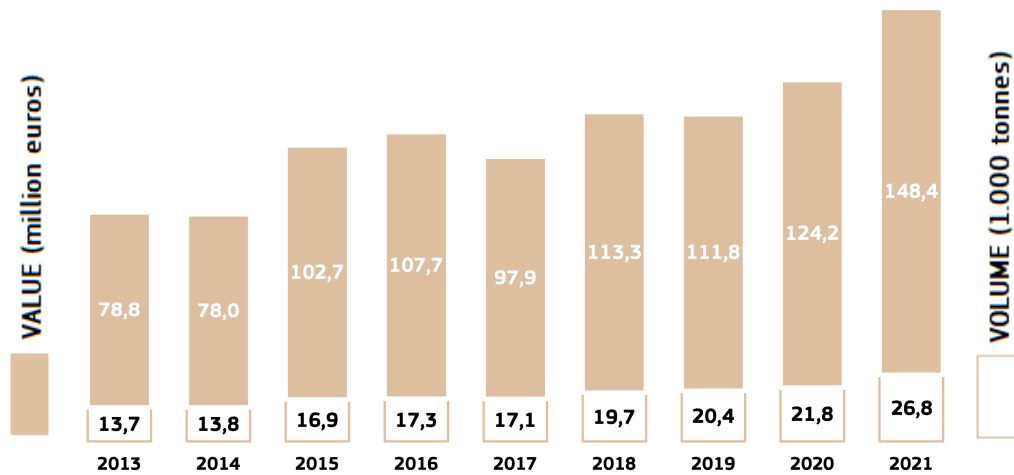
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data.

Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

Most of Croatian production is in marine waters and the rest in freshwater.

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total
EUROPEAN SEABASS	53,8	33,2%	9,0	33,7%
BLUEFIN TUNA	46,3	28,5%	7,5	28,0%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	45,4	28,0%	4,4	16,3%
CARP	7,3	4,5%	3,6	13,5%
TROUT	1,4	0,9%	0,8	3,1%
OTHERS	8,0	4,9%	1,5	5,4%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 11-7-2023, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Croatia, **5 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, all operating in the fishery sector. Their role is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and of the Common organisation of the markets (CMO) through the collective management of their members' activities.

PROCESSING

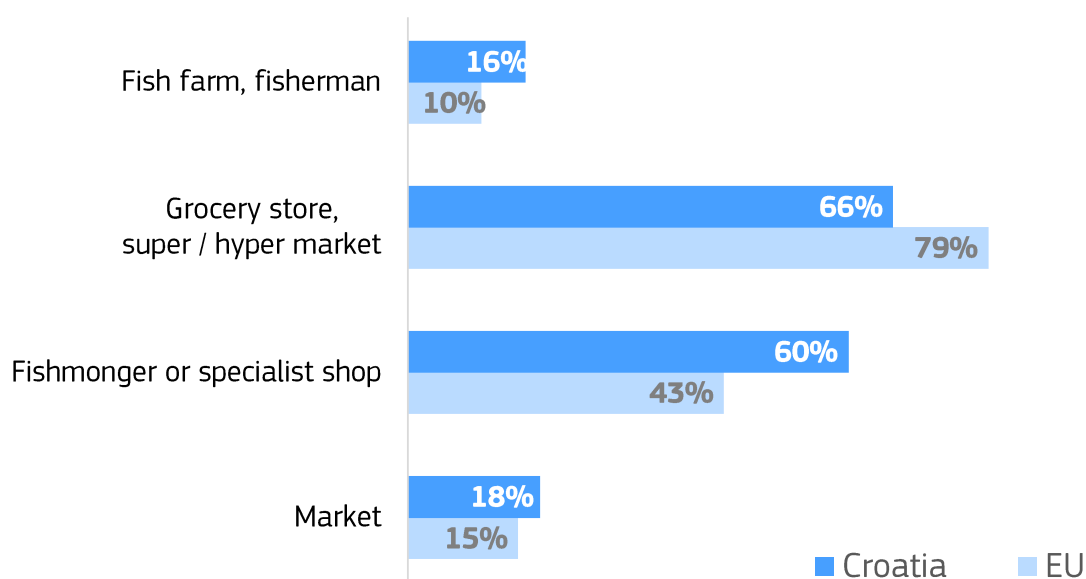
According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.356 persons were employed in the Croatian fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 25,9 million euros, covering 2,5% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2021, the main products sold were “Frozen whole salt water fish” and “Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella, brisling and sprats, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

48 companies
Sales: 82,9 million euros
 (2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2021):



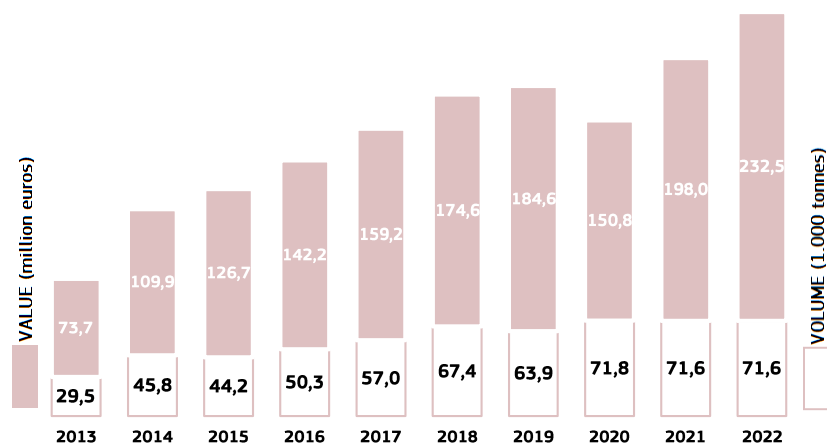


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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data. Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015).

IMPORT

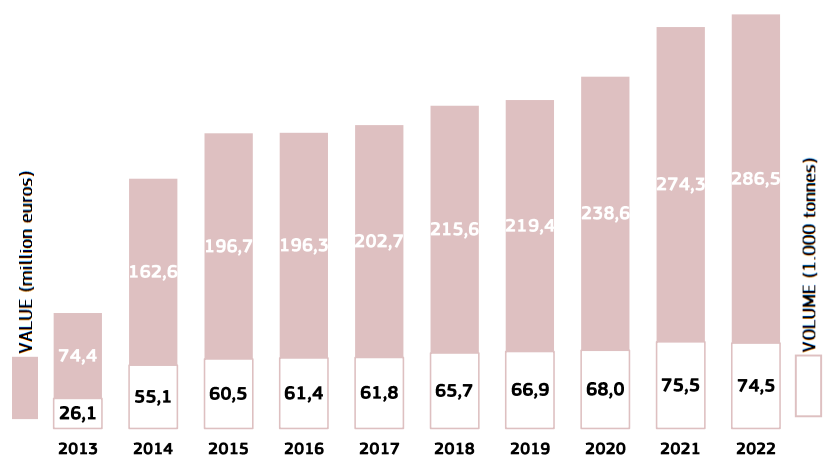


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2022, million euros (nominal value)

SQUID	40	15%
TUNA (MAINLY SKIPJACK)	35	13%
SALMON	28	10%
NON-FOOD USE PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN FISH OIL AND FISHMEAL)	17	6%
HAKE	12	4%
OTHERS	136	52%

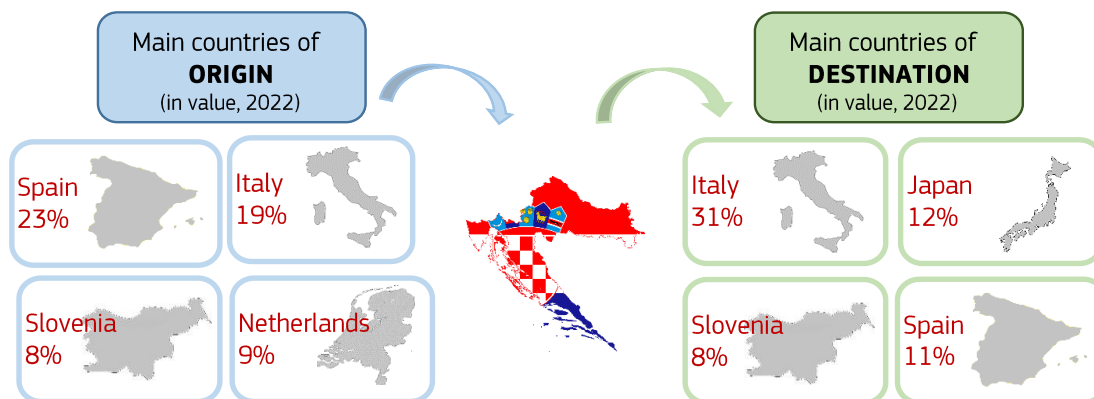
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2022, million euros (nominal value)

EUROPEAN SEABASS	53	16%
TUNA (MAINLY BLUEFIN)	51	15%
SARDINE	47	14%
ANCHOVY	36	11%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	34	10%
OTHERS	119	34%





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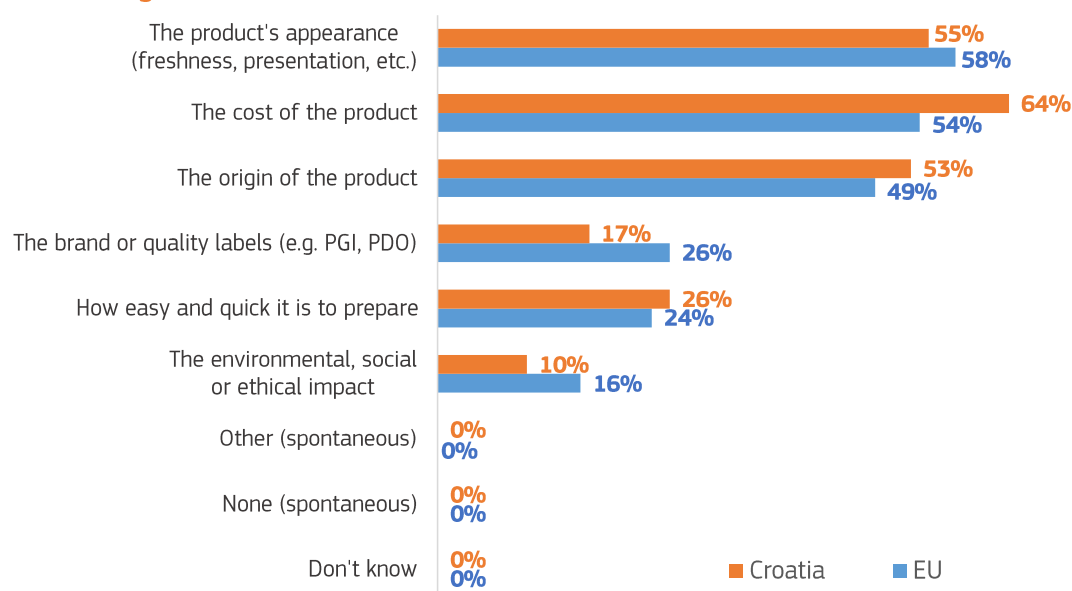
CONSUMPTION

In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 22,12 kg per capita, a 1% increase compared with 2020. The most consumed species were sardine, squid and hake (source: EUMOFA).

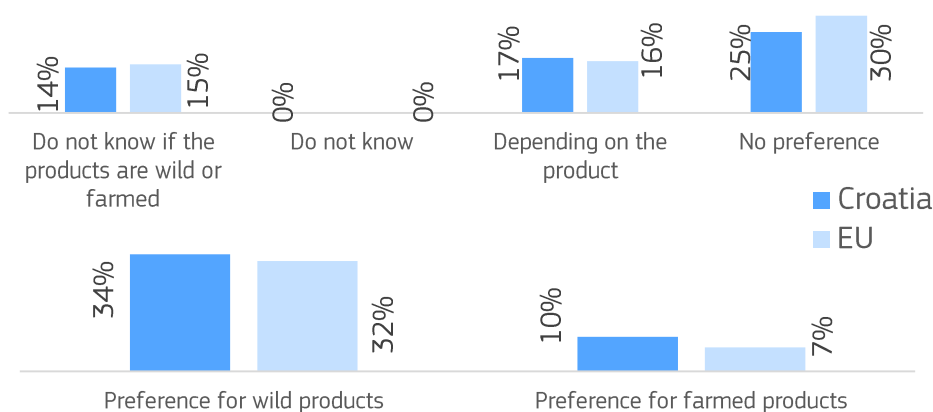
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Croatia, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 63% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Fresh products are the most consumed; loose fish is slightly more consumed (69%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

22,12 kg
per capita in live
weight equivalent
(2021, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)





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THE COUNTRY IN EUMOFA



LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

AQUACULTURE

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FIRST SALES

No data available

WHOLESALE

No data available

IMPORT - EXPORT

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – COMEXT. Data concern trade flows of all fisheries and aquaculture products as recorded by national customs.

They are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

PROCESSING

Data are collected from Eurostat – PRODCOM. They concern ex-farm quantities and values of fisheries and aquaculture products sold in the country after being transformed from raw material into final products.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through simple tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

CONSUMPTION

No data available