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FINLAND IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2021, Finland ranked 11th in the EU-27 in terms of fishery production and 16th in terms of aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Finland	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.260	3.869	141	0,15%	4%
Aquaculture	122.573	1.088	15	0,01%	1%
Total	213.833	4.957	156	0,07%	3%

FISHING FLEET

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

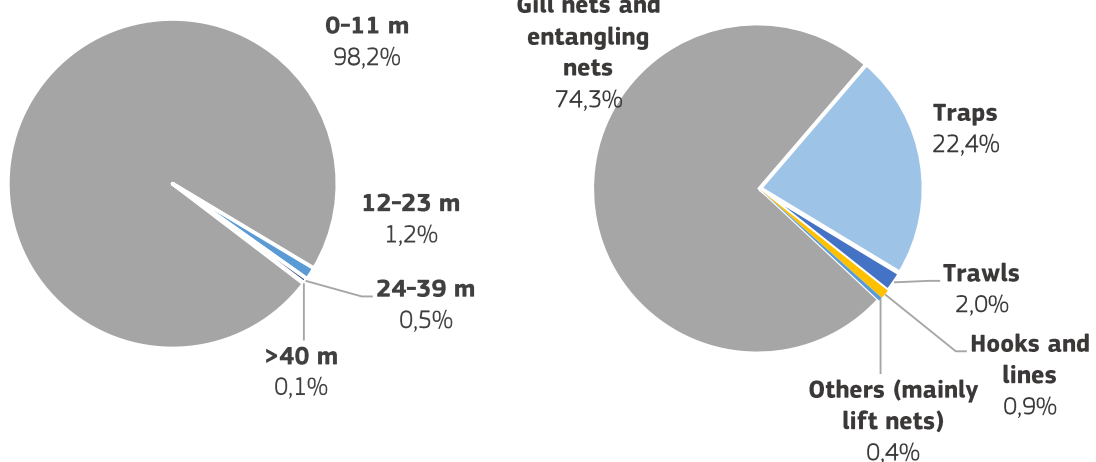
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)
Number: 3.198	GT: 14.692	KW: 171.719
TOTAL FTE: 402 (2020, source: JRC)		
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m
Jobs (FTE): 74%	Jobs (FTE): 6%	Jobs (FTE): 20%
>40 m	Jobs (FTE): 0%	

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

The Finnish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

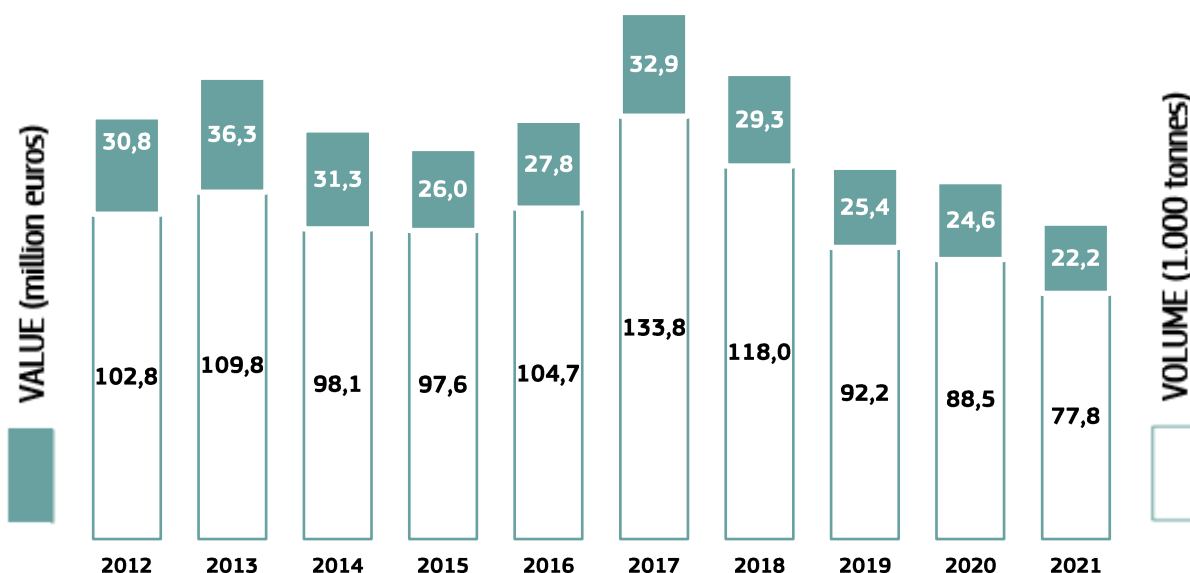
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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.

Landings in Finland consist of fresh whole/gutted products only. In 2021, 74% of the total was destined for industrial uses.

There are 106 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 25 September 2022).

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



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total value	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total volume
HERRING	14,6	60,6%	65,3	84,0%
EUROPEAN PERCH	1,8	7,3%	6,7	8,6%
EUROPEAN WHITEFISH	1,6	6,5%	2,4	3,0%
SPRAT (=BRISLING)	1,3	5,3%	0,7	1,0%
SALMON	1,0	4,3%	0,4	0,5%
OTHERS	3,8	16,0%	2,3	2,9%



FIRST SALES

2022 source: EUMOFA

First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

For confidentiality concerns, Finland's first sales data on EUMOFA cover 3 quota species, namely cod, herring and salmon, which account for almost 95% of the total first sales volume. The data are aggregated into 5 sales locations, which include all sales.

In 2022, total first sales amounted to 540.207 tonnes and 13,6 billion euros.

Places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Turku (Åbo)	47.165	11,0	Herring, sprat (= brisling), salmon
Vaasa (Vasa)	6.266	1,7	Herring, salmon, sprat (= brisling)
Oulu (Uleåborg)	541	0,5	Salmon, herring
Maarianhamina (Mariehamn)	40	0,2	Salmon, cod
Helsinki (Helsingfors)	10	0,1	Salmon, herring, sprat

WHOLESALE

Wholesale is an intermediary stage in the distribution channel that buys in bulk and sells to resellers (e.g. retailers) rather than to consumers. In Finland, wholesalers operate with large volume purchases and redistribution to customers by order or contract. They do not function as open wholesale markets in a physical sense. In general, the wholesale and processing industry in Finland consist of a relatively large number of small market players, and most rely on a combination of vending, processing and distribution. Source: The Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.034 persons were employed in the Finnish fish processing industry in 2019. The sector recorded a value added of 52,7 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products. In 2022, the main products sold were "Fresh or chilled fish fillets and fish meat (including shark fins), whether or not minced" and "Prepared meals and dishes based on fish, crustaceans and molluscs" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

120 companies

(2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

Sales: 402,4 million euros

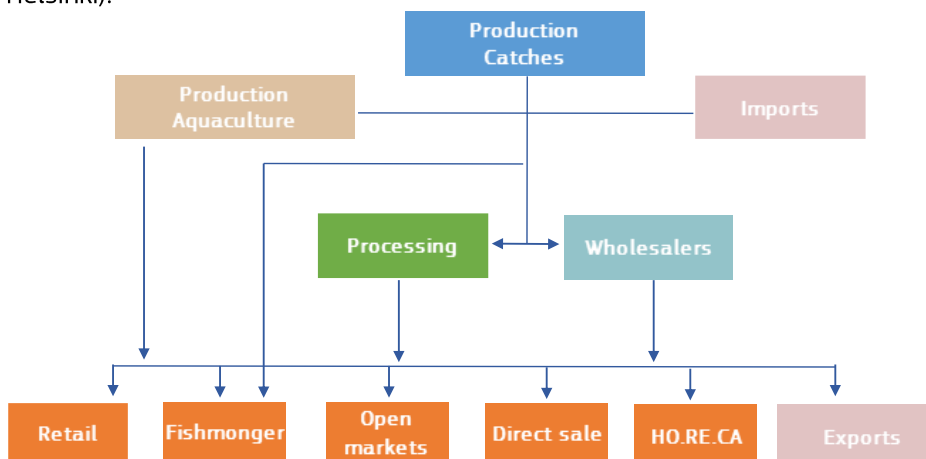
(2019, source: Eurostat - SBS)



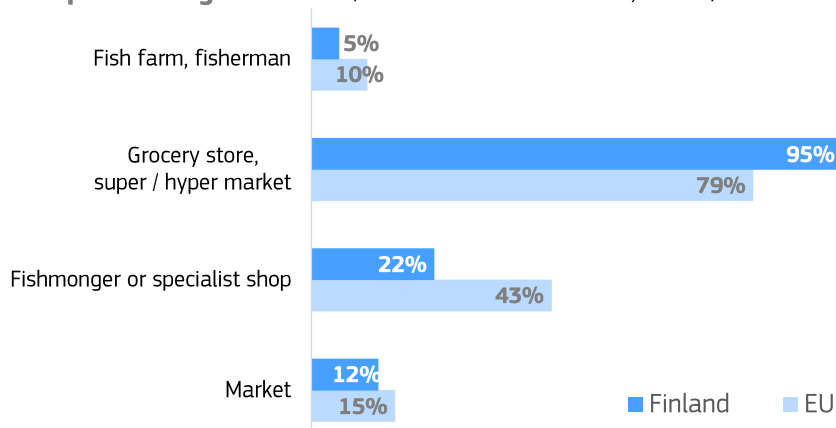
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DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Finland (source: Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki):



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).

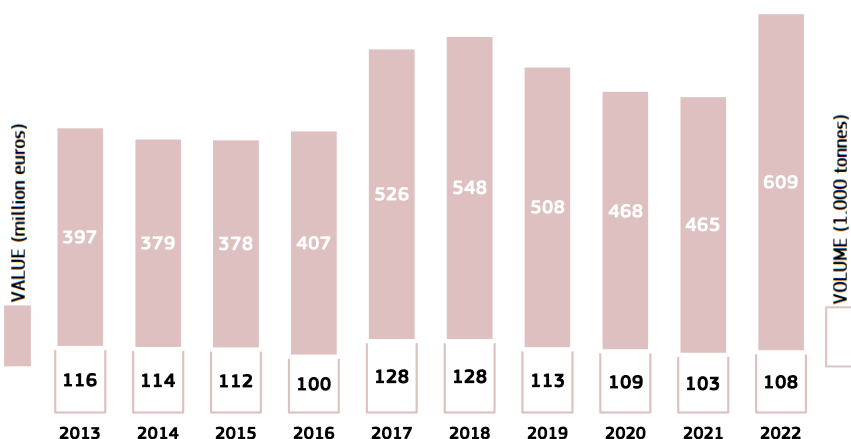
IMPORT

Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2022, million euros (nominal value)



SALMON	422	61%
TROUT	52	8%
SKIPJACK TUNA	46	7%
SHRIMPS	33	5%
HERRING	12	2%
OTHERS	122	17%



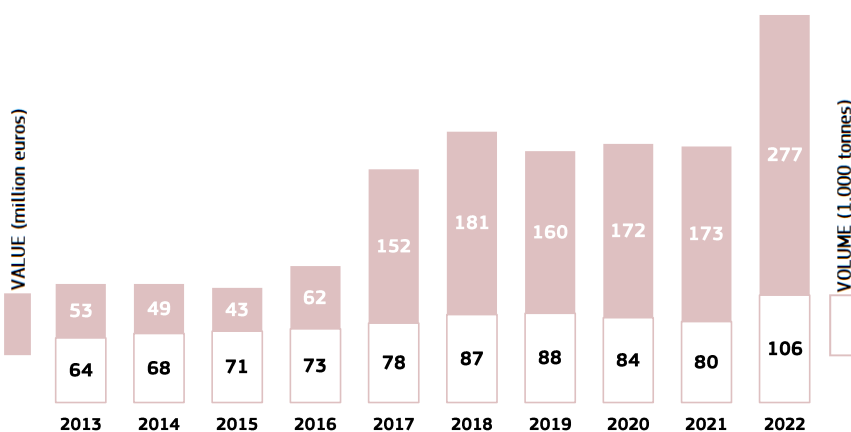
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

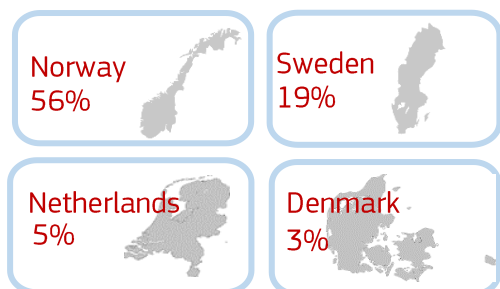
2022, million euros (nominal value)



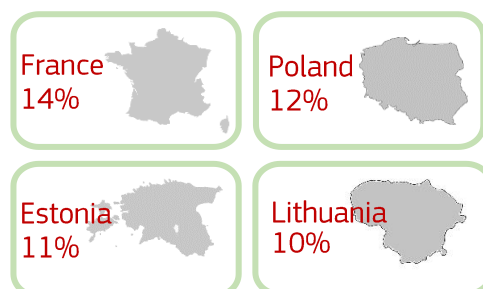
SALMON	244	78%
HERRING	16	5%
CAVIAR, LIVERS AND ROES	16	5%
TROUT	9	3%
FISH OIL	9	3%
OTHERS	19	6%



Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2022)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2022)





CONSUMPTION

In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 20,63 kg per capita, a 5% decrease compared with 2020. The most consumed species were salmon and trout (source: EUMOFA).

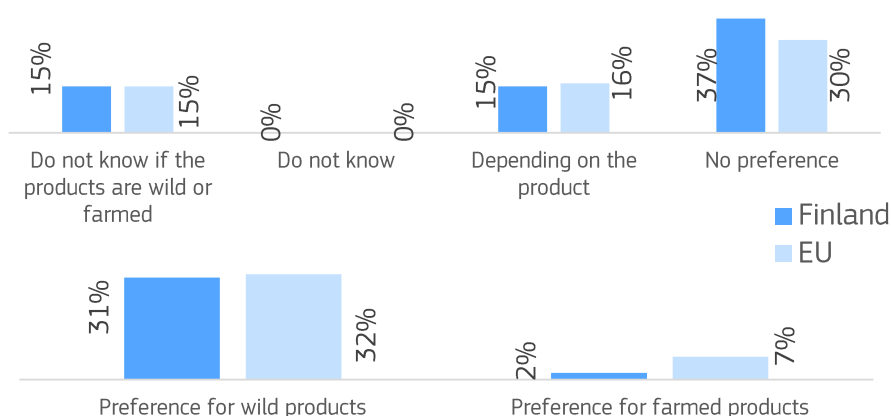
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age class 40-54. However, less than 30% of regular consumers are observed in all age groups, which is well below the EU average (72%, UK included). Finns consume especially fresh and smoked products; loose fish (73%) is more frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

20,63kg
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

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.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland on a weekly and monthly basis.

Both data collected cover 3 major quota species (cod, herring and salmon) sold in 5 Finnish places of sale (Helsinki, Maarianhamina, Oulu, Turku and Vaasa). In total, data collected every week and month cover almost 95% of the total volume of first sales in the country.

Data are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. As for monthly first sales, data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through a dedicated advanced table and the bulk download facility.

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