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FRANCE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2021, France was EU's 2nd largest producer of both aquaculture products and fishery production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	France	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	484	0,5%	13%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	193	0,2%	17%
Total	218.175	4.720	677	0,3%	14%

FISHING FLEET

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

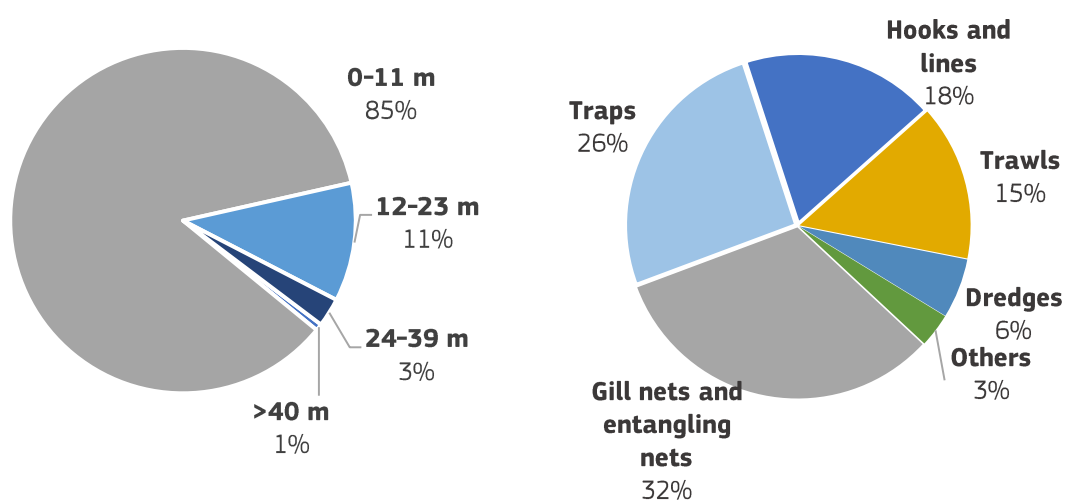
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 6.076	GT: 175.236	KW: 956.332	
TOTAL FTE: 7.293 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 43%	Jobs (FTE): 28%	Jobs (FTE): 18%	Jobs (FTE): 11%

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

The French fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

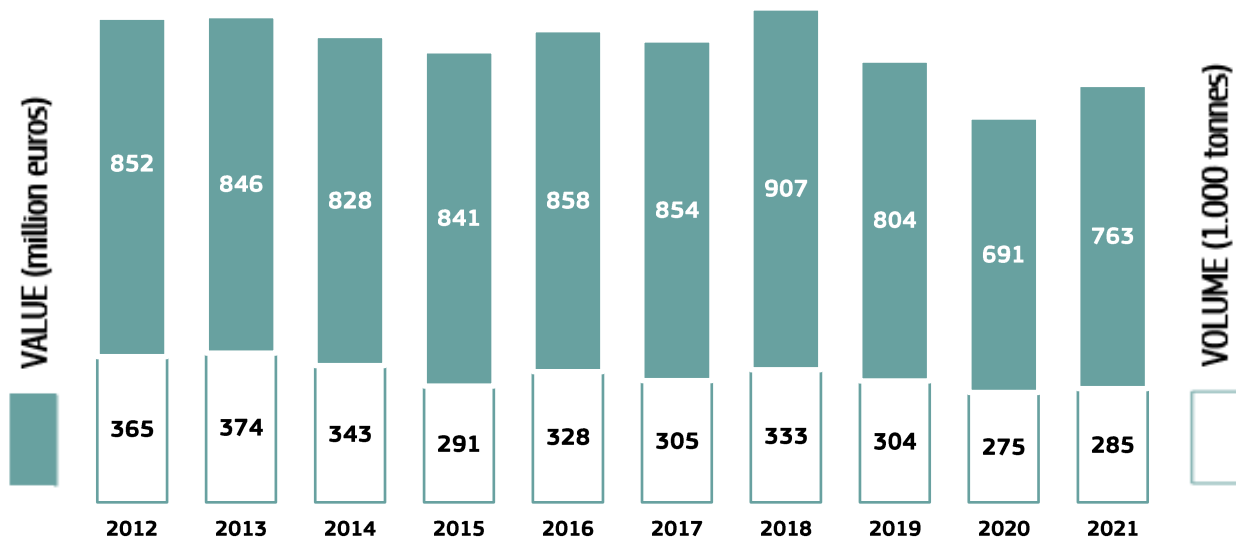
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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.

French landings include almost entirely fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption (smaller quantities include waste, animal feed, bait, unknown uses and products destined for industrial uses).

There are 438 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



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
SCALLOP	106	13%	56	20%
COMMON SOLE	63	8%	41	14%
MONK	61	7%	21	7%
NORWAY LOBSTER	38	5%	11	4%
HAKE	37	4%	11	4%
OTHERS	518	63%	145	51%
				SEAWEED AND OTHER ALGAE
				SCALLOP
				SARDINE
				WHELK
				MONK
				OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

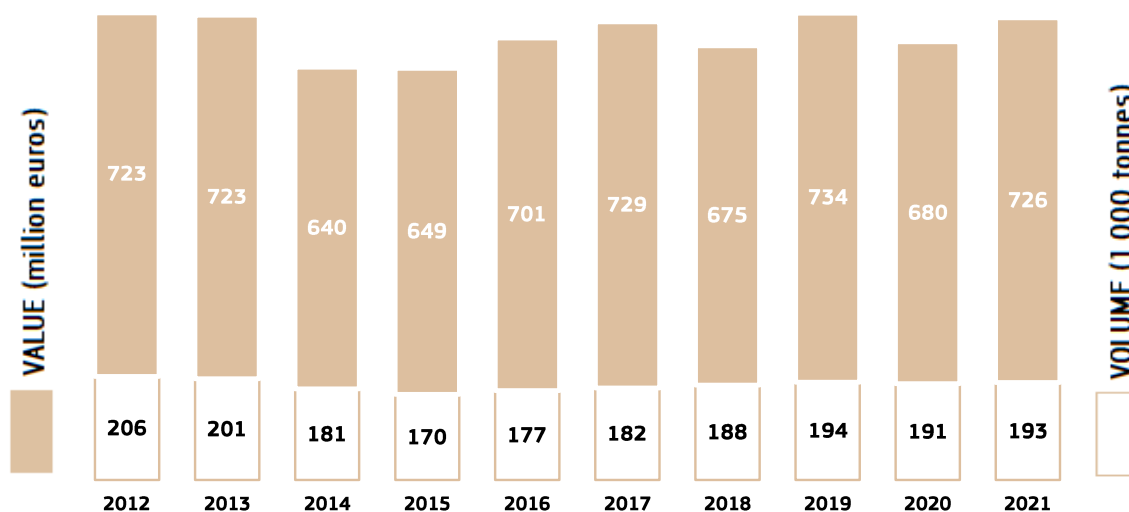
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat, FAO and FEAP data.

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.

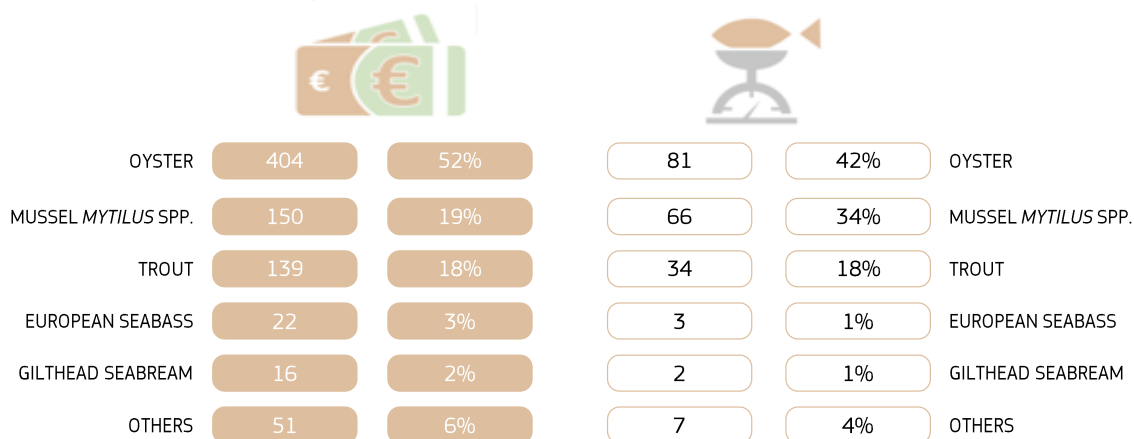
In 2021, 80 % of the French production occurred in sea and brackish waters and 20% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 69% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 15% of production: tanks and raceways in freshwater;
- 5% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 3% of production: on cages in sea and brackish water (slight portion in freshwater);
- 3% of production: in ponds, almost entirely in freshwater (slight portion in sea and brackish water);
- 2% of production: in recirculation systems in freshwater.
- The rest (3%) was farmed using other methods in sea and brackish water for which no detail is available.

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2021, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes





PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 11-07-2023, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In France, **17 producer organisations (POs)** and **2 associations of POs** are formally recognized. 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.

Of the 17 POs, 15 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture. The two associations of POs operate in the fishery sector.

FIRST SALES 2022, source: EUMOFA

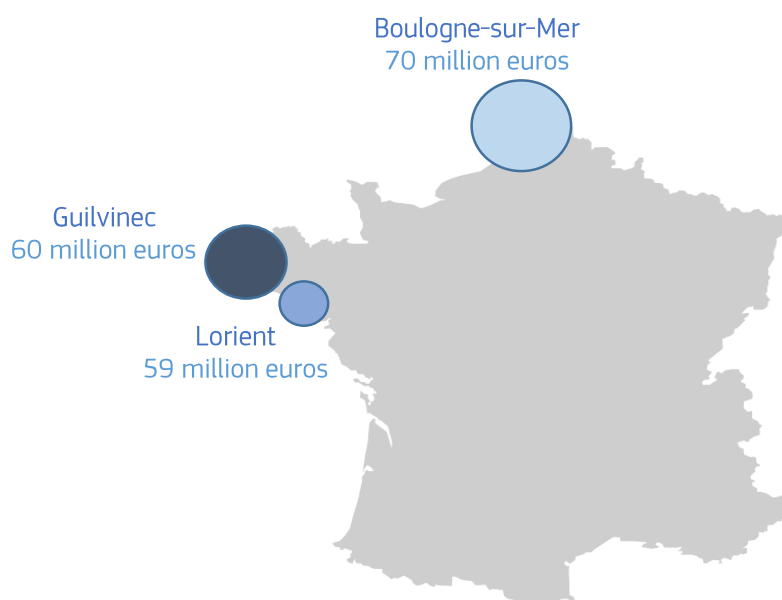
First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

In France, there are 35 auction markets: they are responsible for gathering and transmitting sales notes to FranceAgriMer, thanks to the RIC (Réseau Inter-Criées: Auction markets network). Of these:

- 17 are in the Bay of Biscay and Iberian coast
- 13 are in the Celtic sea
- 4 are in the Mediterranean
- 1 is in the North sea

In 2022, total first sales in these auctions amounted to 276.133 tonnes and 793 million euros.

The top-3 auctions covered 19% and 24% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 auctions	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Boulogne-sur-Mer	24.389	70	Squid, scallop, cuttlefish
Guilvinec	14.231	60	Monk, Norway lobster, albacore tuna
Lorient	14.683	59	Ling, Norway lobster, monk



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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 France, 11 wholesale market places (“marchés d’intérêt national” or MIN) are involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products. About 100 fish wholesaling companies operate on these markets, out of which 42 are situated in the market of Paris-Rungis.



In 2019, Rungis sold 90.374 tonnes of fisheries and aquaculture products for a value of 889 million euros (source: <https://www.rungisinternational.com>). The “Réseau des nouvelles des marchés” (RNM) publishes daily, weekly and monthly price quotations on the wholesale market of Rungis (www.rm.franceagrimer.fr).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 12.777 persons were employed in the French fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 760,6 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).

353 companies
Sales: 4,8 billion euros
 (2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

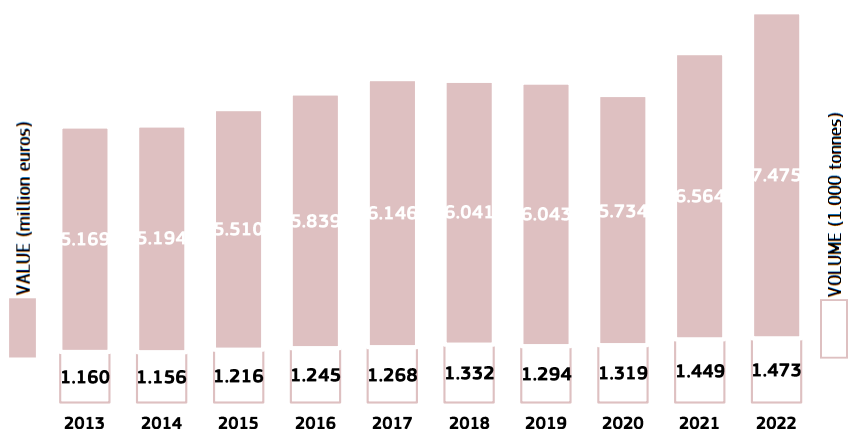


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

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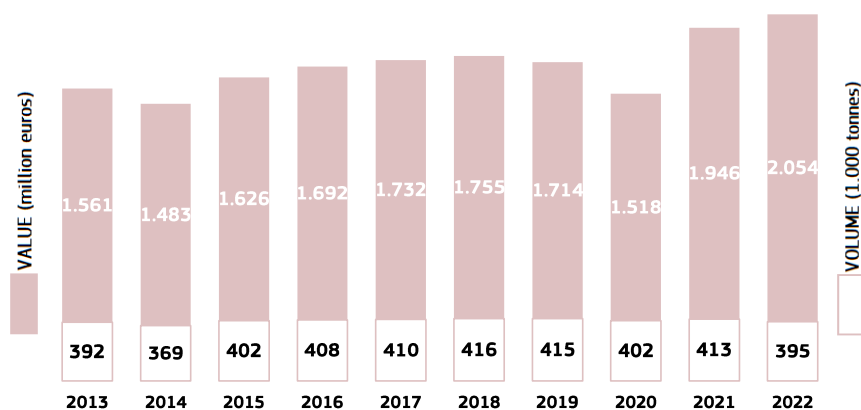
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2022, million euros (nominal value)



SALMON	2106	25%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	1044	12%
COD	601	7%
SKIPJACK TUNA	301	4%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	266	3%
OTHERS	4114	49%

EXPORT

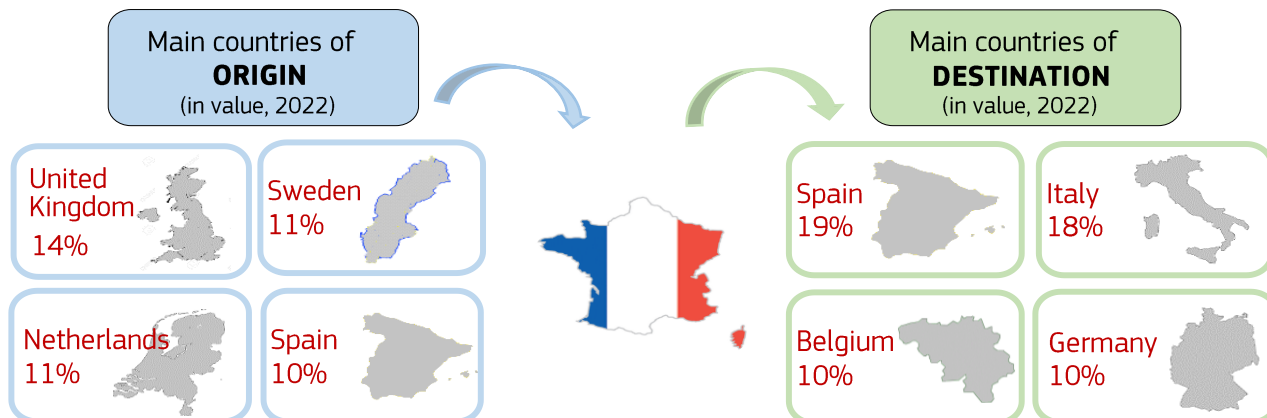


Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2022, million euros (nominal value)



SALMON	361	16%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	146	7%
OYSTER	135	6%
SCALLOP	95	4%
NORWAY LOBSTER	77	3%
OTHERS	1464	64%

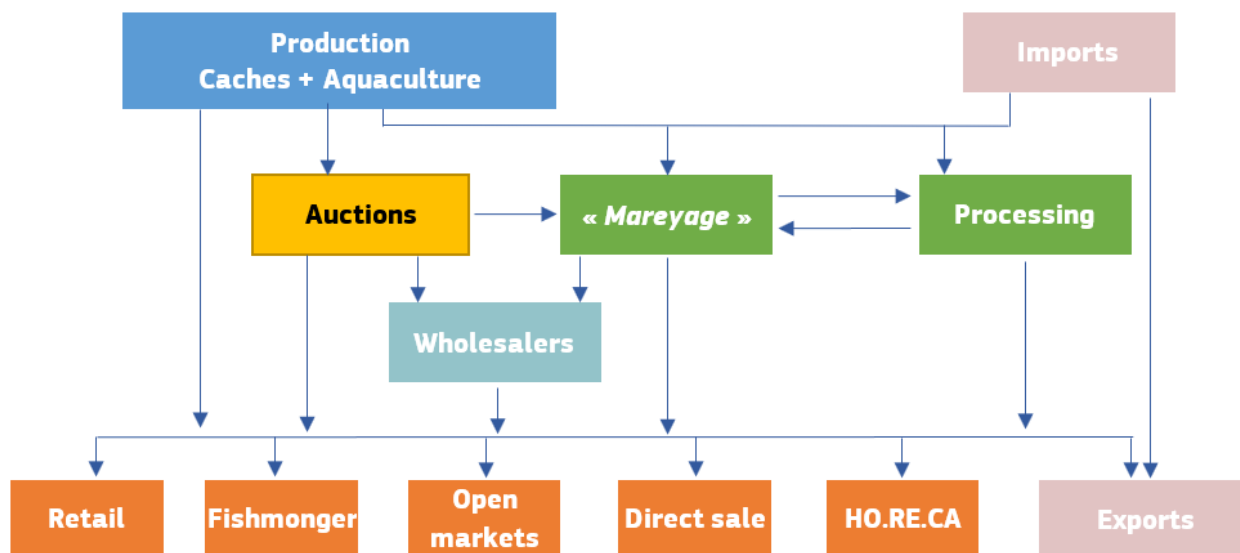




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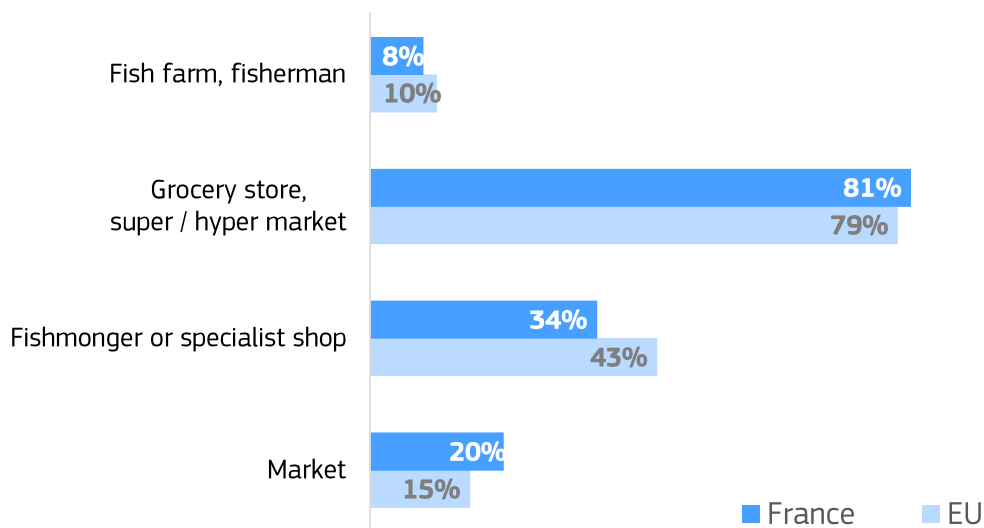
DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in France (source: FranceAgriMer):



“Mareyage” plays an essential role in the promotion of fishery products, representing the link between upstream and downstream of the seafood industry. It consists in buying fish from the coasts, preparing them (sorting, removing viscera or heads, cutting fillets), packaging them, transporting them and reselling them to a wholesaler or retail trader (fishmonger, restaurant, supermarket).

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





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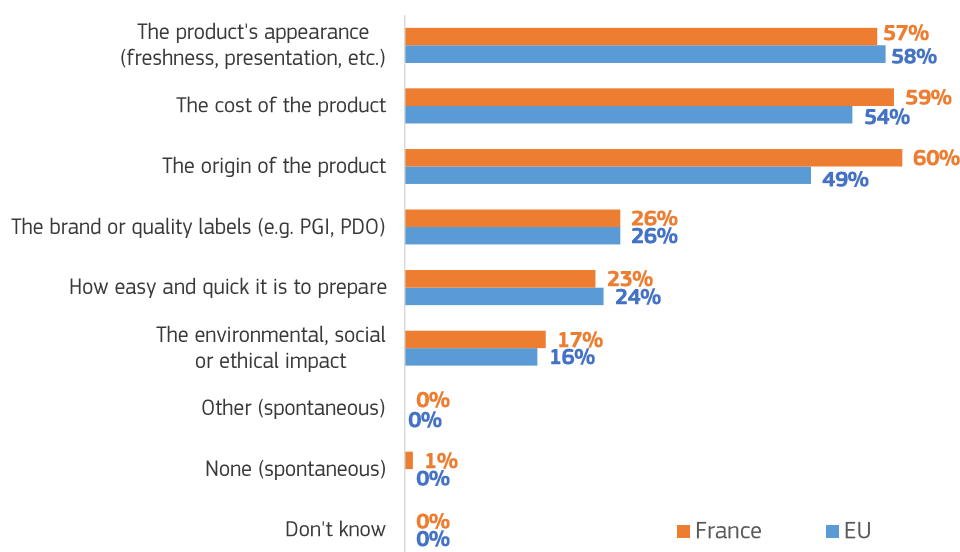
CONSUMPTION

In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 32,18 kg per capita, a slight 1% decrease compared with 2020. The most consumed species were salmon, cod, Alaska pollock and skipjack tuna (source: EUMOFA).

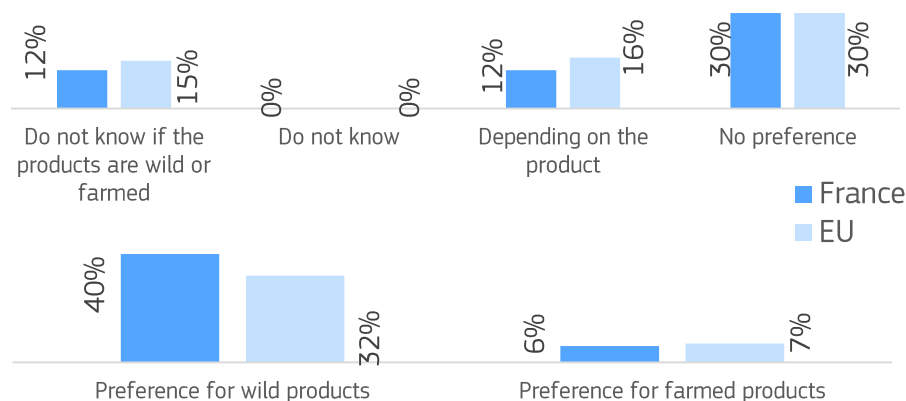
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in France, as well as at EU-28 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 79% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). French consume especially fresh, frozen and tinned products; loose fish is more frequently consumed (71%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

32,18 kg
per capita in live weight
equivalent
(2021, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



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





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.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from FranceAgriMer on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 14 main commercial species and 23 auctions (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in the 37 French auctions.

Both 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.

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.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with FAO and FEAP data. They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

Prices are collected from FranceAgriMer on a weekly basis. Data cover sales in the Rungis market of a selection of 14 main commercial species (click [here](#) for the full list).

Data are 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

Volumes and values of household consumption of fresh fisheries and aquaculture products are collected from Europanel based on panel reporting. Data are monitored for 10 main commercial species + the item “Others”, aggregating all other species (click [here](#) for the full list). Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through simple tables and the bulk download facility. Moreover, retail prices of a selection of 11 main commercial species are collected on a weekly basis from FranceAgriMer (click [here](#) for the full list). They are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

Retail prices from online shops are also available [here](#), as collected via price-scrapers.