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GREECE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2021, Greece ranked 4th in the EU-27 in terms of aquaculture production while it only ranked 16th for fisheries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Greece	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	60	0,1%	2%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	144	0,1%	13%
	218.175	4.720	203	0,1%	4%

FISHING FLEET

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

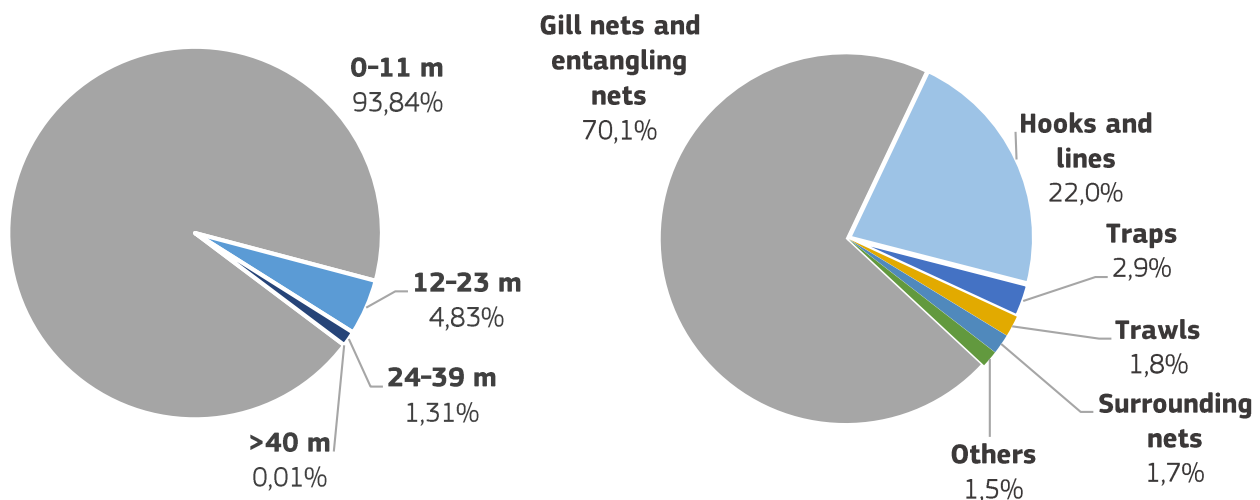
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 12.932	GT: 65.527	KW: 383.564	
TOTAL FTE: 14.528 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 80%	Jobs (FTE): 12%	Jobs (FTE): 8%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Greek fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

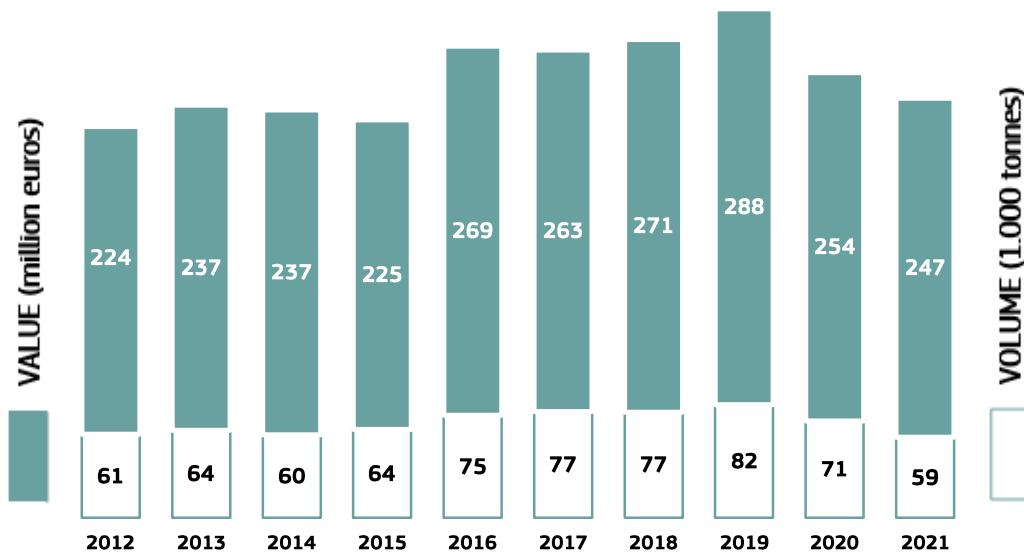
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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.

According to Eurostat, all landings in Greece in 2021 were fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 363 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



SEABREAM	31	13%
HAKE	26	10%
RED MULLET	25	10%
OCTOPUS	21	8%
SARDINE	17	7%
OTHERS	127	52%



10	17%	SARDINE
7	12%	ANCHOVY
6	10%	SEABREAM
4	6%	HAKE
3	6%	DEEP-WATER ROSE SHRIMPS
29	49%	OTHERS



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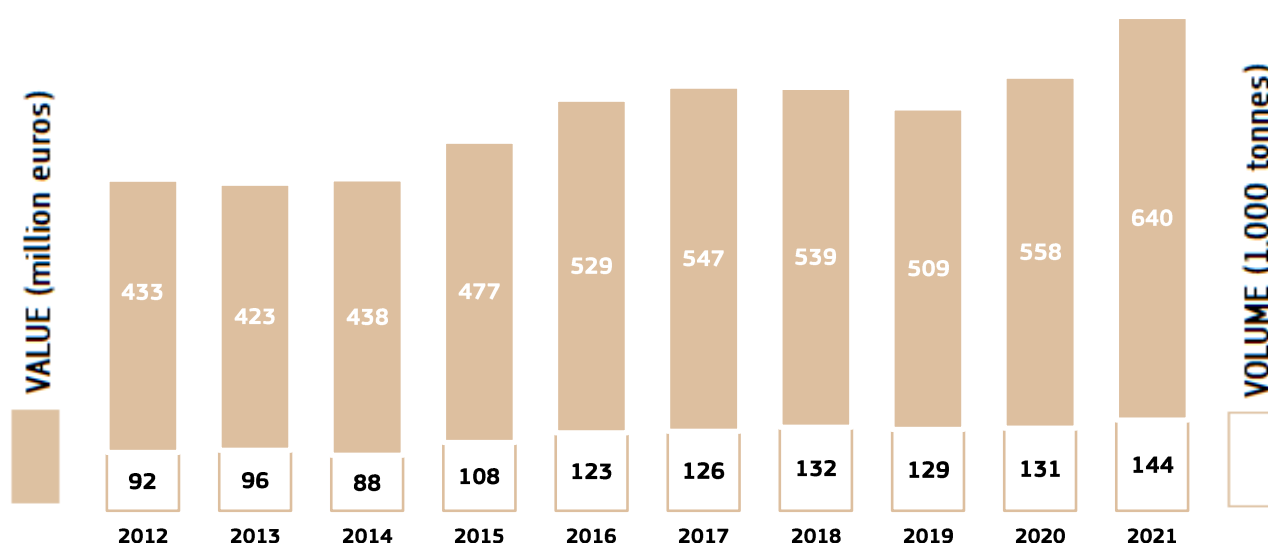
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data.

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

According to Eurostat, in 2021, 98% of Greek production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and the rest in freshwater. The main production method used were cages, followed by other methods 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



SEABREAM	326,3	50,9%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	275,3	43,0%
TROUT	6,2	1,0%
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	5,0	0,8%
EEL	3,0	0,5%
OTHERS	25,2	3,8%



71,7	49,9%	SEABREAM
51,2	35,7%	EUROPEAN SEABASS
13,5	9,4%	MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.
1,9	1,3%	TROUT
0,3	0,2%	EEL
5,1	3,5%	OTHERS



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Greece, **2 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, both operating in aquaculture. 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.

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 2022, total first sales in Greece amounted to 29.753 tonnes and 67 million euros. Five main commercial species covered more than 60% of total first-sale volume and value.

Top-5 main commercial species	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)
Hake	1.408	7,74
Sardine	6.454	9,96
Anchovy	9.889	13,00
Deep-water rose shrimps	2.256	5,09
Seabream	1.725	3,57

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 Greece, the wholesale stage is mainly recorded in auction markets (source: Directorate for Fisheries Policy & Development of Fisheries Products). In 2022, sales at the Piraeus market totalled 10.410 tonnes and 29 million euros.



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PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.422 persons were employed in the Greek fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 36,4 million euros, covering 1,2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2022, the main products sold were “Molluscs (scallops, mussels, cuttle fish, squid and octopus), frozen, dried, salted or in brine” and “Prepared or preserved crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (excluding chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine, crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling) (excluding prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

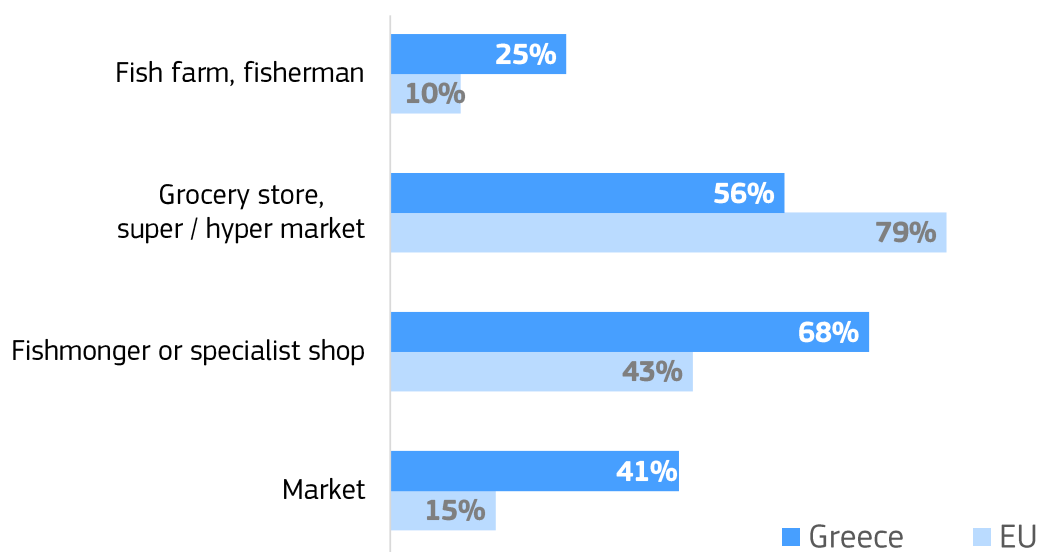
98 companies

Sales: 157,9 million euros

(2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

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





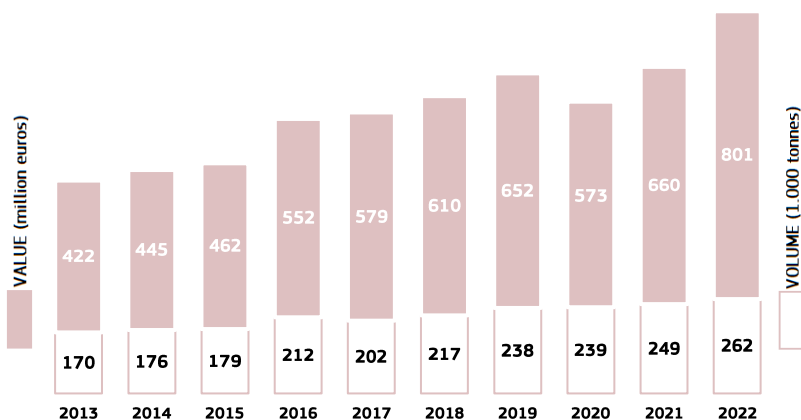
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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

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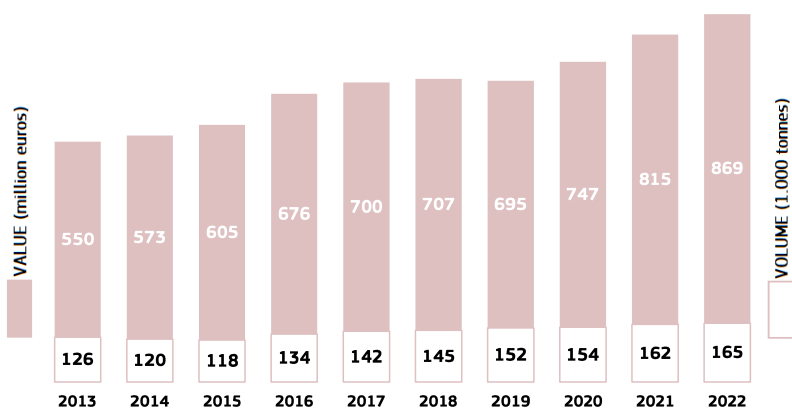
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports
2022, million euros (nominal value)



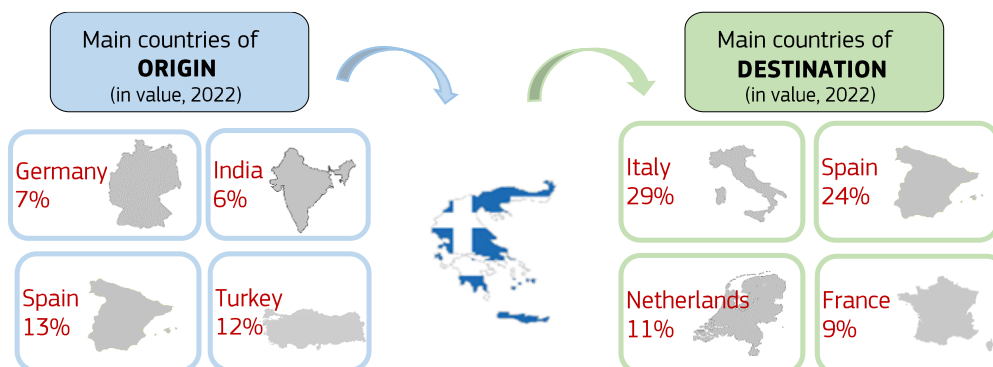
FISHMEAL	133	15%
SQUID	89	10%
FISH OIL	73	8%
SALMON	64	7%
OCTOPUS	62	7%
OTHERS	473	53%

EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports
2022, million euros (nominal value)



SEABREAM	366	39%
SEABASS	317	34%
SALMON	68	7%
SHRIMPS	18	2%
SQUID	13	1%
OTHERS	159	17%





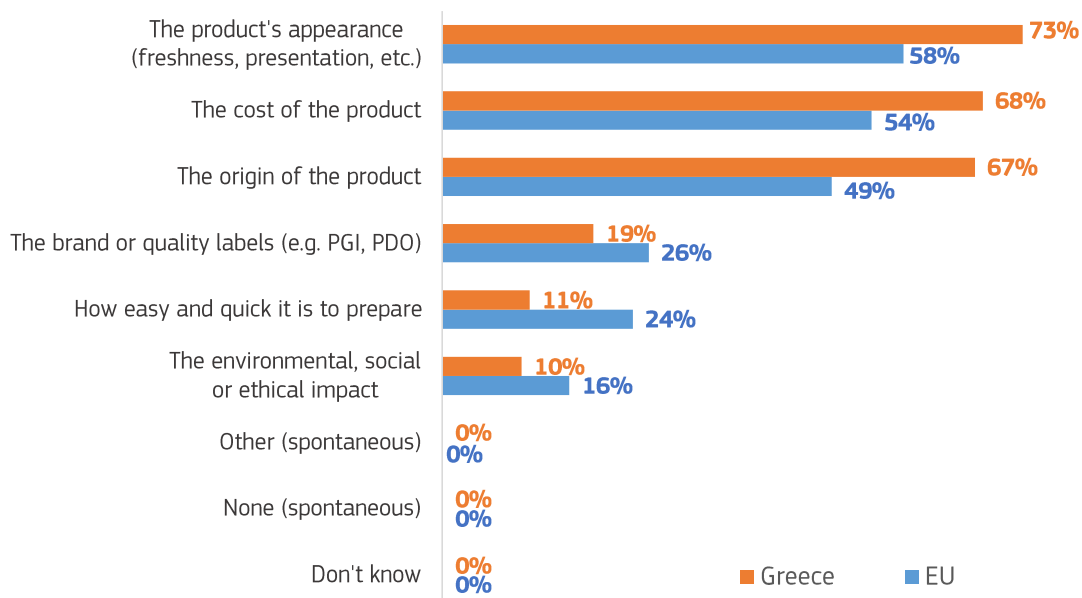
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CONSUMPTION

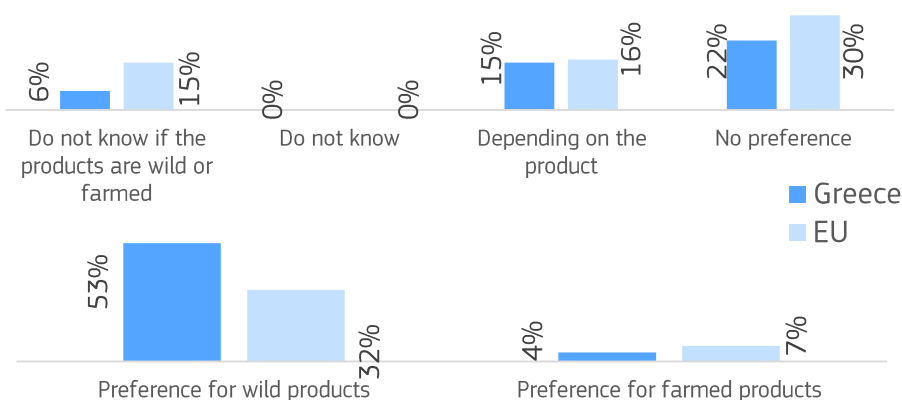
In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 19,56 kg per capita, a 1,2%-decrease compared with 2020. The most consumed species are squid, sardine, cod and anchovy (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Greece, as well as at EU level. However, regular consumers in this category cover 70% of the total, which is higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Greeks consume especially fresh products; loose fish is much more frequently consumed (92%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

19,56 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.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece. Data cover all species sold in Greece.

They are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. 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 data.

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

WHOLESALE

Data are collected from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece and refer to sales in the port of Piraeus.

On a weekly basis, volumes and values of a selection of 16 main commercial species are collected (click [here](#) for the full list).

On a monthly basis, volumes and values are collected and cover all species sold.

Both weekly and monthly 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

Retail prices of a selection of 7 main commercial species are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Development and Investments (click [here](#) for the full list).

Average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.