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MALTA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Malta is a minor EU-27 producer of fishery products, while it ranked 14th in the EU in terms of aquaculture production in 2021.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Malta	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	2,3	0,003%	0,06%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	16,4	0,013%	1,45%
Total	218.175	4.720	18,7	0,009%	0,40%

FISHING FLEET

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

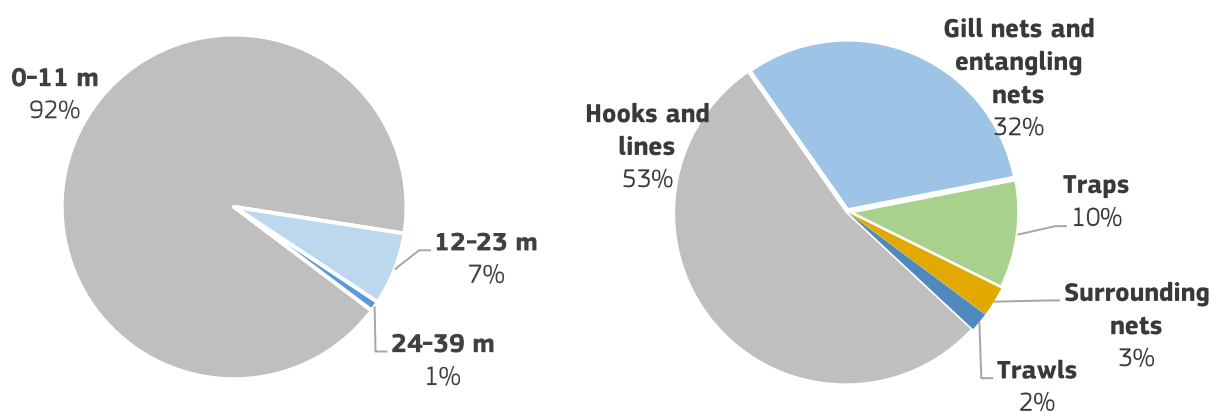
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 846	GT: 6.500	KW: 70.345	
TOTAL FTE: 524 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 65%	Jobs (FTE): 25%	Jobs (FTE): 10%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Maltese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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AQUACULTURE

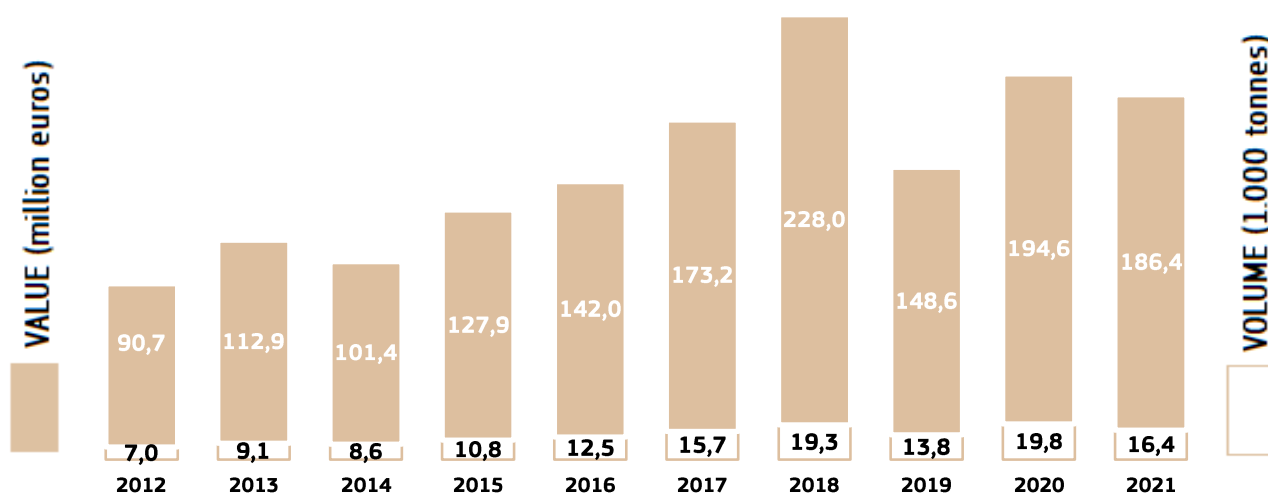
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 Malta, aquaculture occurs in sea and brackish water. The following main production methods were used in 2021:

- 87% of production: in cages;
- 13% of production: in enclosures and pens.

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



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total
BLUEFIN TUNA	198,6	94%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	10,3	5%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	1,3	1%



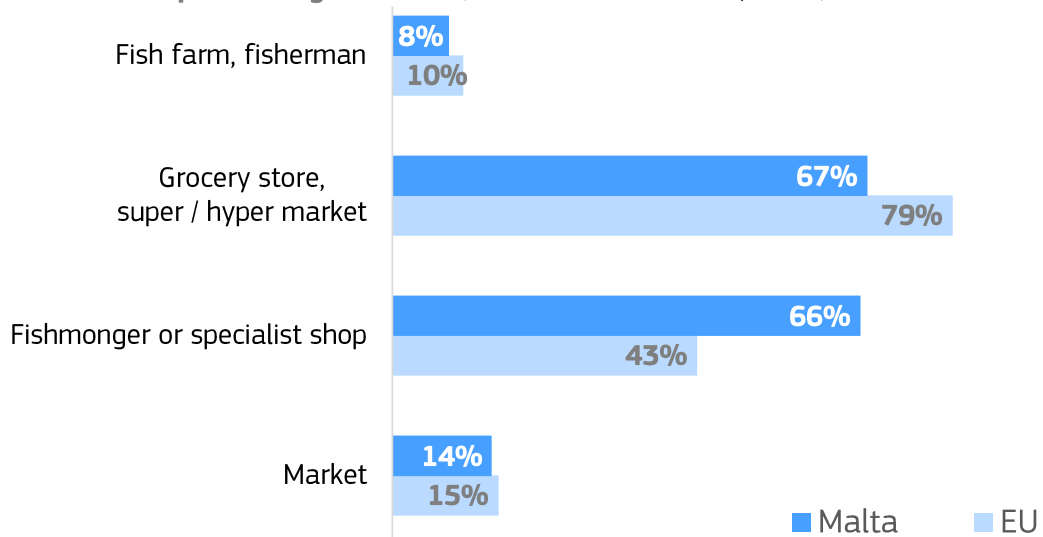
Species	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
BLUEFIN TUNA	13,5	83%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	2,7	16%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	0,2	1%



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DISTRIBUTION

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





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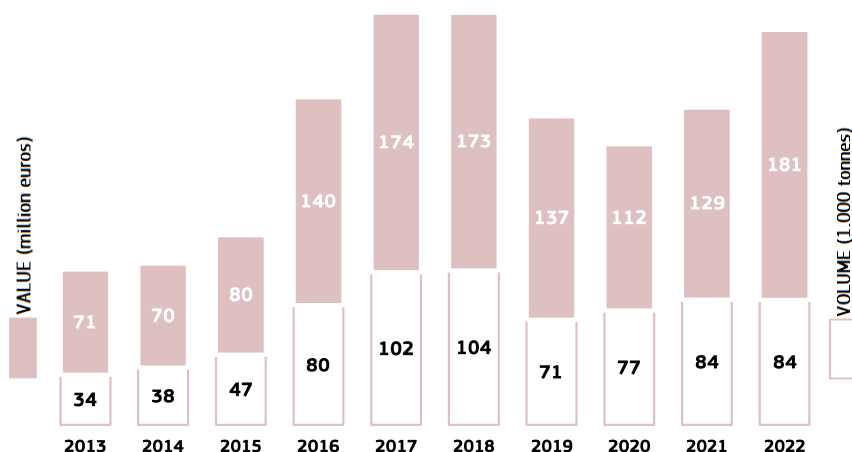
IMPORT – EXPORT

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)

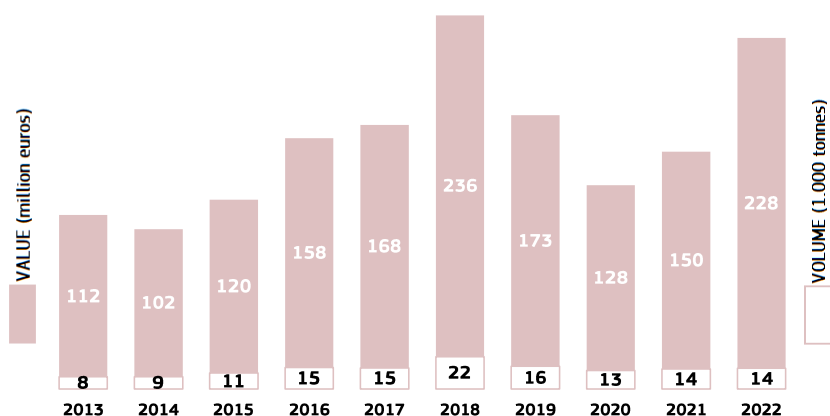


BLUEFIN TUNA	84	40%
HERRING	42	20%
SALMON	14	7%
SKIPJACK TUNA	11	5%
SARDINE	8	4%
OTHERS	51	24%

EXPORT

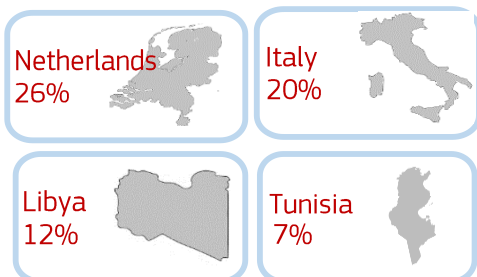
Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2022, million euros (nominal value)

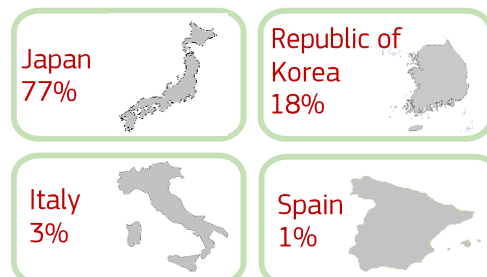


TUNA (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	165	61%
BLUEFIN TUNA	62	23%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	8	3%
OTHERS	36	13%

Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2022)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2022)



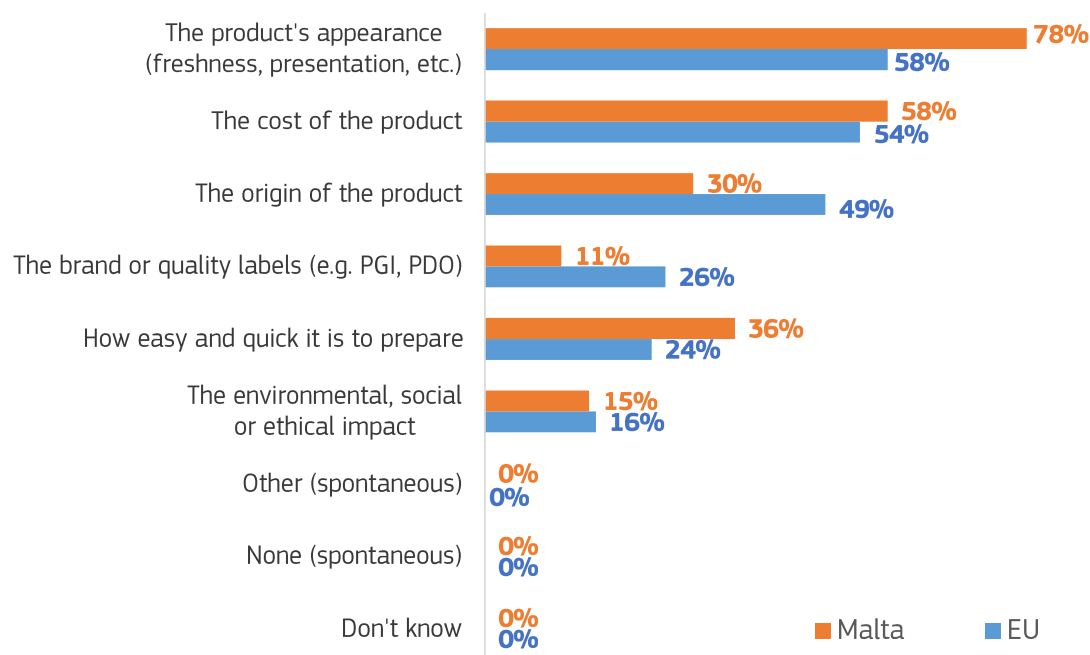


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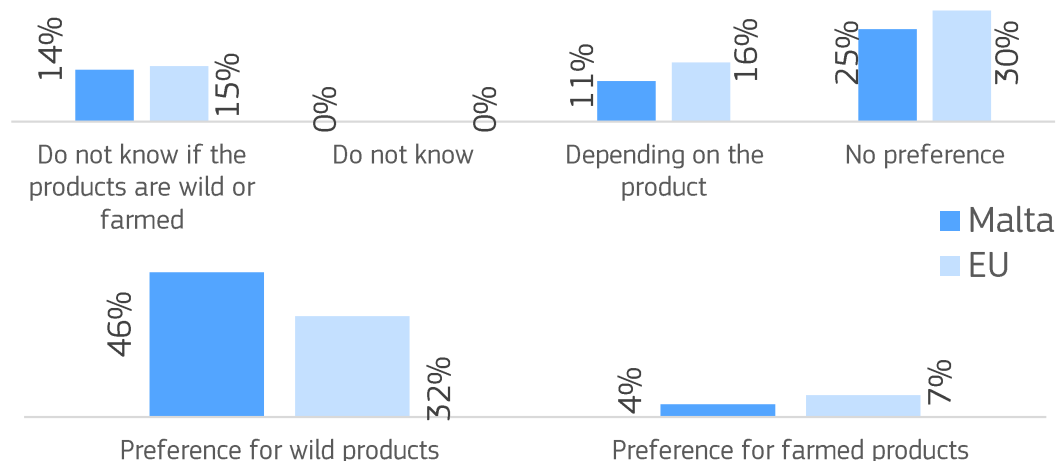
CONSUMPTION

Given the significant relevance of imports of frozen fish likely used directly as fish feed in the Maltese bluefin tuna fattening industry, available data and information for Malta do not allow to produce precise estimates. However, annual per capita apparent consumption can be estimated between 30-40 kg LWE.

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.

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PROCESSING

No data available

CONSUMPTION

No data available