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PORTUGAL IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2021, Portugal ranked 6th in the EU-27 for fishery production and 13th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Portugal	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	177,7	0,19%	5%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	17,6	0,01%	2%
Total	218.175	4.720	195,3	0,09%	4%

FISHING FLEET

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

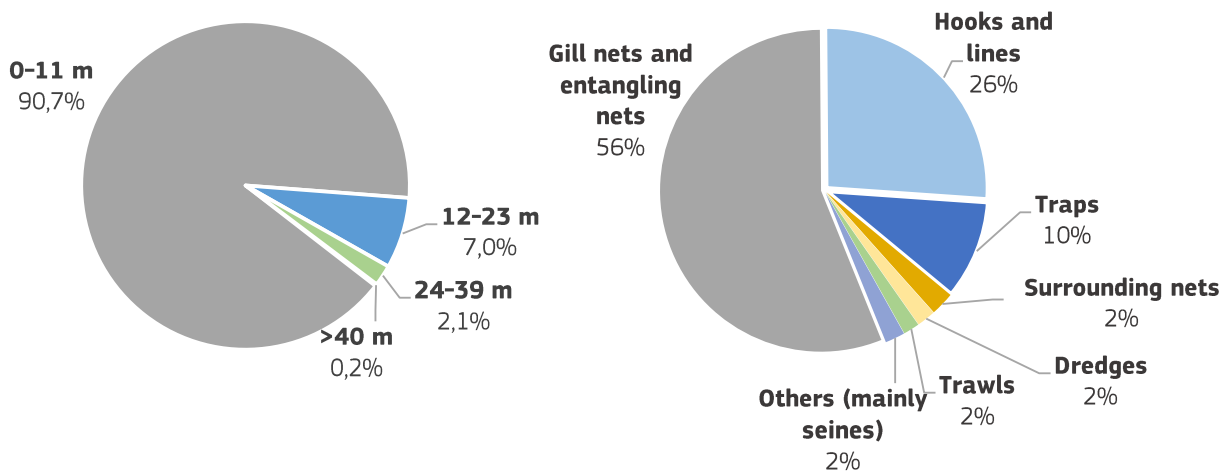
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 7.686	GT: 86.311	KW: 347.100	
TOTAL FTE: 7.200 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 39%	Jobs (FTE): 37%	Jobs (FTE): 18%	Jobs (FTE): 6%

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

The Portuguese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

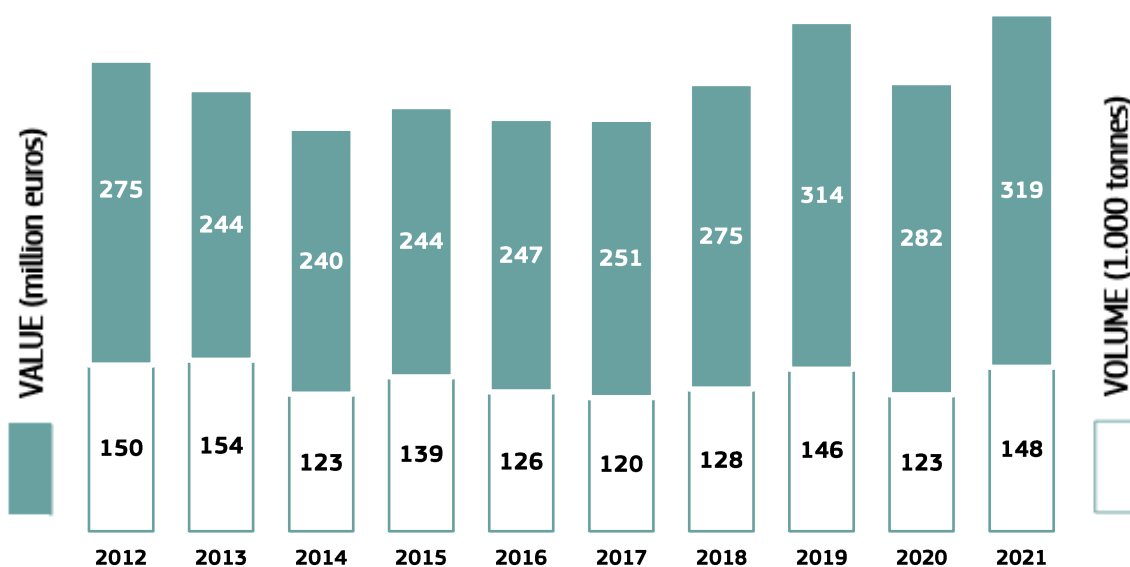
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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, 89% of landings in Portugal included fresh whole/gutted products and 10% included frozen products. As for destination use, 99% of the total was for human consumption, the rest being withdrawn from the market.

There are 70 fishing ports registered in Portugal (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
OCTOPUS	41	11%	27	18%
SARDINE	30	9%	22	15%
REDFISH	30	9%	17	11%
ATLANTIC HORSE MACKEREL	22	6%	10	7%
ANCHOVY	18	5%	8	5%
OTHERS	212	60%	64	44%



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AQUACULTURE

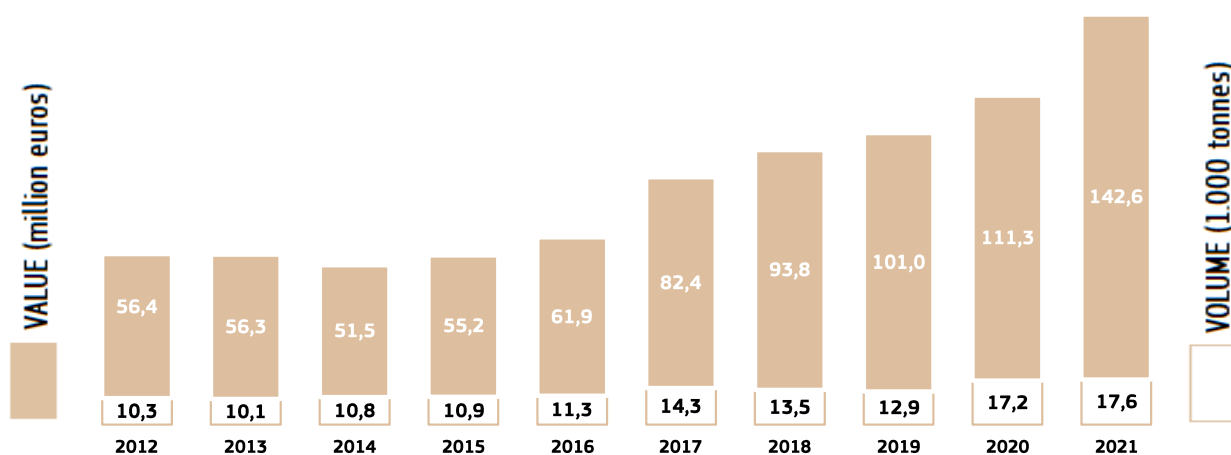
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

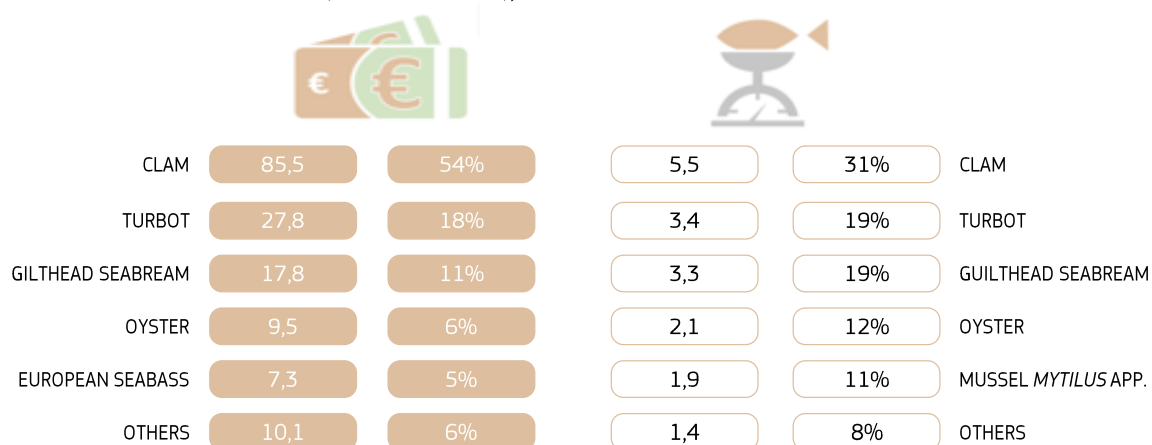
In 2021, 99% of Portuguese production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and 1% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 26% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 21% of production: in tanks and raceways in sea and brackish waters;
- 20% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 17% of production: in ponds in sea and brackish waters;
- 16% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters and a slight portion in freshwater (1,4%).

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



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





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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Portugal, **18 producer organisations (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.

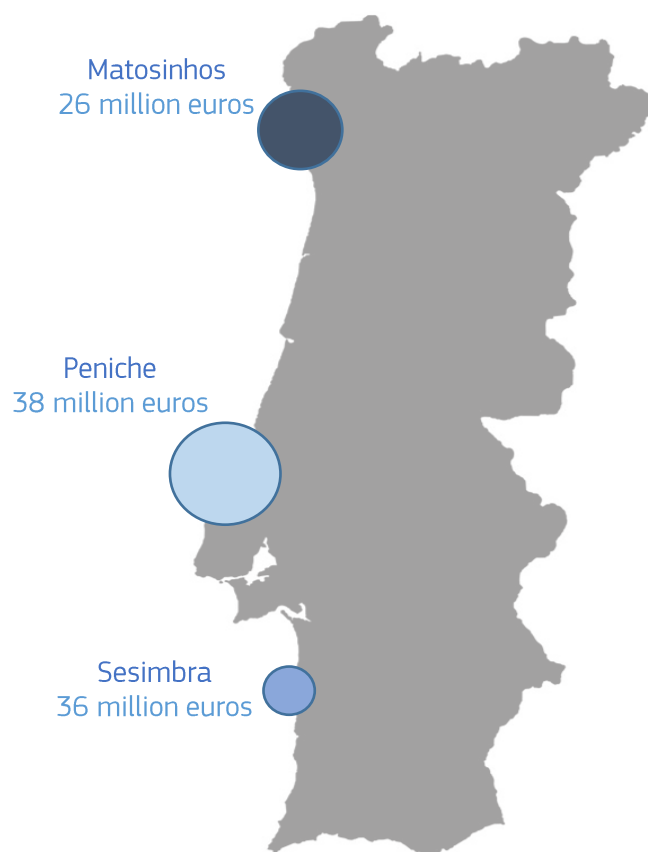
Of the 18 POs, 17 operate in the fishery sector and 1 in aquaculture.

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 Portuguese places of sale amounted to 111.772 tonnes and 292 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 49% and 34% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Peniche	17.648	38	Atlantic horse mackerel, sardine, octopus
Sesimbra	24.534	36	Octopus, scabbardfish, mackerel
Matosinhos	12.540	26	Sardine, anchovy, clam



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PROCESSING

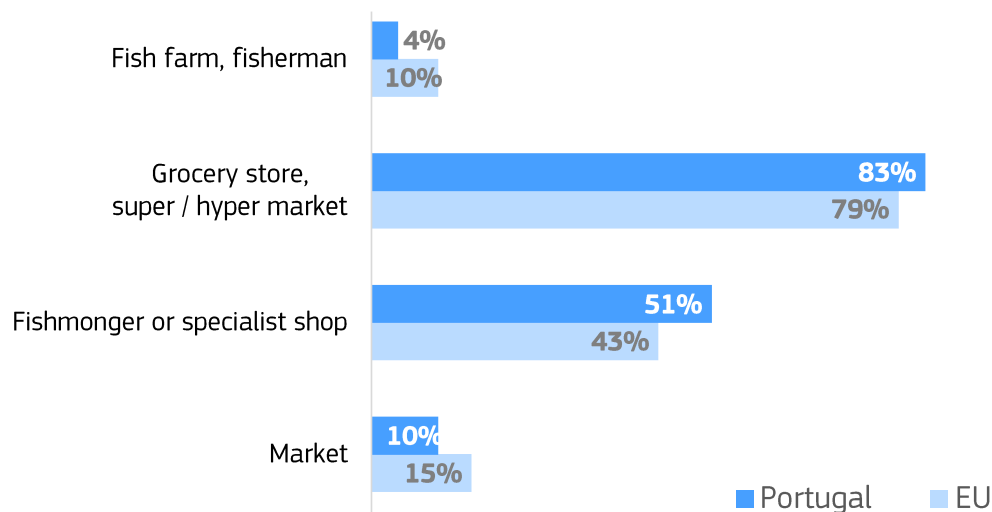
According to Eurostat-SBS, 8.071 persons were employed in the Portuguese fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 216,2 million euros, covering 9,2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2022, the main products sold were “Frozen whole salt water fish” and “Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella, brisling and sprats, whole or in pieces (excl. minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

150 companies
Sales: 1,26 billion 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).

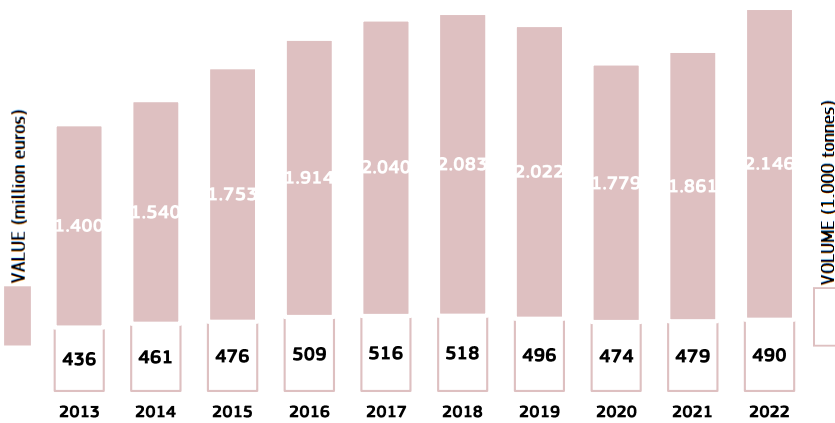
IMPORT

Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2022, million euros (nominal value)



COD	586	24%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	299	12%
TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	219	9%
SALMON	203	8%
OCTOPUS	133	6%
OTHERS	999	41%



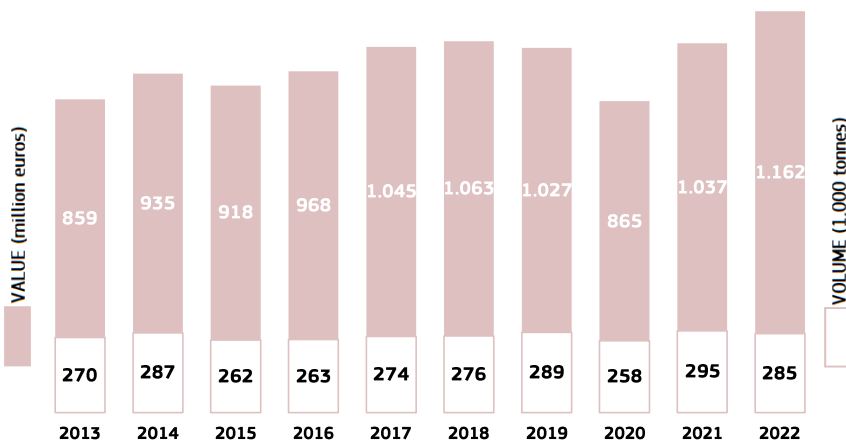
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

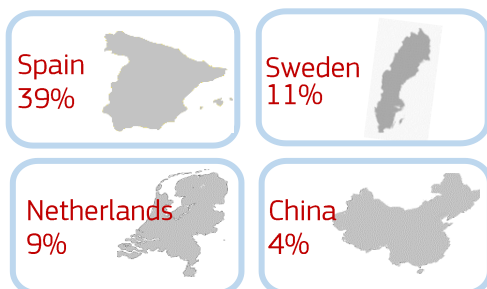
2022, million euros (nominal value)



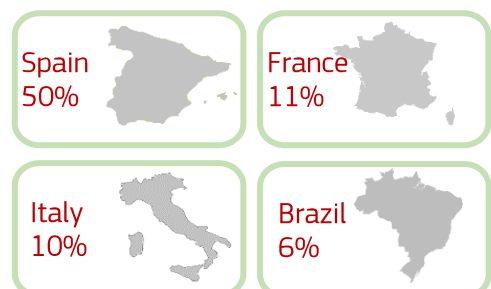
TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	140	14%
COD	95	13%
OCTOPUS	76	8%
SHRIMPS (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	66	7%
SARDINE	57	6%
OTHERS	710	52%



Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2022)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2022)





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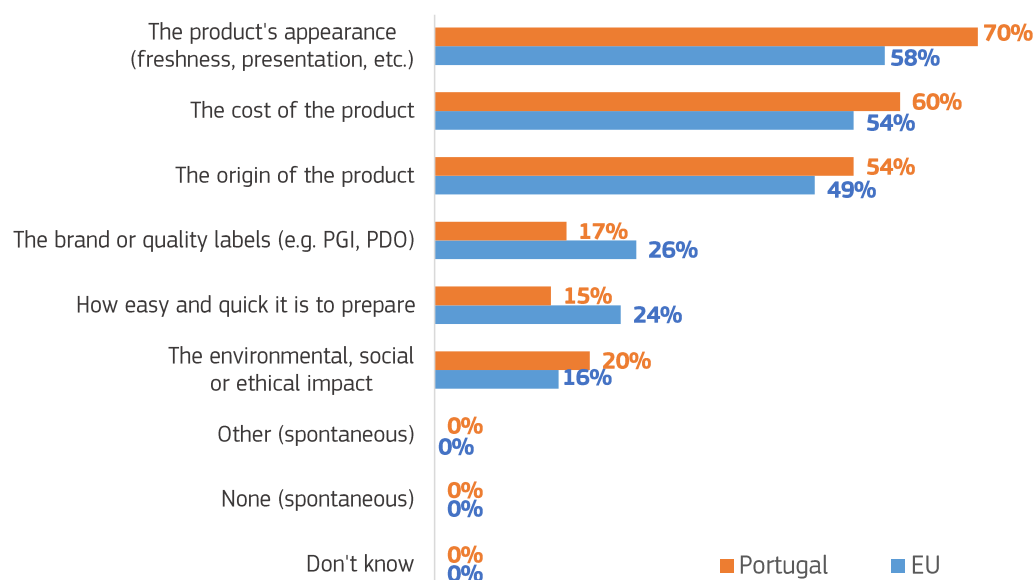
CONSUMPTION

In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 56,52 kg per capita, a 2% decrease compared with 2020. Cod was by far the most consumed species (source: EUMOFA).

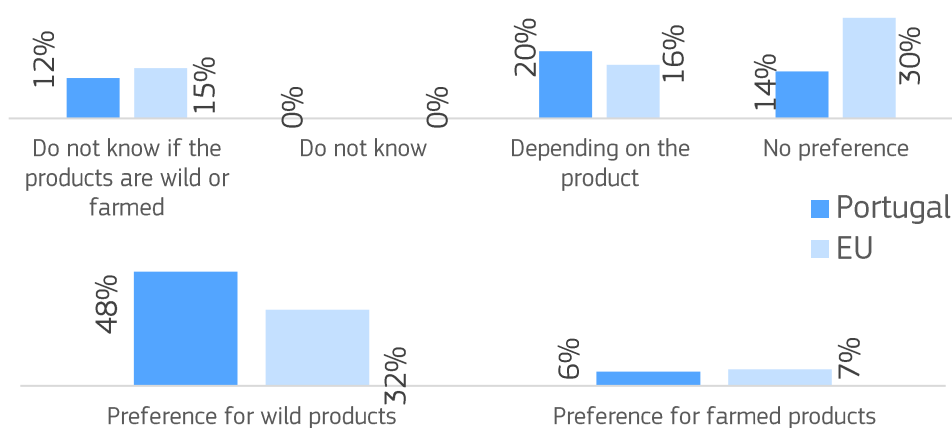
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 15-24 and over 55. In particular, within young people (15-24), regular consumers cover 74% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Fresh products and tinned products are the most consumed; loose fish is more frequently consumed (89%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

56,52 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 from Direcção Geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimos (DGRM) on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 10 main commercial species and 5 places of sale (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in Portuguese places of sale.

Both weekly and monthly 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.

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

WHOLESALE

No data available

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, and 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.

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