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ROMANIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Romania is a minor EU producer of fishery products. As for aquaculture production, in 2021 it ranked 17th among EU-27 producing countries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Romania	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	6	0,01%	0,2%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	12	0,01%	1,0%
Total	218.175	4.720	18	0,01%	0,4%

FISHING FLEET

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

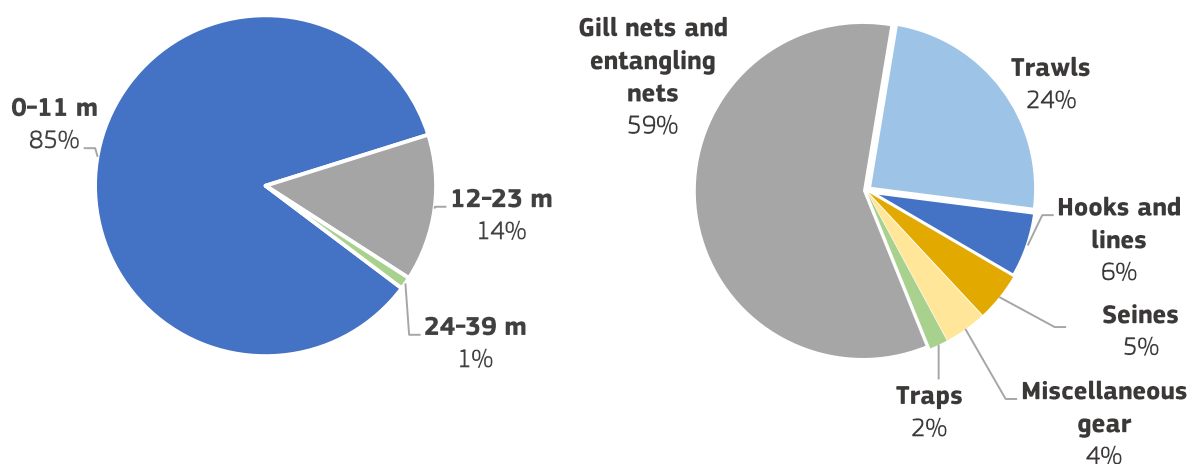
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 172	GT: 1.622	KW: 6.354	
TOTAL FTE: 54 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 30%	Jobs (FTE): 56%	Jobs (FTE): 14%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Romanian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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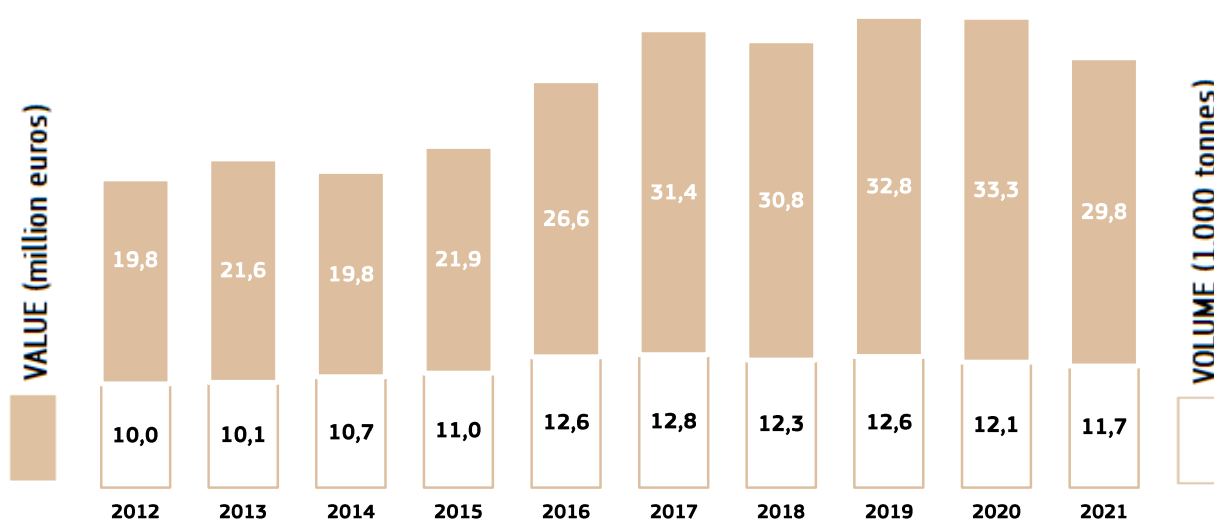
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO 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.

According to Eurostat, the aquaculture activity in Romania is limited to freshwater farming. Production consists in its entirety in ponds.

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



CARP 22,1 62%

TROUT 11,2 31%

FRESHWATER CATFISH 0,8 2%

OTHERS 1,7 5%



8,3 71% CARP

2,7 24% TROUT

0,3 2% FRESHWATER CATFISH

0,4 4% OTHERS



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Romania, 11 **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 11 POs, 9 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.223 persons were employed in the Romanian fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 14,2 million euros, covering 0,8% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2022, the main products sold were “Prepared or preserved fish (excl. whole or in pieces and prepared meals and dishes)” and “Smoked fish (excl. herrings, trout , Pacific, Atlantic and Danube salmon)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

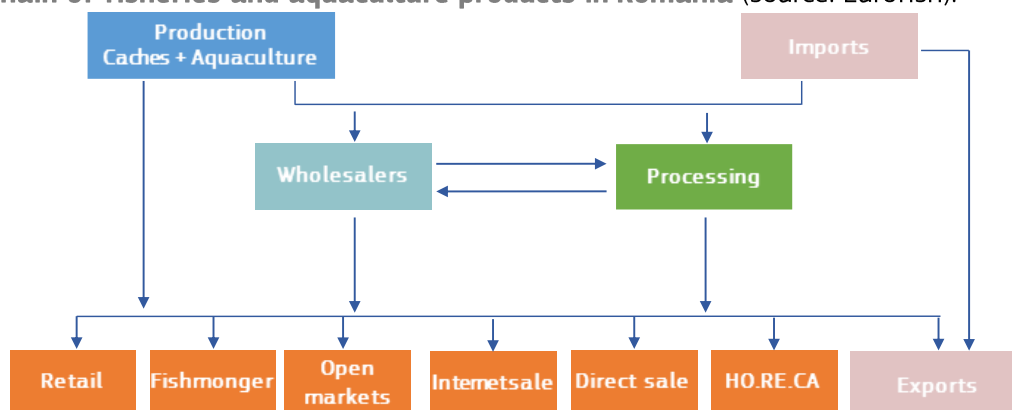
37 companies

Sales: 109,5 million euros

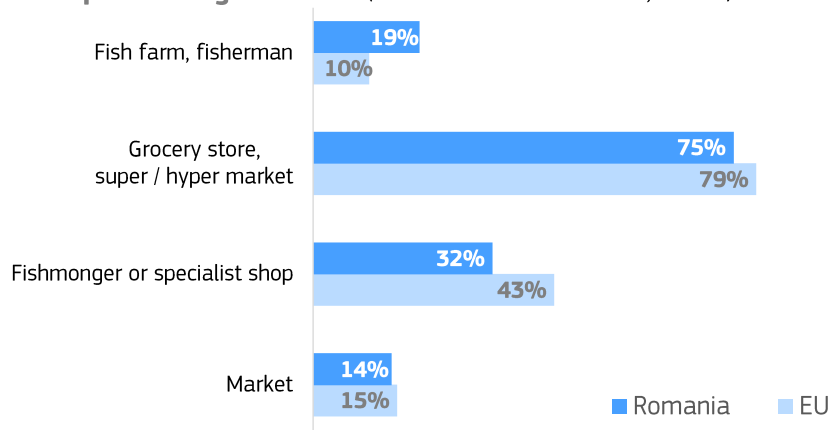
(2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Romania (source: Eurofish):



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





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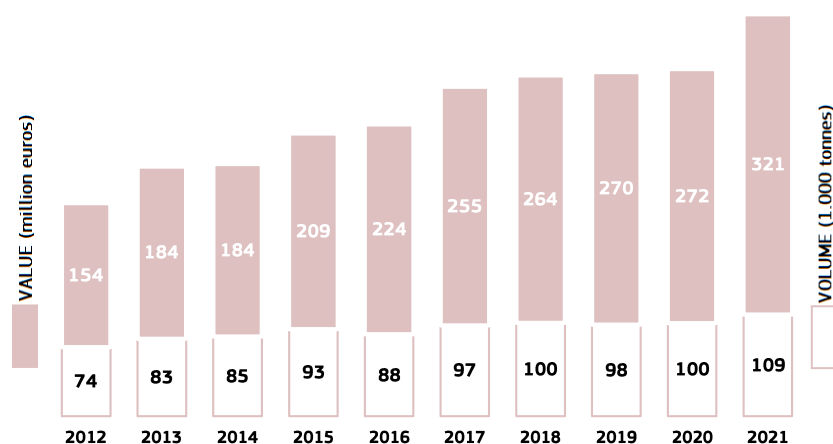
IMPORT – EXPORT

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)

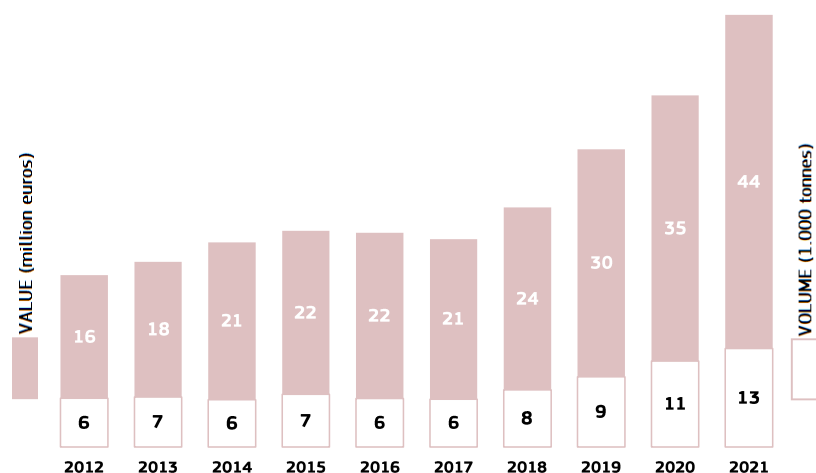


SALMON	74	20%
MACKEREL	32	9%
SKIPJACK TUNA	30	8%
TROUT	20	6%
GUILTHEAD SEABREAM	14	4%
OTHERS	190	53%

EXPORT

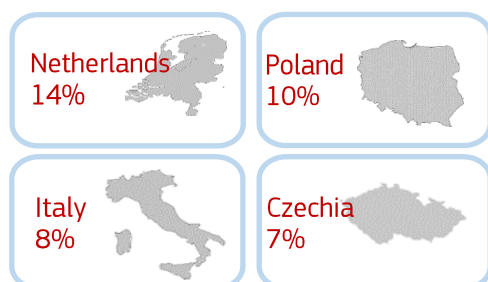
Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2022, million euros (nominal value)

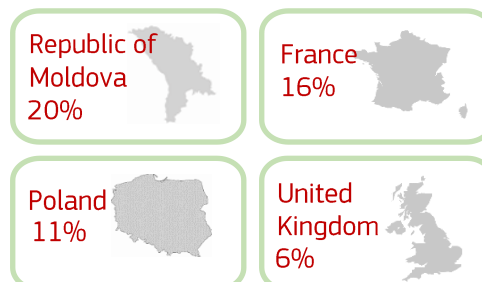


SALMON	6	11%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	3	5%
MISCELLANEOUS TUNA	3	5%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	2	4%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	2	3%
OTHERS	38	72%

Main countries of **ORIGIN**
(in value, 2022)



Main countries of **DESTINATION**
(in value, 2022)





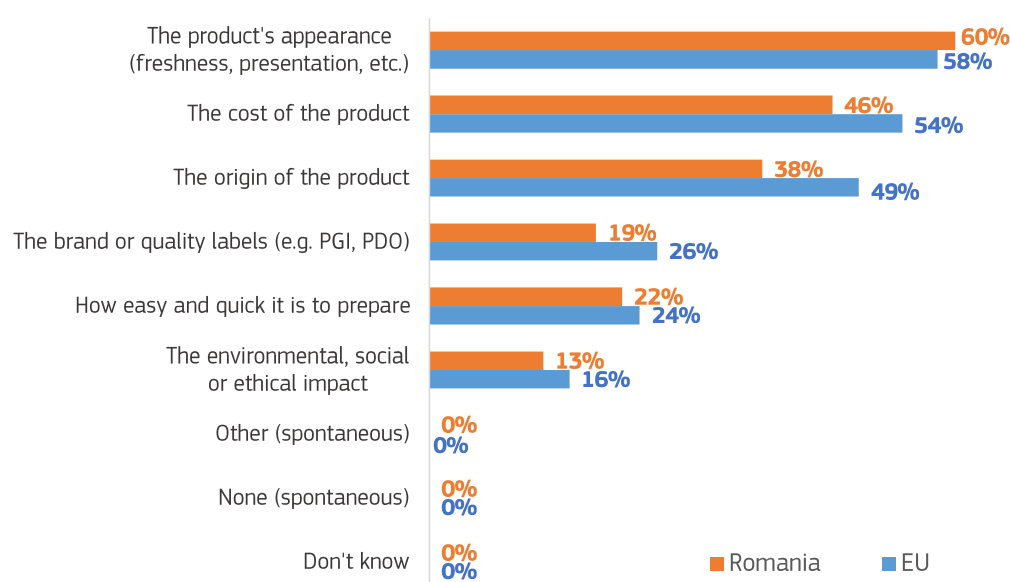
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CONSUMPTION

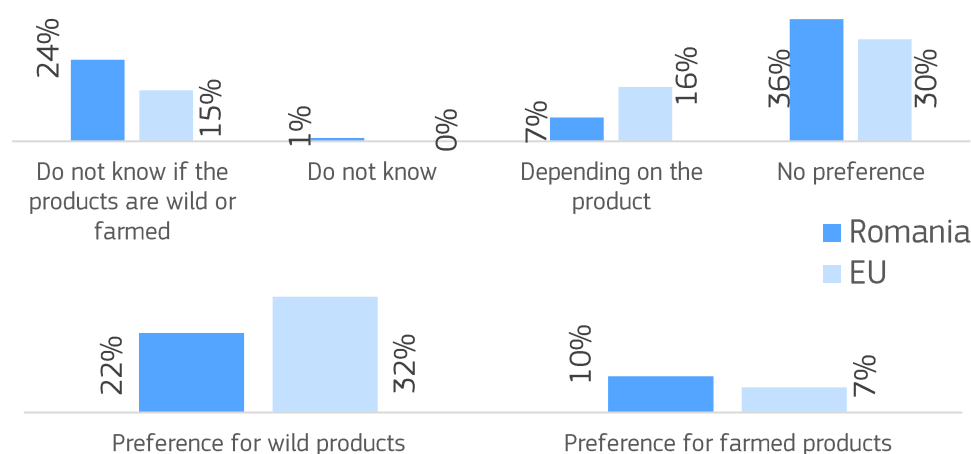
In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 8,12 kg per capita, a slight increase compared with 2020 (+1%). The most consumed species were mackerel, carp and herring (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and 25-39. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Romania, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 59% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Romanians consume especially fresh and frozen products; loose fish (63%) is less frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

8,12 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.

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.

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.

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

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