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Overview of the query

This ad-hoc query allows to extract monthly data concerning EU Member States¹ first sales, by filtering a set of parameters of interest and building tables, charts and crosstabs. In this query, data about EU first sales can be displayed (and extracted) at the maximum disaggregated level available in EUMOFA. For more details, see the section “Products specificationsProducts specifications” below. Data and charts can be downloaded in different formats (xlsx, csv, ods).

Click [here](#) to consult the User guide for using ad-hoc queries. For watching video tutorials showing how to correctly use ad-hoc queries, click [here](#).

Type of data and sources

Monthly data on “first sales” refer to **all species** sold at an auction centre or sold to registered buyers or to producer organisations. Data reported in the EUMOFA for first sale include the sales occurred in **all places of sale** located within 20 km from the coastline.

At this [link](#)², the correlation of each EU place of sale to the seaboard they belong to is available.

At this [link](#)³, the following details on data are available for each country:

- (i) Organization in charge of data transmission;

¹The United Kingdom is considered part of the EU till January 2020 and related data are available in this query till this month. Starting from February 2020, the United Kingdom’s monthly data at disaggregated data are no longer displayed.

² <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+2+-+DM+-+Annex+8+ports+seaboard.pdf/1c212a89-cc47-4f9e-9c64-02c5447693ad>

³ <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>.



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- (ii) Origin of data (e.g. sales notes, price observation, etc.)
- (iii) Frequency (e.g. weekly, monthly, etc.)
- (iv) Time-lag;
- (v) Type of data (e.g. volumes and values, or only prices, etc.)
- (vi) Geographical specification
- (vii) Nomenclature used
- (viii) Species monitored

Products specifications

Differently from other ad-hoc queries, data on the species sold in each country are disseminated in this query **at two levels of detail**.

First level of detail

As for other ad-hoc queries, as first level of detail users can choose to consult/download data about fish species by selecting the parameters included in the item "PRODUCT EUMOFA":



By selecting among such parameters, data will be shown/extracted as aggregates.

More specifically:

- "COMMODITY GROUP" and "MAIN COMMERCIAL SPECIES" are aggregates of different fish species and products. For details on the correlation carried out for aggregating raw data on first sales from FAO 3-alpha codes to the EUMOFA Main commercial species and Commodity groups, please consult the "Data management" Metadata and its Annexes available [here](#)⁴. Annexes of interests are [Annex 1](#)⁵ and [Annex 3](#)⁶.

"PRESENTATION" and "PRESERVATION" are aggregates of different attributes referring to the presentation and preservation states in which fish species are sold. For details on the correlation carried out for aggregating raw data on first sales from 3-alpha codes to the EUMOFA presentation and

⁴ www.eumofa.eu/supply-balance-and-other-methodologies

⁵ <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+2+-+DM+-+Annex%2B1+%2BList%2Bof%2BMCs%2BAnd%2BCG.pdf/0d849918-162a-4d1a-818c-9edcbb4edfd2>

⁶ <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+2+-+DM+-+Annex+3+Corr+of+MCS+CG+ERS.PDF/1615c124-b21b-4bff-880d-a1057f88563d>



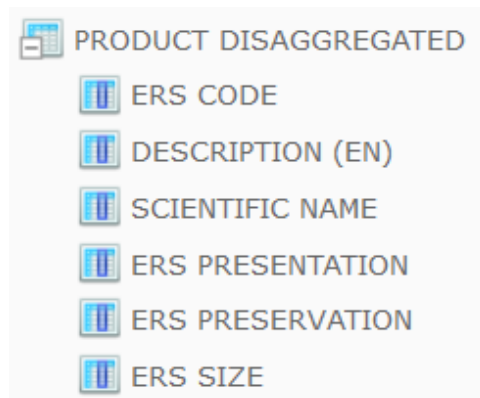
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preservation states, please consult the “Data management” Metadata and its Annexes available [here](#)⁷. Annexes of interests are [Annex 2](#)⁸ and [Annex 5](#)⁹.

Second level of detail

In this specific ad-hoc query, users can choose to consult/download data at a second level of detail, by selecting the parameters included in the item “PRODUCT DISAGGREGATED”:



By selecting among such parameters, data will be shown/extracted at disaggregated level. The list of all codes used for transmitting data on first sales, as defined within the Master Data Register¹⁰ of the European Commission, is available [here](#)¹¹.

Below the description of each parameter:

- “ERS CODE”, “DESCRIPTION (EN)” and “SCIENTIFIC NAME” identify the different fish species. In fact, each fish species univocally correspond to one FAO 3-alpha code and its English and scientific (latin) names, as defined in the Master Data Register (table “FAO species”).
- “ERS PRESENTATION” refers to the presentation in which fish species are sold, as defined in the Master Data Register (table “Fish Presentation”).
- “ERS PRESERVATION” refers to the preservation state in which fish species are sold, as defined in the Master Data Register (table “Fish Preservation State”).
- “ERS SIZE” refers to the size in which fish species are sold, as defined in the Master Data Register (table “Fish Size Category”).

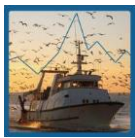
⁷ www.eumofa.eu/supply-balance-and-other-methodologies

⁸ http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+2+-+DM+-+Annex+2+List-of+EUMOFA+presen_preserv.pdf/f23f1291-b3ad-4453-af7f-84db6690b376

⁹ http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+2+-+DM+-+Annex+5+ERS+present_preserv+to+EUMOFA%27s.pdf/373b764b-b7cd-4a62-b7a0-98e788d6d65e

¹⁰ The Master Data Register has been established in the Council Regulation No. 1224/2009 and its Implementing Regulation 2015/1962.

¹¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/control/codes/>



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Reference period and geographical coverage

For details on the frequency and the time lag of data submissions by each source, click [here](#)¹².

The state of update of data included in this query can be consulted in the [Data supply monitoring](#)¹³, where last submissions for each country are reported.

Unit of measure

Volumes are expressed in Kilograms (net weight).

Values are expressed in Euro. Prices are expressed in Euro / Kilogram (without VAT).

Quality assurance

All data published on EUMOFA are subject to regular and in-depth quality checks, performed both at the entry stage and after the harmonisation of raw figures to EUMOFA's aggregation rationale¹⁴.

At the entry stage, checks are performed i) on the IT side, while uploading data in the EUMOFA database and ii) by EUMOFA analysts, before the release of data on the EUMOFA website for ensuring their accuracy.

- *Quality checks performed while uploading data on the IT system*: incomplete and incorrect files/records are automatically discarded. They regard:
 - file format
 - missing information
 - inclusion of codes not available in EUMOFA codes registers
 - codes format
 - duplicated records
- *Preliminary checks performed on data accuracy before their dissemination on EUMOFA*: datasets from "high risk" providers¹⁵ are subject to ad-hoc checks. These aim to detect abnormal volumes and values/prices' trends for each main commercial species / place of sale. Trends are analysed three-year backwards.

After data are made available on EUMOFA, our analysts continue to perform checks to ensure the highest quality of data. These checks are done regularly, the exact frequency depending on the type of data, or at the request of users, providers, etc.

- *Quality checks regularly performed*: in-dept checks on correctness and accuracy of data are regularly performed on volume and value/price trends for each main commercial species / place of sale. Trends are analysed three-year backwards. Weekly data are checked every four months; monthly data are checked at least once a year; yearly data are checked once a year.

¹² <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>.

¹³ <https://www.eumofa.eu/data-supply-monitoring>

¹⁴ <https://www.eumofa.eu/harmonisation>

¹⁵ "High risk" is defined based on the outcome of previous quality checks.



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- *Quality checks performed on request:* ad-hoc checks on correctness and accuracy of data are performed each time suspicious figures are detected.

All instances with abnormal data are cross-checked with the provider in order to clarify if they actually reflect market phenomena. In case these turn out to be wrong, they are replaced with correct data. To be noted that EUMOFA only provides with data quality assurance. Once data are confirmed with the provider, they are published on EUMOFA, as any provider is the final responsible of correctness and accuracy of data transmitted.

In addition, the timeliness of all data submissions is checked at least once a month and reminders are sent to providers with an overdue delivery.