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Ref. link: <http://www.eumofa.eu/ad-hoc-queries>.

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Overview of the query

Weekly data in EUMOFA cover selected species in selected market places or at national level. See the section “Products specifications” below for more details. This ad-hoc query allows to extract weekly data concerning EU Member States¹, by filtering a set of “Fields” of interest and building tables, charts and crosstabs.

Fields that can be filtered are the following:

- Supply chain stage: first sale/landings, trade (i.e. import/export), wholesale and consumption/retail
- Time: year (e.g. 2018), week (e.g. 2018-W01), week of the year (e.g. 1)
- Product: commodity group, main commercial species, product (see the section “Products specifications” for more details)
- Location: country, seaboard, location
- Currency

The following measures can be queried:

- VOLUME (KG)
- VALUE (EUR)
- EUR PRICE – i.e. price expressed in EUR/kg

¹ The United Kingdom is considered part of the EU till week 5 of 2020 and related data are available in this query till this week. Starting from week 6 of 2020, the United Kingdom’s weekly data are available together with other non-EU countries (Iceland and Norway).



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- LOCAL CURRENCY PRICE – i.e. price per kg expressed in local currency

Data 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

Weekly data on selected species and selected market places are monitored for the following supply chain stages:

- ✓ First sale – selected species sold at an auction centre or sold to registered buyers or to producer organisations, as transmitted to EUMOFA. Data include the sales occurred in places of sale located within 20 km from the coastline, recording first sales and as transmitted by the related Member State to EUMOFA.
Sources: National Administrations as reported here for each EU Member State.
- ✓ Wholesale – selected fisheries and aquaculture products sold at large distribution markets for reselling it to retailers, to traders or to HO.RE.CA.
Sources: National Administrations or private providers as reported [here](#) for each EU Member State.
- ✓ Import – selected fisheries and aquaculture products sold by non EU countries to the EU Member States as recorded by customs.²
Source: European Commission
- ✓ Consumption/retail – selected fisheries and aquaculture products consumed fresh in households or bought at retail outlets.
Source: EUROPANEL for households and national administrations for retail outlets.

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

- Organization in charge of data transmission;
- Origin of data (e.g. sales notes, price observation, etc.)
- Frequency (e.g. weekly, monthly, etc.)
- Time-lag;
- Type of data (e.g. volumes and values, or only prices, etc.)
- Geographical specification
- Nomenclature used
- Species monitored

² It is important to underline that, while imports are reported as such according to flows recorded by national customs, in most cases the EU Member States are not the actual destinations. Rather, they are “points of entry” for the fisheries and aquaculture products imported to the EU, which are then traded within the internal market. This phenomenon is known as “Rotterdam effect”.

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



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Products specifications

As reported above, weekly data are collected only for selected species and selected market places as reported at this [link](#)⁴. In the weekly section, **species are always available at highest disaggregated level** as collected by EUMOFA [e.g. Atlantic cod, size 3, fresh, gutted, sold in Oostende (Belgium)] and are associated or aggregated to the related Main commercial species and Commodity groups (e.g. in this case “Cod” and “Groundfish”, respectively).

Reference period

Data in the resulting report (table/crosstab/chart) refer to the period filtered by the user. For details on the frequency and the time lag of data submissions from each source, consult the metadata dedicated to “Data collection” available [here](#)⁵.

For checking the state of update of data included in the query, consult the [Data supply monitoring](#)⁶.

Unit of measure

Volumes are expressed in Kilograms (net weight).

Values are expressed in Euro and in local currencies.

Prices are expressed in Euro / Kilogram and in local currencies / Kilogram, except those cases where different specifications are provided in the product’s description (e.g. portion size). Only prices regarding retail-consumption include VAT; for other supply chain stages, prices are without VAT.

Users can also create new calculated measures, as explained in the User guide for using ad-hoc queries⁷.

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 rationale⁸.

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

⁴ http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+--+DC+--+Annex+1_selected+products.pdf

⁵ <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+--+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.eumofa.eu/data-supply-monitoring>

⁷ http://www.eumofa.eu/eumofadoc/guide/Userguide_ad-hoc.pdf

⁸ <https://www.eumofa.eu/harmonisation>



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- codes format
- duplicated records
- *Preliminary checks performed on data accuracy before their dissemination on EUMOFA:* datasets from “high risk” providers⁹ are subject to ad-hoc checks. These aim to detect abnormal volumes and values/prices’ trends for each main commercial species / place of sale / trade flow / country of origin or destination. 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 / trade flow / country of origin or destination. 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.
- *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.

⁹ “High risk” is defined based on the outcome of previous quality checks.