



## Metadata - Monthly simple table

**First sale (monthly):  
Time series by product/Main commercial species**

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# First sale (monthly) Time series by product/Main commercial species

**Ref. link:** <http://www.eumofa.eu/ma-time-series-by-location>.

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## Overview of the query

This predefined query allows to extract monthly data on first sales **starting from a specific product**, by making use of eight pre-selected filters:

1. Commodity group: see the list available [here](#)
2. Main commercial species: see the list available [here](#)
3. Geographic parameter (EU, Iceland, Norway, United Kingdom): EU, IS, NO or UK
4. Geographic parameter (seaboard): see below in this paragraph
5. Geographic parameter (Member State): see the list available [here](#), in the chapter “National authorities”;
6. Place of sale: list of places of sale located within 20 km from the coastline, recording first sales and as transmitted by the related country to EUMOFA;
7. Reference month: the last month of the historical series being built;
8. Time range backwards: number of backward months to display with respect to the “Reference month”

For each field, when the item “- -” is selected, it means all items of that field will be included in the resulting table.

Specifically about seaboards, they are grouping of places of sale belonging to the same area. The following seaboards have been adopted by EUMOFA:



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- Mediterranean
- North Sea
- Black Sea
- Baltic Sea
- Celtic Seas
- Bay of Biscay and Iberian coast
- Outermost regions
- Unspecified (for those countries providing first sale data at national level)

At this [link](#)<sup>1</sup>, the correlation of each place of sale to the seaboard they belong to is available.

Data are displayed starting from the most recent month available selected and the related historical series are available for the latest periods depending on the Time range selected. Data can be downloaded in different formats (xlsx, csv, ods).

Click [here](#) to consult the User guide for using predefined queries.

## Type of data and sources

Monthly data on “first sales” refer to 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 country to EUMOFA.

At this [link](#)<sup>2</sup>, the following details on data and related sources are available for each country:

- (i) Organization in charge of data transmission;
- (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

Data on the species sold in each country are disseminated in this query aggregated into the related Main commercial species and Commodity groups. Main commercial species and Commodity groups are **aggregates of different fish species and products**. For details on the correlation carried out for aggregating raw data on

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

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+-+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>



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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](#)<sup>3</sup>.

### Reference period

For details on the frequency and the time lag of data submissions from each source, consult the Metadata dedicated to “Data collection” available [here](#)<sup>4</sup>.

For checking the state of update of data included in the query, consult the [Data supply monitoring](#)<sup>5</sup>.

### Unit of measure

Volumes are expressed in Kilograms. They are expressed in net weight for EU countries and the United Kingdom and in live weight equivalent (lwe) for Norway.

Values are expressed in Euro.

Prices are expressed in Euro / Kilogram (without VAT). Specifically for Norway, prices are expressed in Euro/ kg of live weight.

### Quality assurance

At EUMOFA level, regular checks are performed at two stages:

- Data entry: data not in compliance with completeness, consistency and correctness rules are automatically discarded and stored in a specific table within the Database. Checks performed consist in:
  - o File format check
  - o Existence of codes (against codes registers)
  - o Duplicate records
- Data dissemination: the instances of abnormal data are cross-checked with the contact persons of the sources providing them in order to i) clarify if they actually reflect market phenomena and ii) collect revised data and substituting incorrect figures with the new ones.

Quality checks are performed on a monthly basis on volumes and values/prices available for each combination species<sup>6</sup>/place of sale. Abnormal figures are highlighted taking into account: (i) the yearly average price at local level, (ii) the yearly average price at national level and (iii) possible abnormal variations of volumes. These changes are then cross-checked with national contact points for clarifying and improving (if need be) the related datasets.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/supply-balance-and-other-methodologies>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/24415/Metadata+1+--+DATA+COLLECTION.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.eumofa.eu/data-supply-monitoring>.

<sup>6</sup> At FAO 3-alpha code level