



**Metadata - Monthly simple table**

**First sale (quarterly):  
Year to date in the EU, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom**

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**Ref. link:** <http://www.eumofa.eu/qa-cumulative-in-the-eu-norway-and-iceland>.

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**Overview of the query**

This predefined query allows to extract monthly data aggregated into quarters on first sales through a table already compiled, which opens automatically.

This query allows to display the amounts of first sales occurred in the period starting from January and up to the most recent quarter available of the current year (i.e. “Year to date”, or “cumulative period”). The cumulative period of the current year is therefore compared to:

- The same cumulative period of the previous year;
- The same cumulative period of two years before.

The table can be drilled in to a more disaggregated level by clicking on the underlined elements. By doing so, the table is shown by place of sale and Main commercial species (for more details, go to [Products specifications](#) section below).

Clicking on underlined elements, it will be possible to:

- By clicking on “EU”, a further level of detail is shown broken down by country;
- By clicking on one Commodity group, a further level of detail is shown broken down by those Main commercial species pertaining to the Commodity group selected.



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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 (and therefore quarterly) 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>1</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 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>2</sup>.

### Reference period

For details on the frequency and the time lag of data submissions from each source, consult the Metadata dedicated to the “Data collection” available [here](#)<sup>3</sup>.

For checking the state of update of data included in the query, consult the [Data supply monitoring](#)<sup>4</sup>.

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

<sup>2</sup><http://www.eumofa.eu/supply-balance-and-other-methodologies>

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### 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

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 rationale<sup>5</sup>.

*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" providers<sup>6</sup> 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.
- *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

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.eumofa.eu/harmonisation>

<sup>6</sup> "High risk" is defined based on the outcome of previous quality checks.



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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.