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CROATIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, Croatia ranked 15th among EU countries for fishery production and 13th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Croatia	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	70	0,08%	1,33%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	17	0,02%	1,24%
Total	205.170	6.625	87	0,04%	1,31%

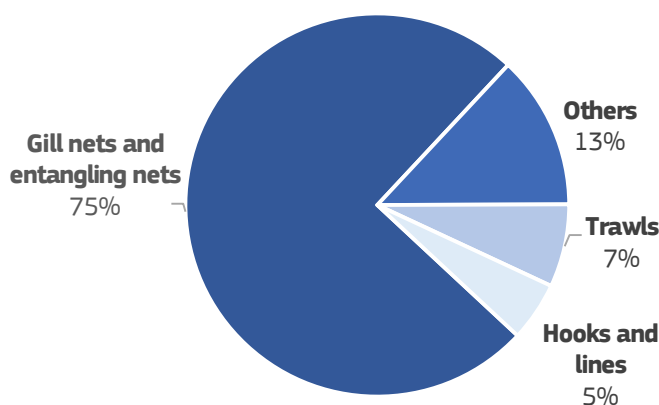
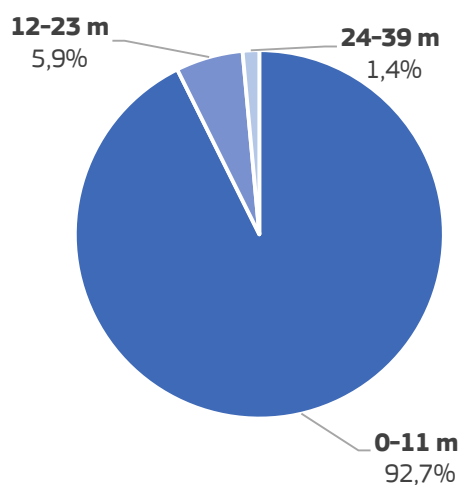
FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2018, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2017, source: JRC

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 7.573	Gross Tonnage: 44.286	Kilowatt: 348.837	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 1.665			
	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 28%	Jobs (FTE): 39%	Jobs (FTE): 33%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

The Croatian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

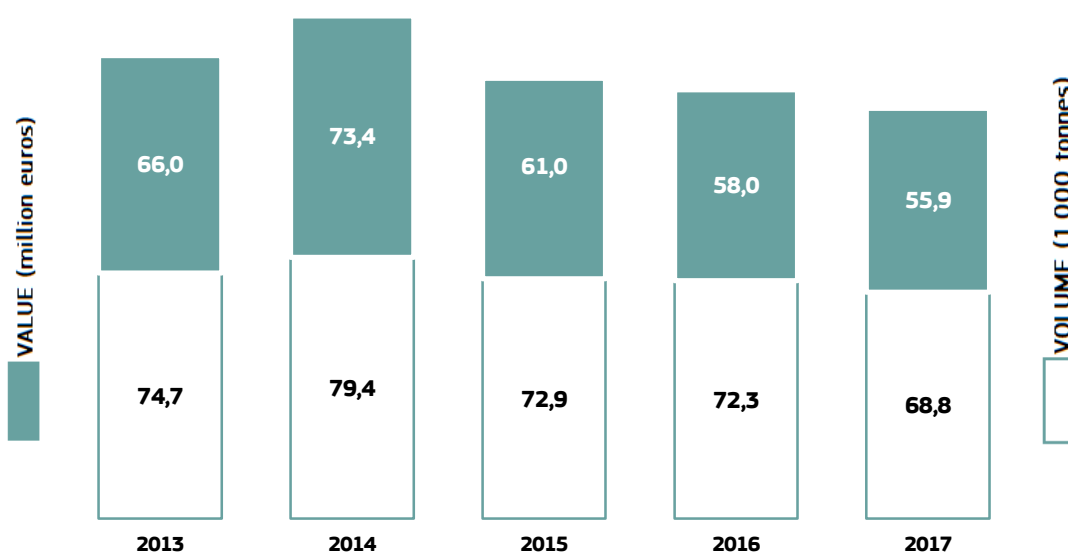
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given EU Member State. They include aquatic plants and species not destined for human consumption. Landings are recorded in net weight and value, and concern landings made by vessels from EU Member States, Iceland and Norway. .

All landings in Croatia consist of fresh products destined for human consumption.

There are 166 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register).

Total landings



Main commercial species landed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
SARDINE	18,2	33%	48,5	70%
ANCHOVY	10,0	18%	10,9	16%
HAKE	3,6	6%	2,0	3%
NORWAY LOBSTER	2,9	5%	1,0	1%
DEEP-WATER ROSE SHRIMP	2,3	4%	0,9	1%
OTHERS	18,9	34%	5,5	9%



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AQUACULTURE

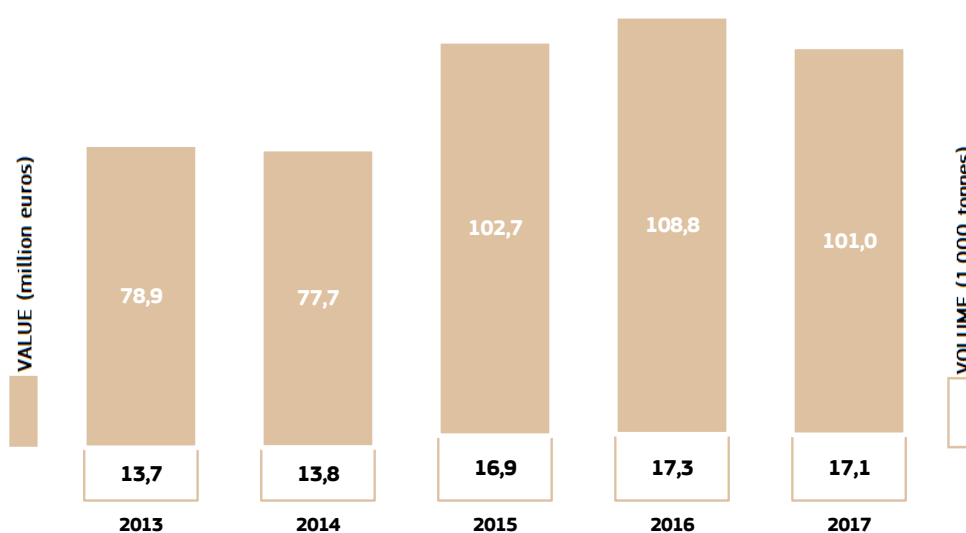
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (freshwater or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In 2017, more than 80% of Croatian production occurred in marine waters and the rest in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 75% of production: in cages in sea and brackish water;
- 17% of production: in ponds in freshwater;
- 8% of production: off bottom (in sea and brackish water) and in tanks and raceways (in freshwater).

Total production



Main commercial species farmed and % of total (2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
EUROPEAN SEABASS	36,2	36%	5,6	33%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	31,1	31%	4,8	28%
BLUEFIN TUNA	23,1	23%	2,8	16%
CARP	5,2	5%	2,2	13%
OTHERS	5,4	5%	1,7	10%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

2019, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Croatia, **2 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, both operating in the fishery sector. 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.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.385 persons were employed in the Croatian fish processing industry in 2017. The sector recorded a value added of 23,9 million euros, covering 3% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2018, the main products sold were “Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella, brisling and sprats, whole or in pieces (excl. minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” and “Frozen whole salt water fish” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

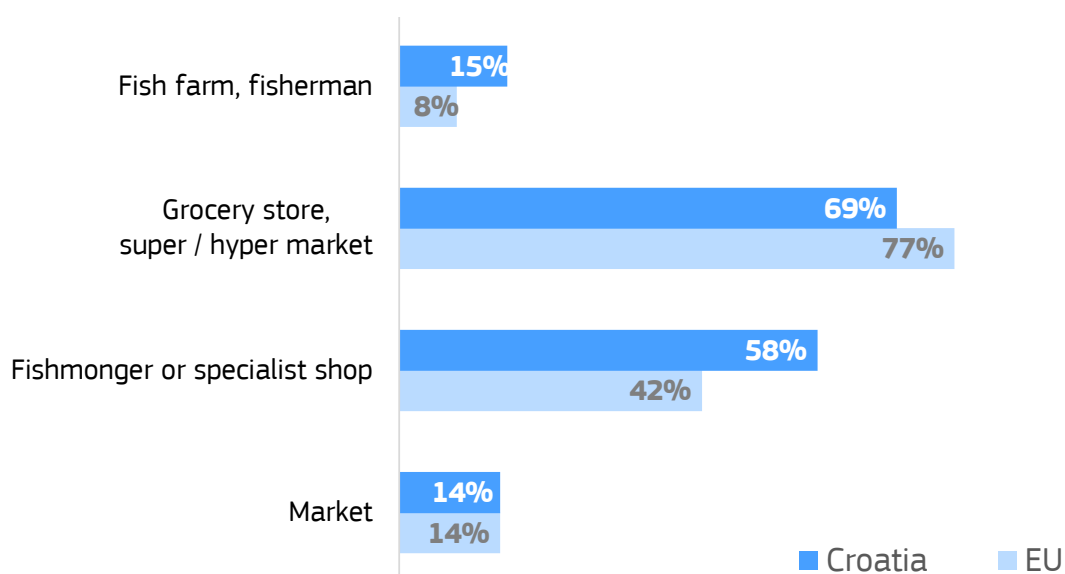
45 companies

Sales: 96 million euros

(2017, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2018):



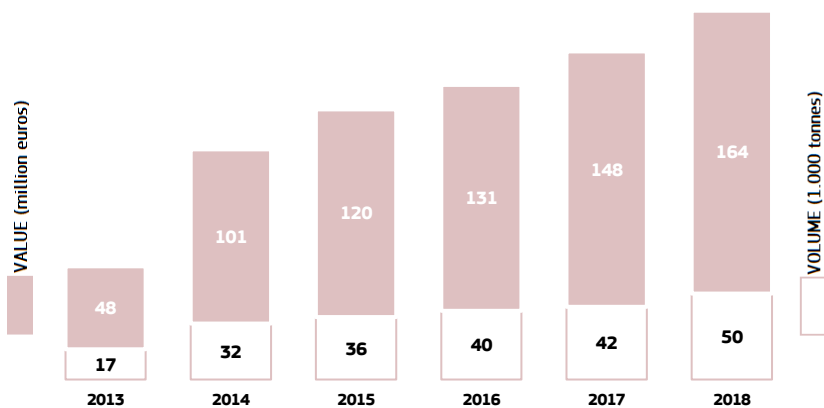


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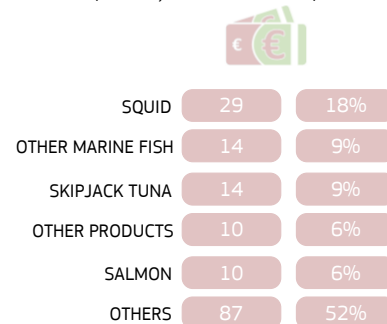
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Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

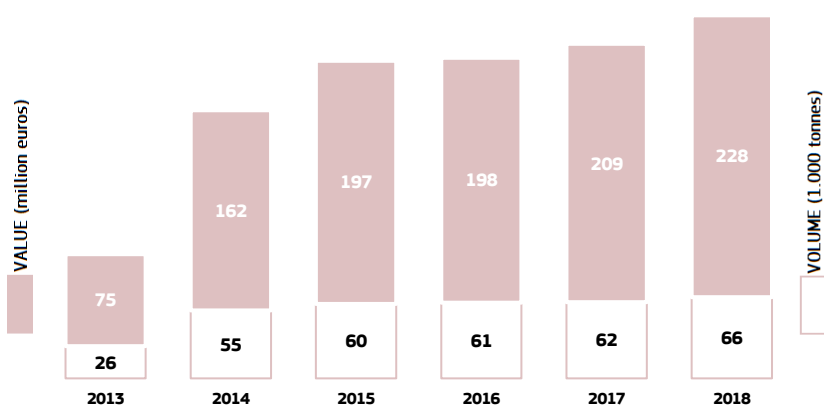
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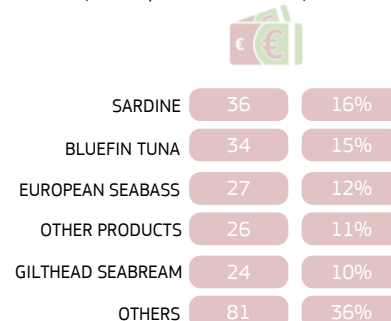
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports (2018, million euros)



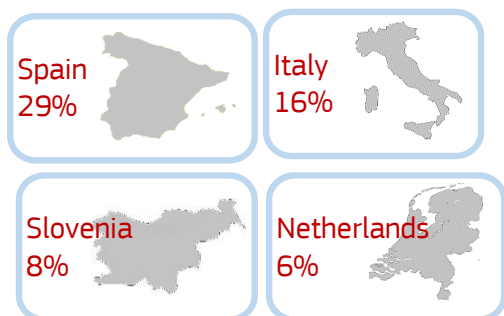
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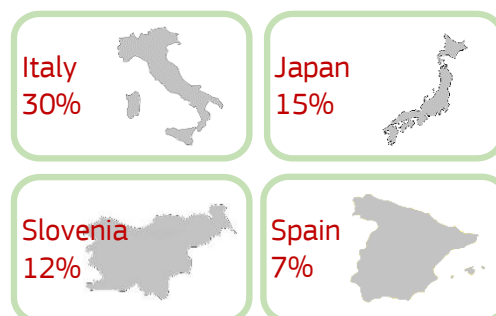
Main commercial species exported and % of total exports (2018, million euros)



Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2018)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2018)





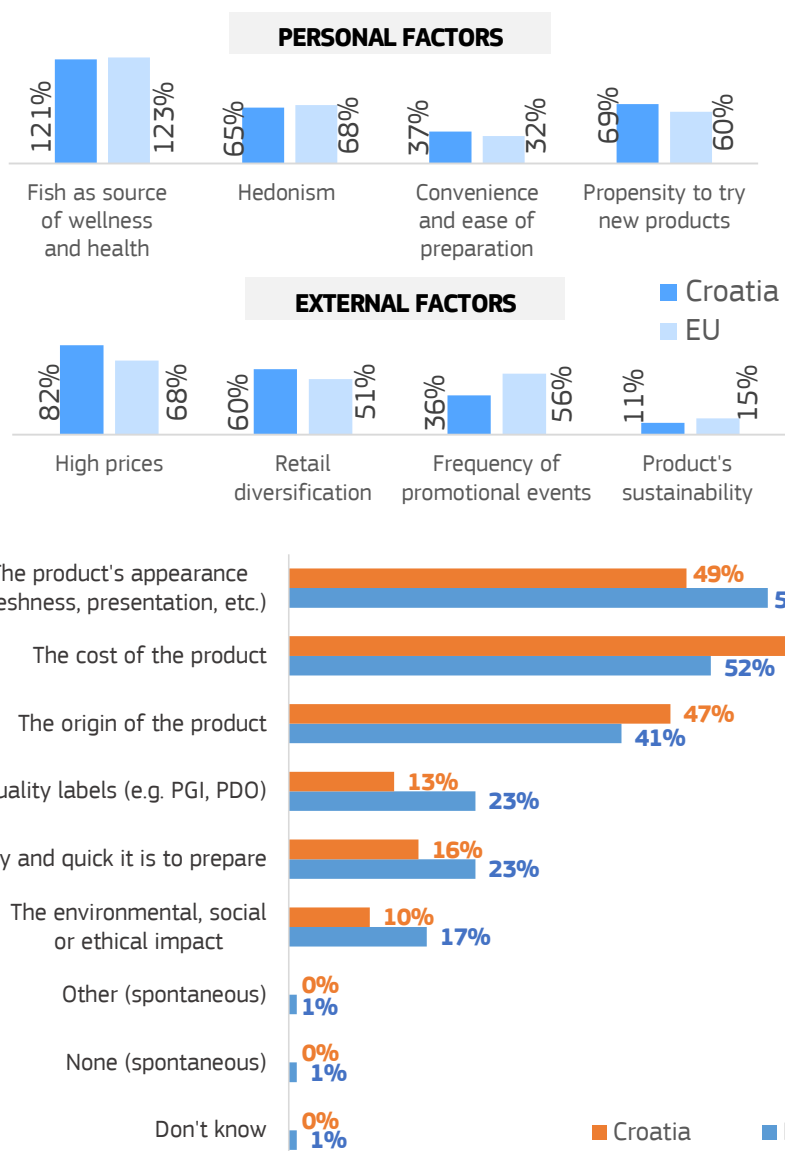
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 18,7 kg per capita, an 8,7% increase compared with 2016. The most consumed species were sardine, squid and hake (source: EUMOFA).

Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Croatia, as well as at EU level. In this category, regular consumers cover 63% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%). Fresh products are the most consumed; loose fish is slightly more consumed (69%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

18,7 kg
per capita
(2017, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (sources: up chart: EUMOFA, 2017; down chart: Eurobarometer, 2018)





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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

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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

No data available