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CROATIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2019, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2019, Croatia ranked 17th among EU-28 countries (i.e. UK included) for fishery production and 12th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Croatia	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.519	4.824	65	0,07%	1,34%
Aquaculture	120.104	1.367	20	0,02%	1,50%
Total	213.623	6.191	85	0,04%	1,37%

FISHING FLEET

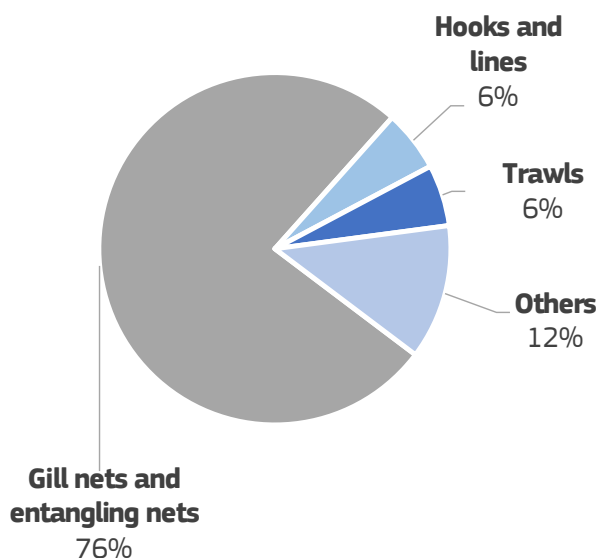
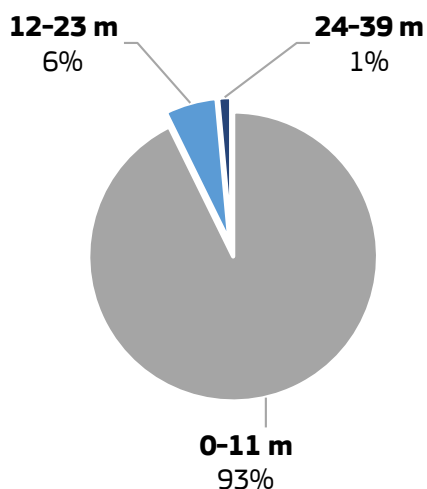
Fleet: 2019, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2018, source: JRC

Vessels (2019)	Capacity (2019)	Power (2019)	
Number: 7.614	GT: 44.514	KW: 348.126	
TOTAL FTE: 3.121 (2018, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 57%	Jobs (FTE): 27%	Jobs (FTE): 16%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

GT: Gross tonnage - KW: Kilowatt - FTE: Full Time Equivalent

The Croatian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

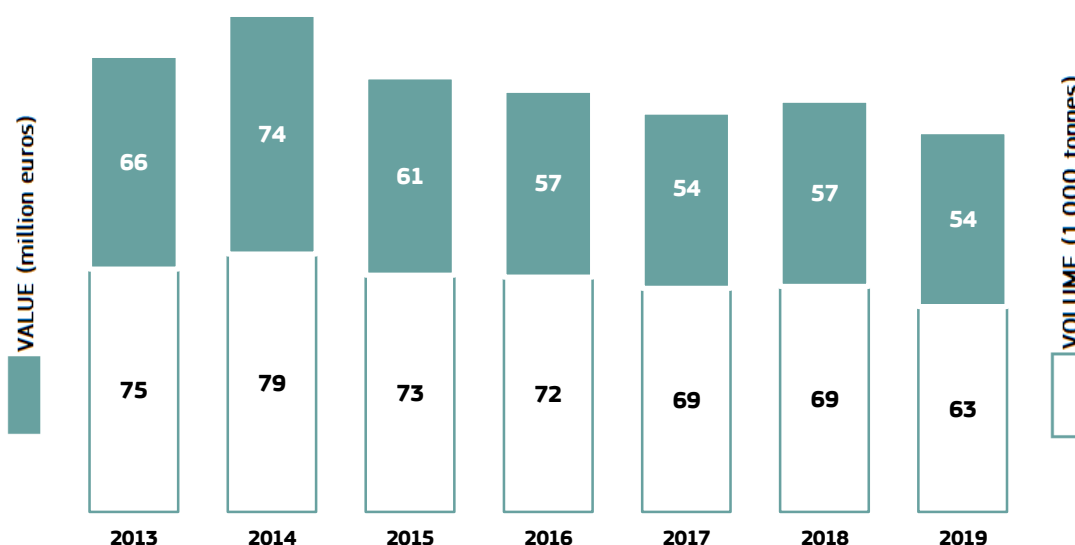
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given 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, Norway and the UK.

In 2019, all landings in Croatia consist of fresh products destined for human consumption.

There are 374 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 25 November 2021).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015)



Main commercial species landed and % of total
2019, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
SARDINE	20	34%	45	72%
ANCHOVY	7	13%	8	13%
HAKE	4,4	8%	2,2	3%
NORWAY LOBSTER	3,5	6%	1,6	2%
OCTOPUS	2,1	4%	1,1	2%
OTHERS	21	35%	5,2	8%



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AQUACULTURE

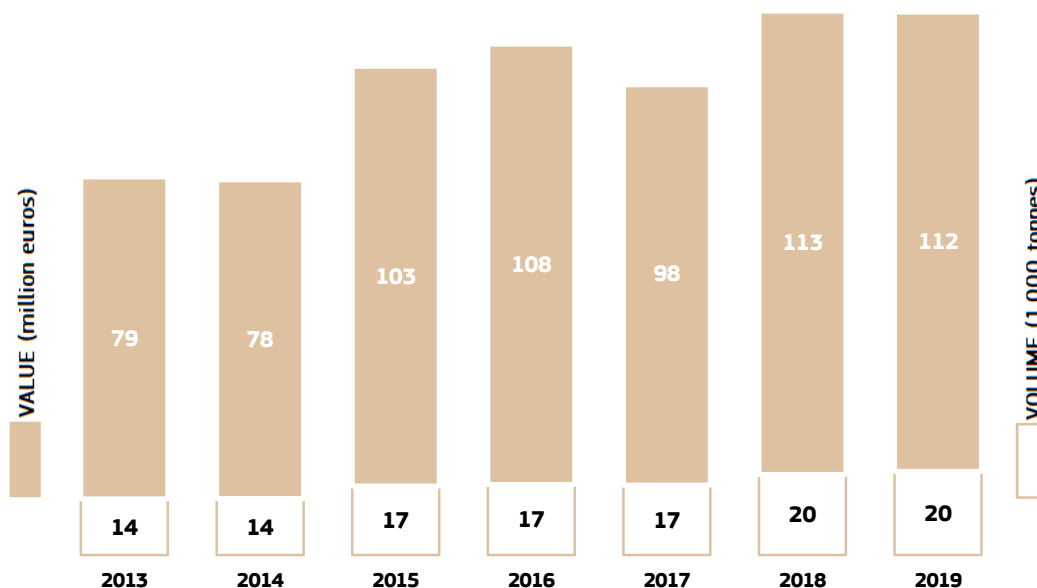
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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

In 2019, more than 85% of Croatian production occurred in marine waters and the rest in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 80% of production: in cages in sea and brackish water;
- 13% of production: in ponds in freshwater;
- 5% of production: off bottom (in sea and brackish water)
- 2% of production: tanks and raceways (in freshwater).

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2019, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	39	32%	7	33%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	36	30%	6	30%
BLUEFIN TUNA	32	26%	2,7	13%
CARP	5,4	5%	2,6	13%
OTHER MARINE FISH	4,8	4%	0,9	5%
OTHERS	3,6	3%	1,2	6%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 15-12-2021, 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, 1.378 persons were employed in the Croatian fish processing industry in 2019. The sector recorded a value added of 27,5 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2020, 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).

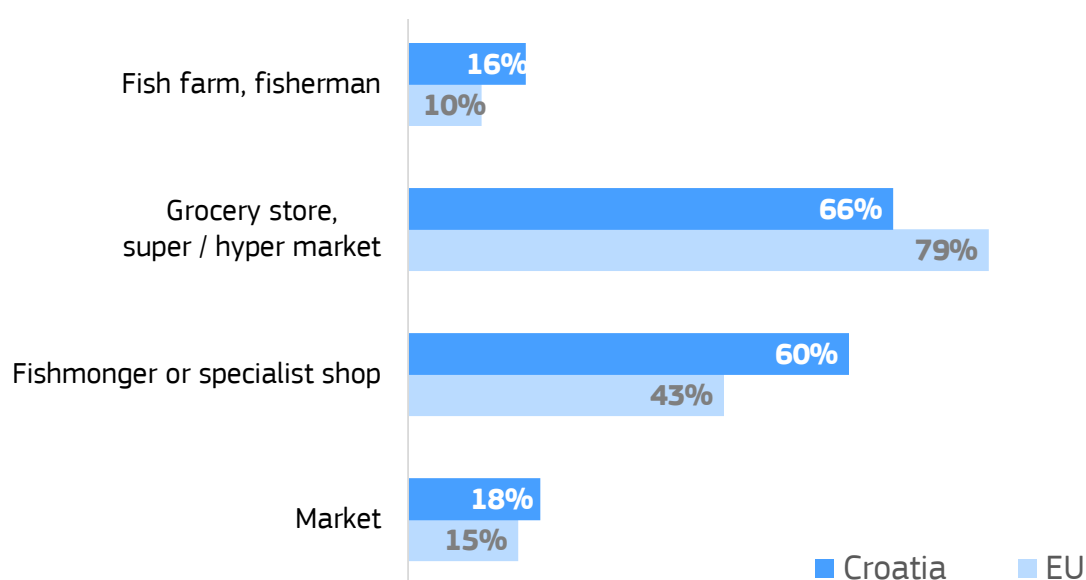
46 companies

Sales: 87,4 million euros

(2019, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2021):





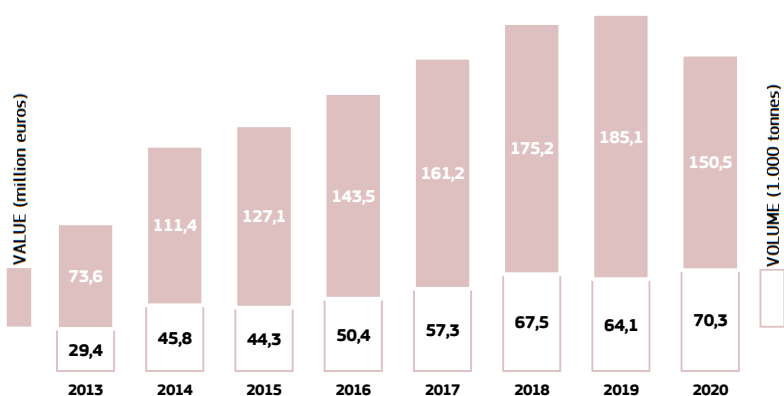
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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data. Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015).

IMPORT

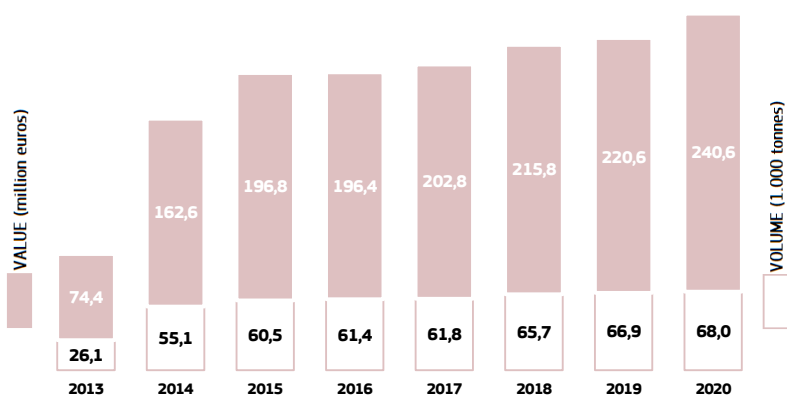
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports
2020, million euros (nominal value)



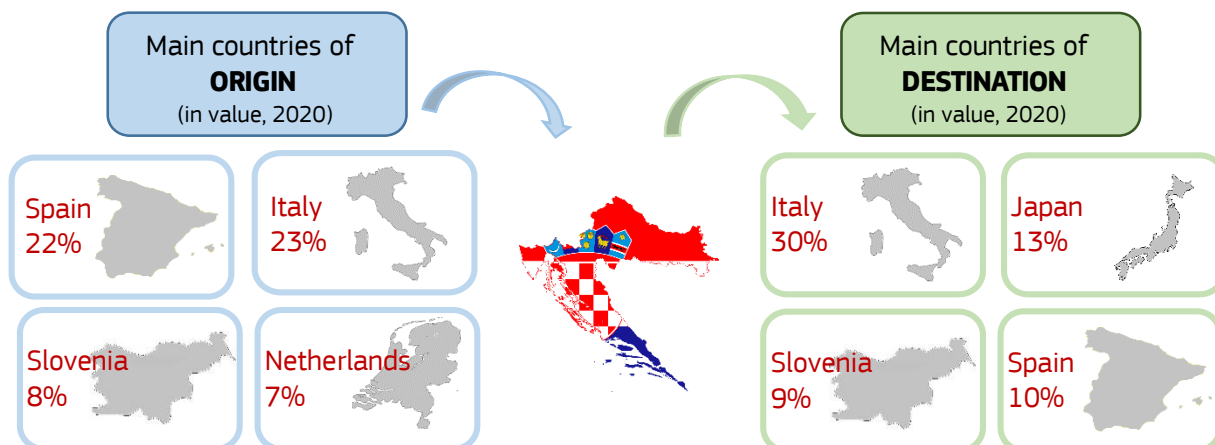
Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
OTHER NON-FOOD USE	22	14%
SQUID	22	14%
SKIPJACK TUNA	19	12%
OTHER MARINE FISH	15	9%
SALMON	8	5%
OTHERS	73	46%

EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports
2020, million euros (nominal value)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
SARDINE	43	17%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	35	14%
BLUEFIN TUNA	33	13%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	31	12%
ANCHOVY	26	10%
OTHERS	87	34%





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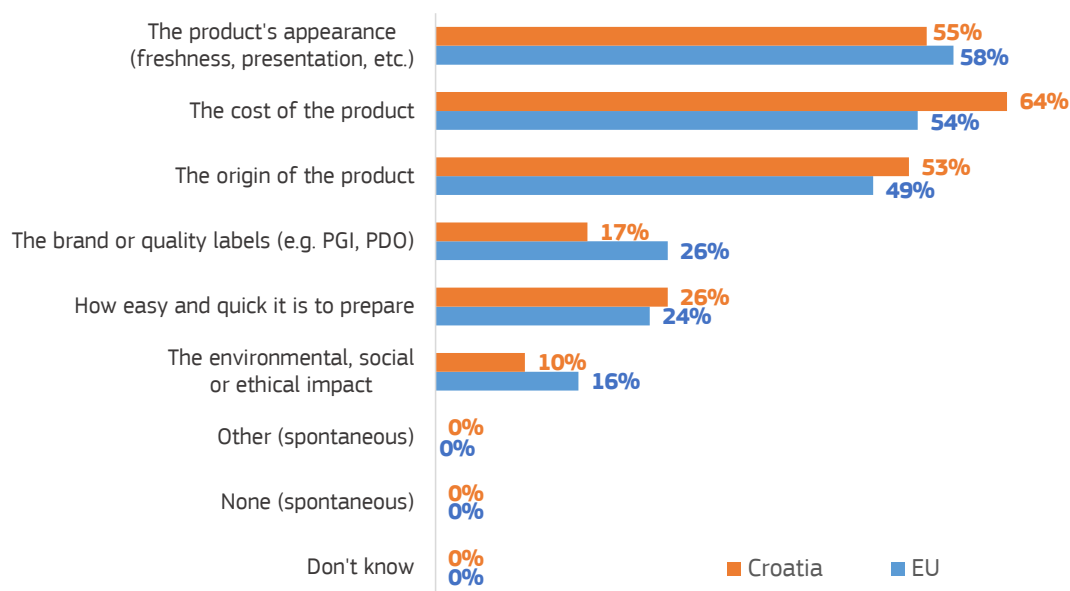
CONSUMPTION

In 2019, apparent consumption was estimated at 20,82 kg per capita, an 9% increase compared with 2018. The most consumed species were sardine, squid and hake (source: EUMOFA).

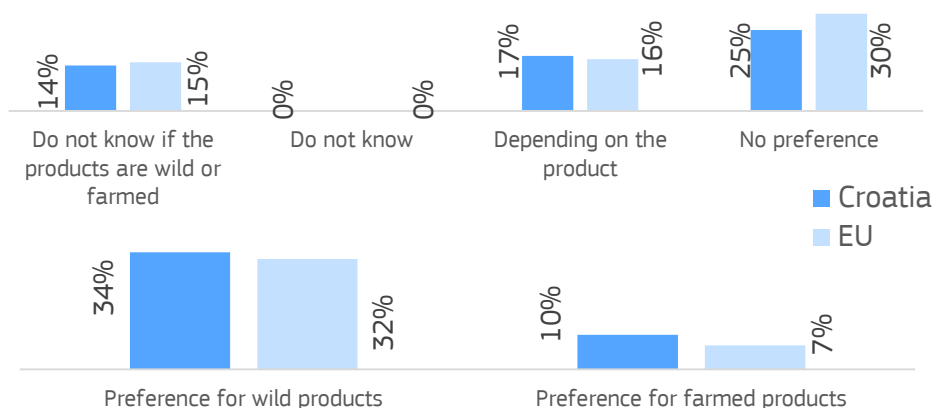
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Croatia, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 63% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Fresh products are the most consumed; loose fish is slightly more consumed (69%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

20,82 kg
per capita in live
weight equivalent
(2019, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)





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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