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DENMARK IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2020, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2019, Denmark was the second largest EU-27 producer of fisheries products and the 6th largest as concerns aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Denmark	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.260	3.869	733	0,80%	19%
Aquaculture	122.573	1.088	41	0,03%	4%
Total	213.833	4.957	774	0,36%	16%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2021, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

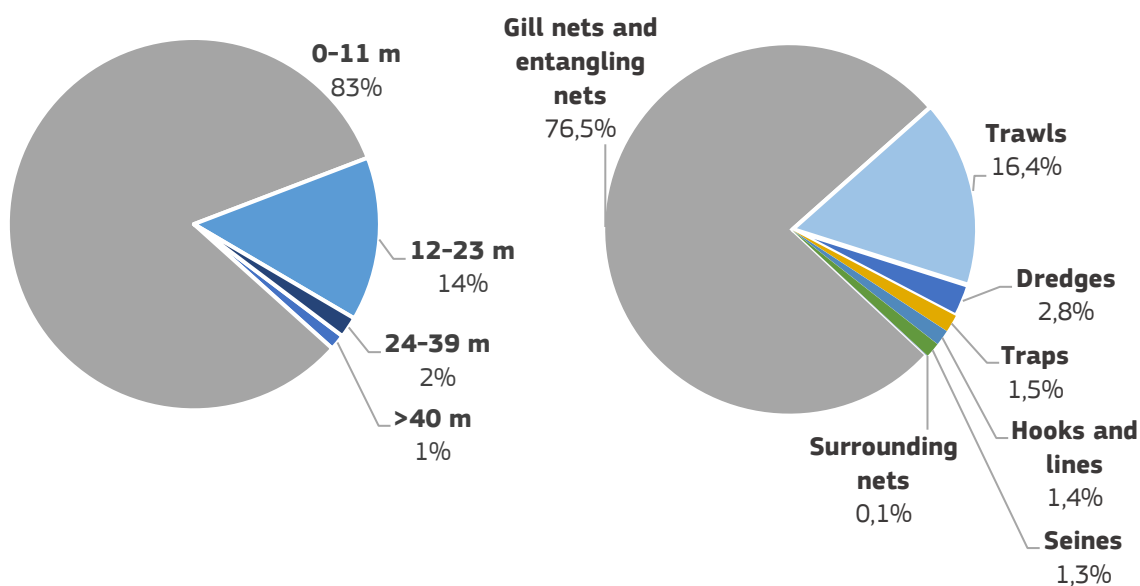
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2021)	Capacity (2021)	Power (2021)	
Number: 1.971	GT: 68.298	KW: 215.373	
TOTAL FTE: 990 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 18%	Jobs (FTE): 48%	Jobs (FTE): 16%	Jobs (FTE): 18%

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

The Danish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and Statistics Denmark data.

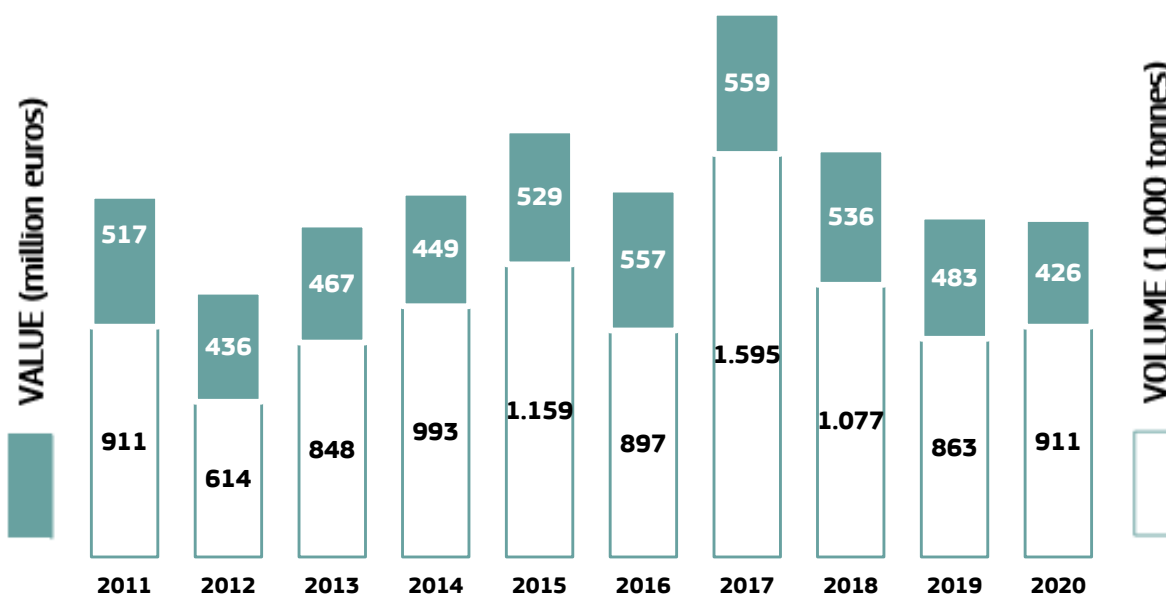
Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given Member State. They include aquatic plants and species not destined for human consumption. Landings are recorded in net weight and value, and concern landings made by vessels from EU Member States,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

A large share of landings in Denmark are destined to industrial uses (76% in 2020).

In 2020, 97% of landings in Denmark included fresh whole/gutted products.

There are 131 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 13 June 2022).

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



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total
HERRING	80	18%
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	54	12%
EUROPEAN PLAICE	35	8%
NORWAY LOBSTER	27	6%
MACKEREL	27	6%
OTHERS	227	50%



Species	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
HERRING	241	26%
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	238	26%
EUROPEAN PLAICE	161	18%
NORWAY LOBSTER	82	9%
MACKEREL	70	8%
OTHERS	120	13%



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AQUACULTURE

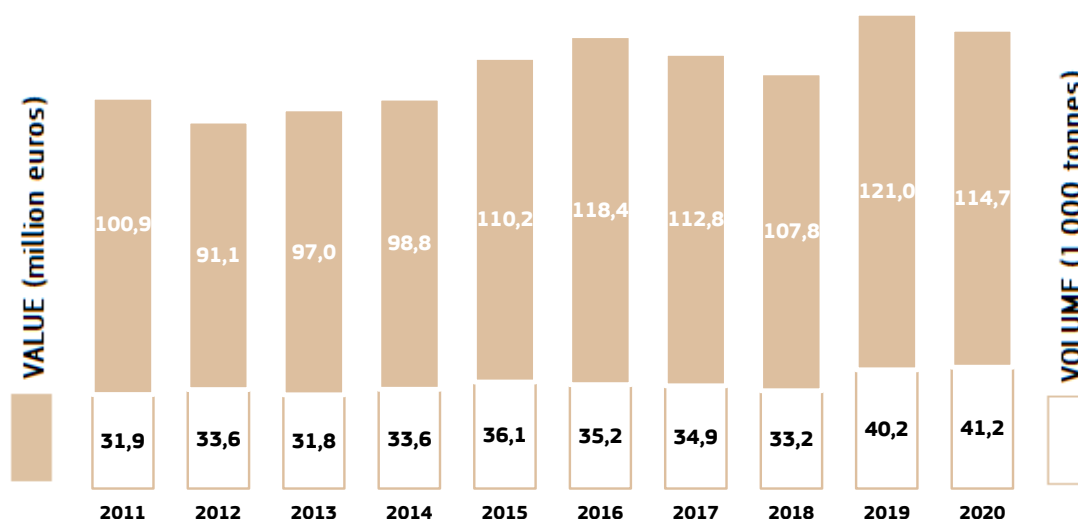
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data.

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 2020, around 51% of Danish production occurred in freshwater and the rest in marine waters. The following main production methods were used:

- 40% of production: in recirculation systems, mostly in freshwater (34%) and a small percentage in sea and brackish water (6%);
- 27% of the production: in cages in sea and brackish water;
- 16% of the production: off-bottom.
- The rest was farmed in ponds (10%) and in tanks and raceways (7%).

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total

2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total
TROUT	96,5	79,6%	29,5	72%
SALMON	9,7	8,0%	6,0	15%
EEL	5,0	4,0%	3,8	10%
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	3,3	2,7%	1,1	2%
OTHERS	7,0	5,7%	0,7	1%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 10-11-2022, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Denmark, **3 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, all 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.

FIRST SALES

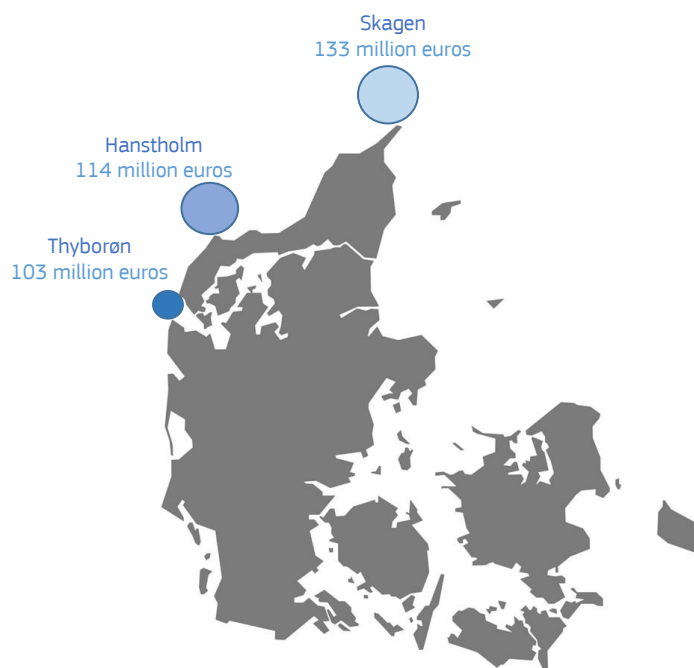
2020, source: EUMOFA

First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

In Denmark, there are nine fish auction centres, the largest in Hanstholm on the West coast. "Danske Fiskeauktioner" in Thyborøn is the second largest which sells on an Internet auction system the fish from the harbours of Thyborøn, Hvide Sande and Thorsminde.

In 2020, total first sales in Danish places of sale amounted to 945.111 tonnes and 482 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 81% and 72% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Skagen	2.894	133	Herring, blue whiting, sprat (=brisling)
Hanstholm	2.023	114	Saithe (=coalfish), cod, blue whiting
Thyborøn	269.572	103	Sprat (=brisling), European plaice, cod



WHOLESALE

Wholesale is an intermediary stage in the distribution channel that buys in bulk and sells to resellers (e.g. retailers) rather than to consumers. In Denmark, there is only one wholesale market involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products: "Københavns Fisketorv". It is situated in the Northern harbour area of Copenhagen (Source: Eurofish).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 3,071 persons were employed in the Danish fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 233,8 million euros, covering 5,2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2021, the main products sold were "Flours, meals and pellets of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption" and "Other inedible products of fish, crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates or seaweed (including fish waste; excluding whalebone and whalebone hair, coral or similar materials, shells and cuttle) (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

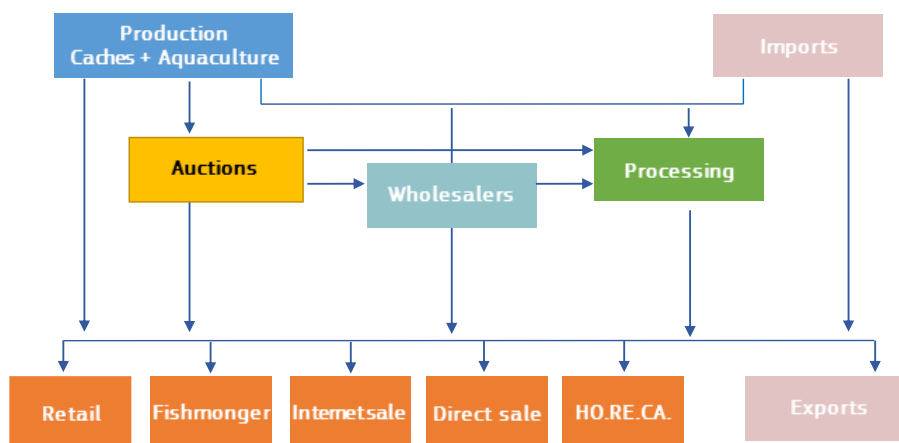
87 companies

Sales: EUR 2,27 billion

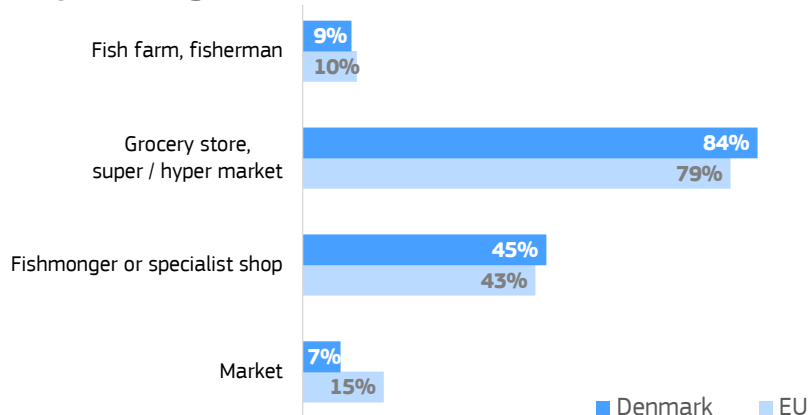
(2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Denmark (source: Eurofish):



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





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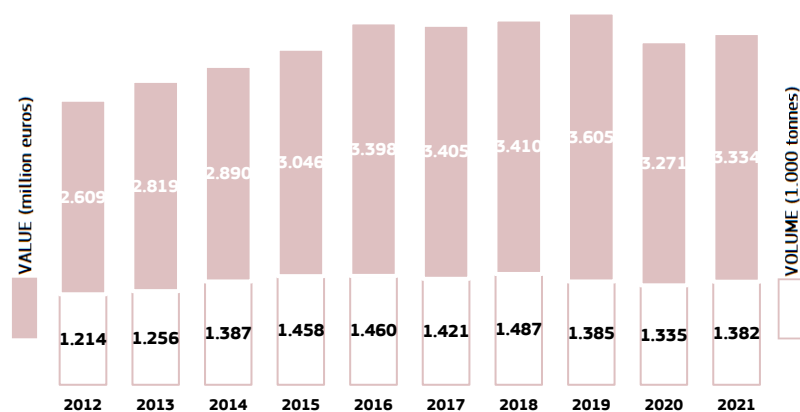
IMPORT – EXPORT

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

2021, million euros (nominal value)

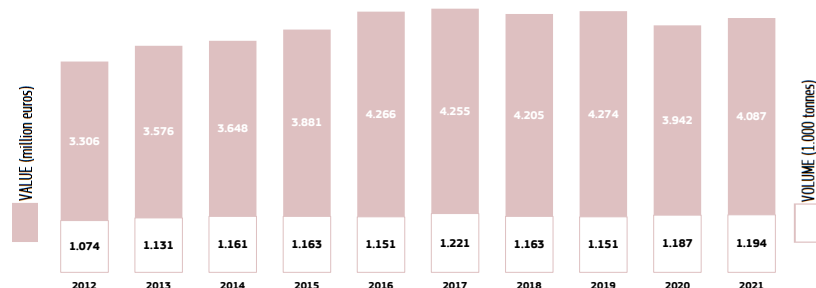


SALMON	1373	38%
COD	450	12%
COLDWATER SHRIMPS	220	6%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	214	6%
GREENLAND HALIBUT	193	5%
OTHERS	884	33%

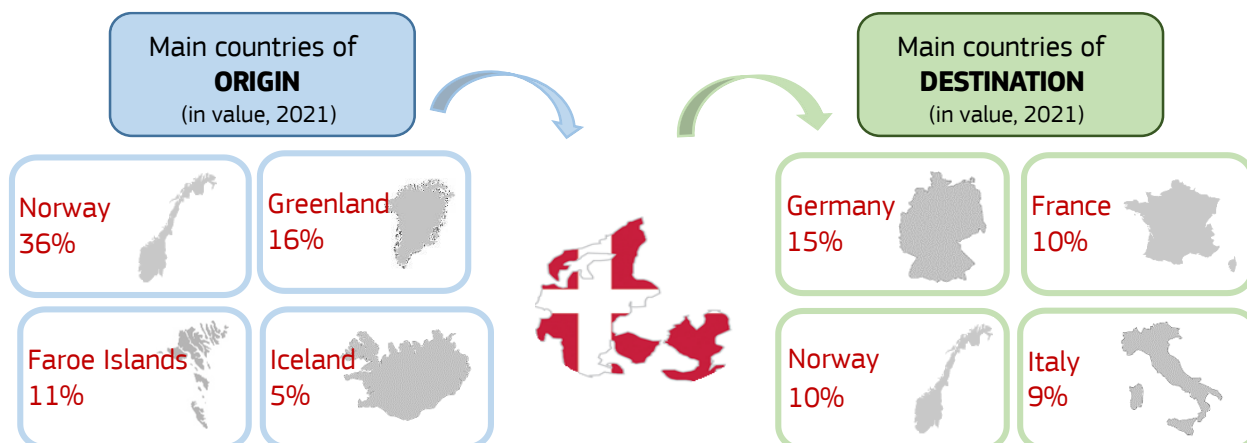
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2021, million euros (nominal value)



SALMON	1395	31%
COD	480	11%
COLDWATER SHRIMPS	309	7%
FISH OIL	217	5%
GREENLAND HALIBUT	216	5%
OTHERS	1470	41%





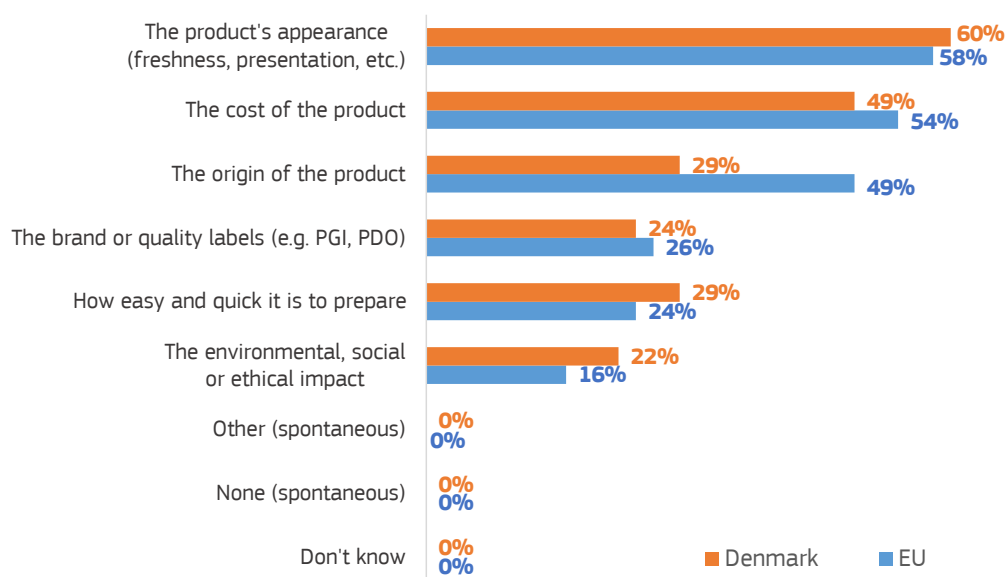
CONSUMPTION

In 2020, apparent consumption was estimated at 35,17 kg per capita, a consistent -16% drop compared with 2019. The most consumed species were herring, salmon and mussel (source: EUMOFA).

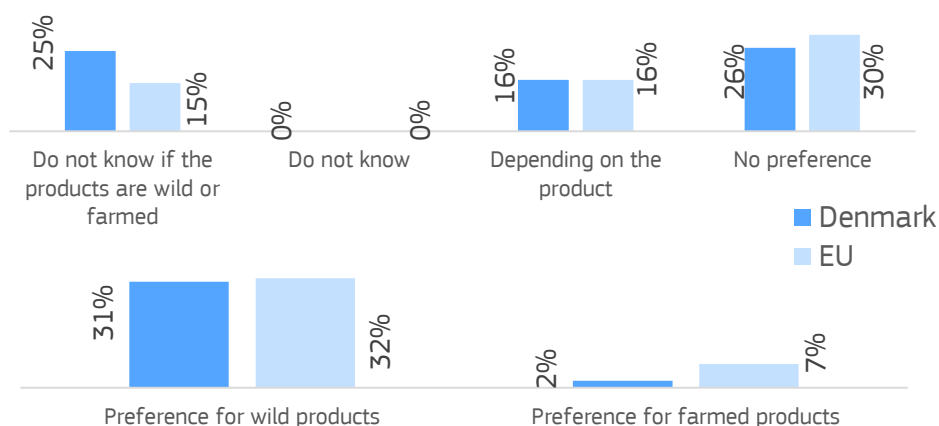
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Denmark, as well as at EU-28 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 82% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Danes consume especially tinned products and smoked products; loose fish (64%) is slightly less frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

35,17 kg per capita in live weight equivalent
(2020, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



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





THE COUNTRY IN EUMOFA



LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with Statistics Denmark.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Danish Fisheries Agency on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 16 main commercial species and 9 places of sale (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in Danish places of sale.

Both weekly and monthly data are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. As for monthly first sales, data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through a dedicated advanced table and the bulk download facility.

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.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with FAO data.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

No data available

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

Volumes and values of household consumption of fresh fisheries and aquaculture products are collected from Europanel based on panel reporting. Data are monitored for 8 main commercial species + the item “Others”, aggregating all other species (click [here](#) for the full list).

Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through simple tables and the bulk download facility. Moreover, average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, and through the bulk download facility.