



FRANCE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, France was EU's 3rd largest producer of aquaculture products and 4th largest for fishery production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	France	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	529	0,57%	10,07%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	189	0,17%	13,78%
Total	205.170	6.625	718	0,35%	10,84%

FISHING FLEET

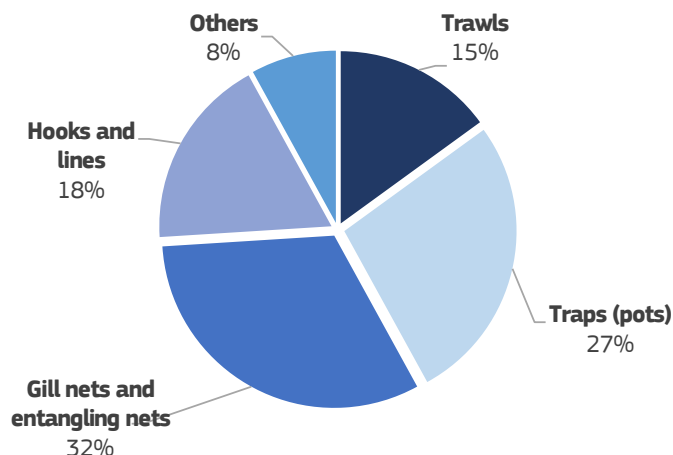
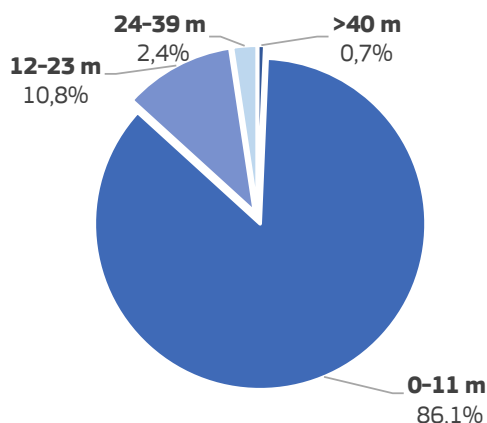
Fleet: 2018, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

Employment: 2017, source: JRC

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 6.379	Gross Tonnage: 177.126	Kilowatt: 967.643	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 6.623			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 40%	Jobs (FTE): 36%	Jobs (FTE): 16%	Jobs (FTE): 8%

The French fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





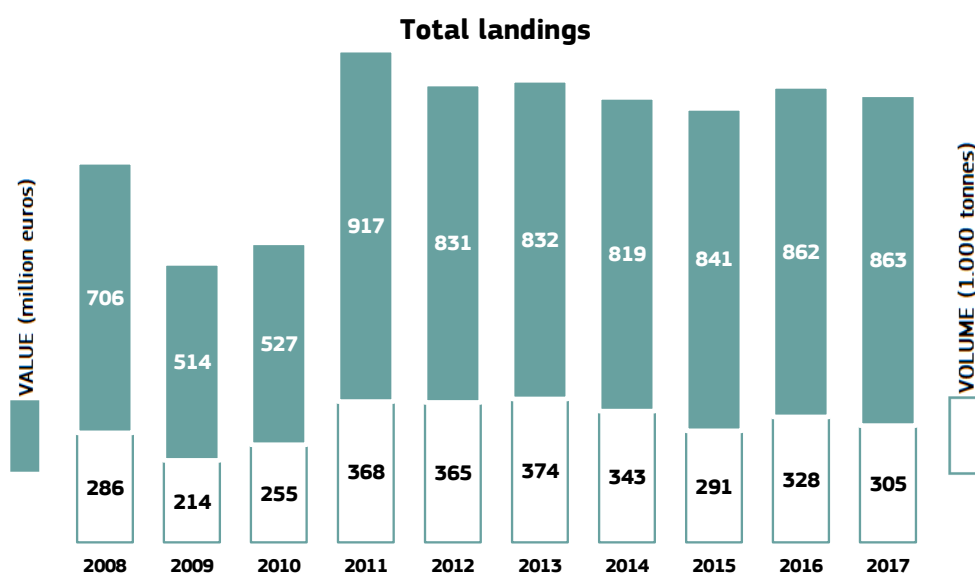
LANDINGS

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.

In France, landings include almost entirely fresh products destined for human consumption (smaller quantities include waste, animal feed, bait and products destined for industrial uses).

There are 446 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register).



Main commercial species landed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



SCALLOP	91	11%	39	13%	SEAWEED AND OHER ALGAE
MONK	68	8%	33	11%	SCALLOP
COMMON SOLE	63	7%	25	8%	SARDINE
HAKE	45	5%	16	5%	HAKE
NORWAY LOBSTER	42	5%	13	4%	MONK
OTHERS	554	64%	179	59%	OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

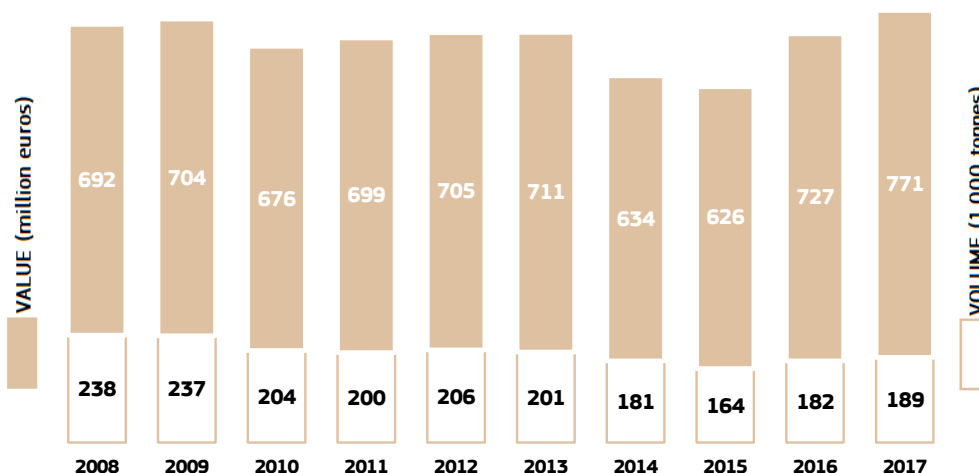
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat, FAO and FEAP data

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, 77% of the French production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and 23% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 64% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 4% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 4% of production: in ponds, almost entirely in freshwater;
- Negligible amounts in tanks and raceways and in recirculation systems, both in freshwater;
- The rest was farmed using other methods for which no detail is available.

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
OYSTER	422	55%	85	45%
TROUT	137	18%	53	28%
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	135	18%	36	19%
CLAM	18	2%	4	2%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	12	2%	3	2%
OTHERS	47	5%	8	4%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In France, **16 producer organisations (POs)** and **2 associations of POs** are formally recognized. 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.

Of the 16 POs, 14 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture. The two associations of POs operate in the fishery sector.

FIRST SALES

2019, source: EUMOFA

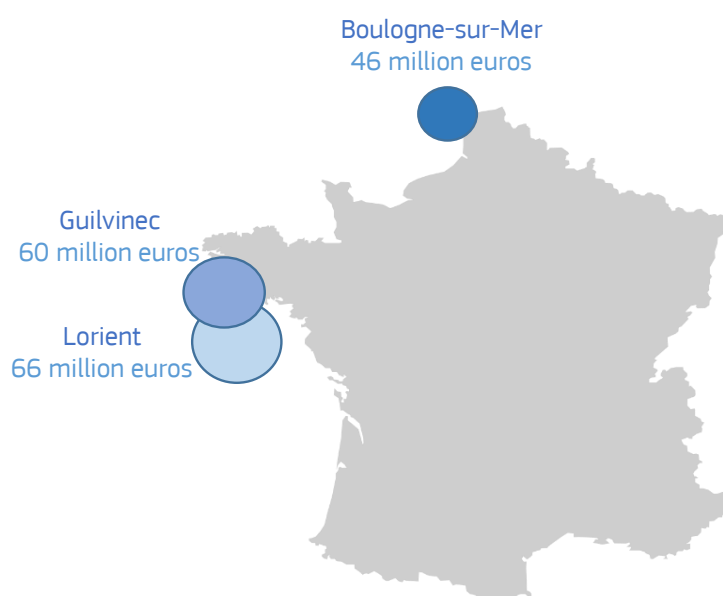
First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organisations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

In France there are 37 auction markets: they are responsible for gathering and transmitting sales notes to FranceAgriMer, thanks to the RIC (Réseau Inter-Criées: Auction markets network). Of these:

- 19 are in the Bay of Biscay and Iberian coast
- 12 are in the Celtic sea
- 4 are in the Mediterranean
- 2 are in the North sea

In 2019, total first sales in these auctions amounted to 178.488 tonnes and 614 million euros.

The top-3 auctions covered 30% and 28% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 auctions	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Lorient	18.346	66	Ling, monk, Norway lobster
Guilvinec	14.216	60	Monk, Norway lobster, megrim
Boulogne-sur-Mer	20.514	46	Squid, saithe (=coalfish), scallop



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 France, 11 wholesale market places (“marchés d’intérêt national” or MIN) are involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products. About 100 fish wholesaling companies operate on these markets, out of which 42 are situated in the market of Paris-Rungis.



In 2018, Rungis sold 92.786 tonnes of fisheries and aquaculture products for a value of 978 million euros (source: <https://www.rungisinternational.com>). The “Réseau des nouvelles des marchés” (RNM) publishes daily, weekly and monthly price quotations on the wholesale market of Rungis (www.rnm.franceagrimer.fr).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 12.003 persons were employed in the French fish processing industry in 2017. The sector recorded a value added of 699 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2018, the main products sold were “Prepared meals and dishes based on fish, crustaceans and molluscs” and “Fresh or chilled fish fillets and other fish meat without bones” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

311 companies

Sales: 4,46 billion euros

(2017, source: Eurostat - SBS)

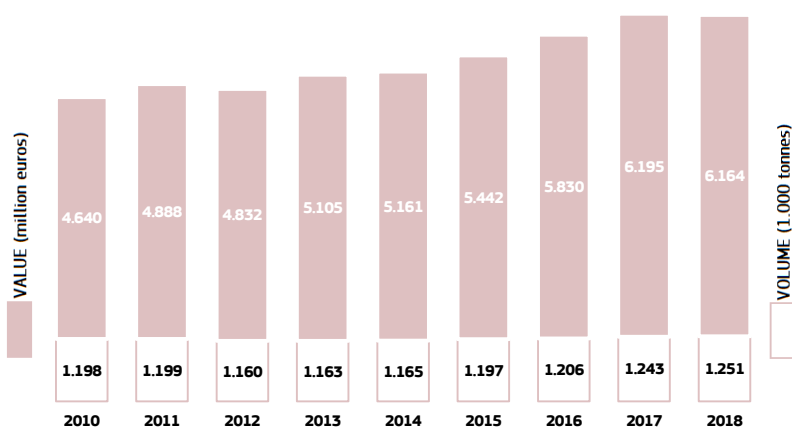


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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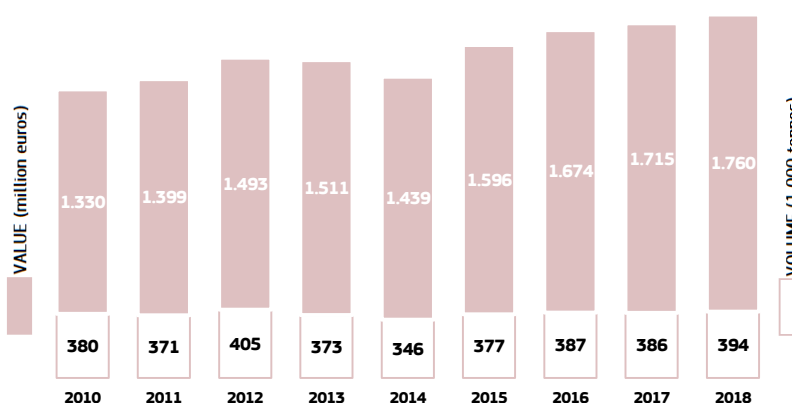
IMPORT



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

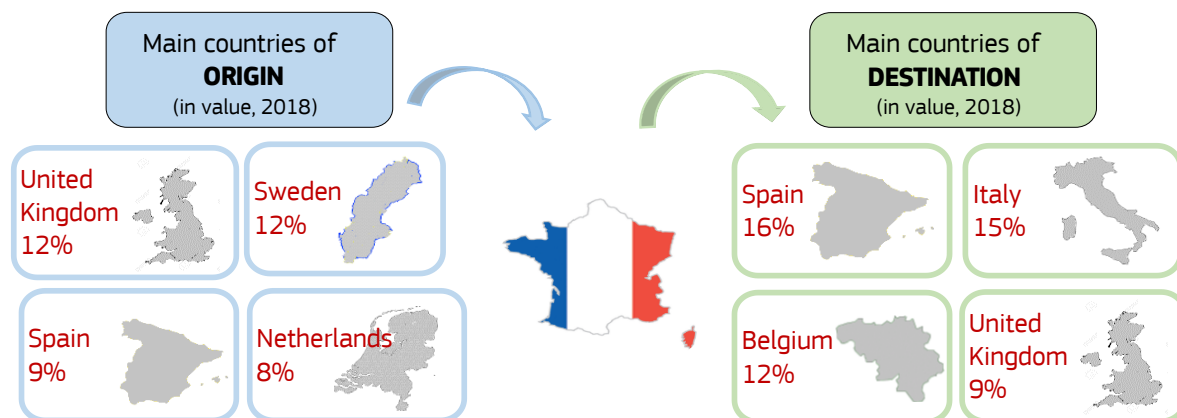
SALMON	1.344	22%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	598	10%
COD	495	8%
OTHER MARINE FISH	302	5%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	235	4%
OTHERS	3.190	51%

EXPORT



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

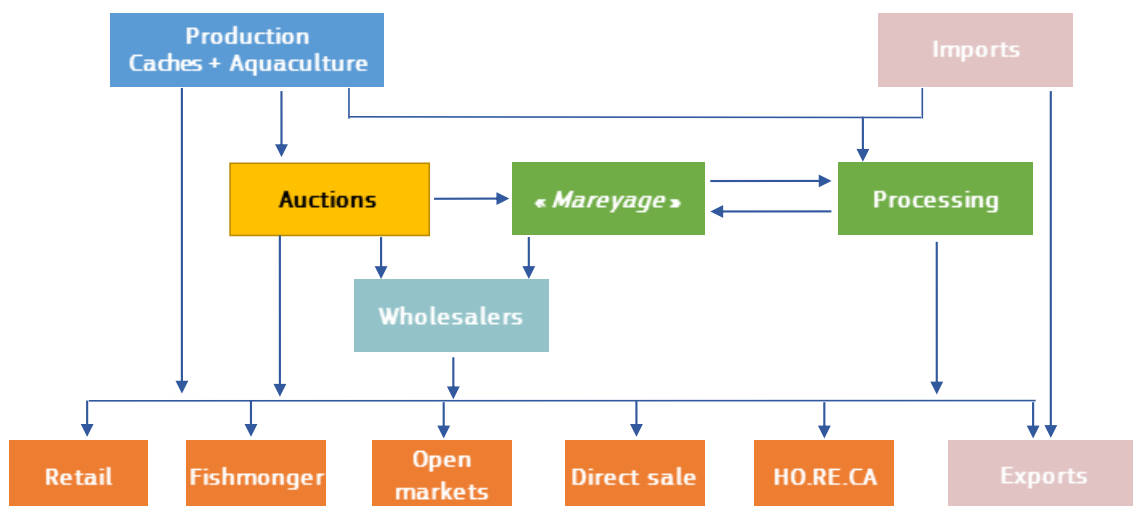
SALMON	212	12%
OTHER PRODUCTS	174	10%
OTHER MARINE FISH	141	8%
OYSTER	97	6%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	82	5%
OTHERS	1.054	59%



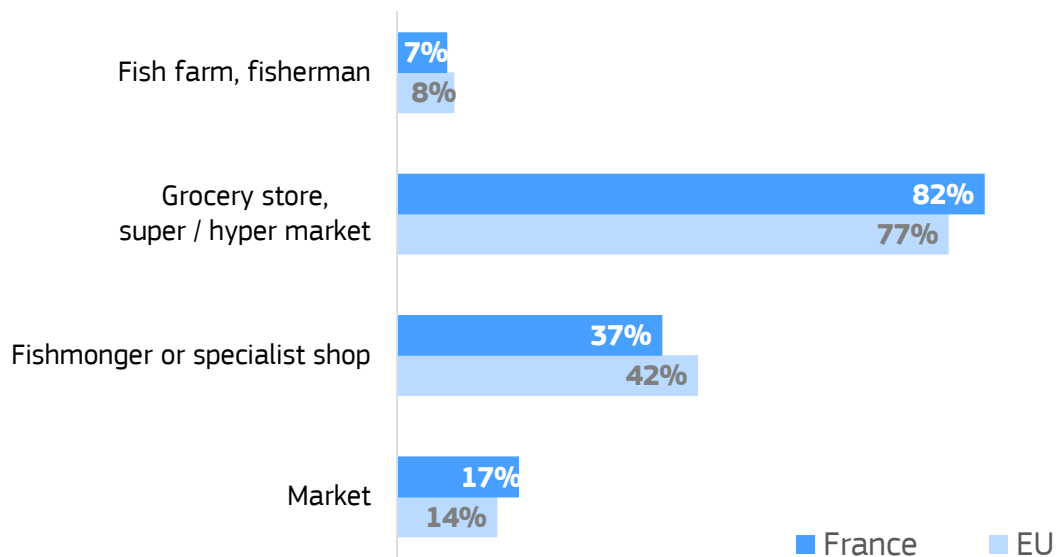


DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in France (source: FranceAgriMer):



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





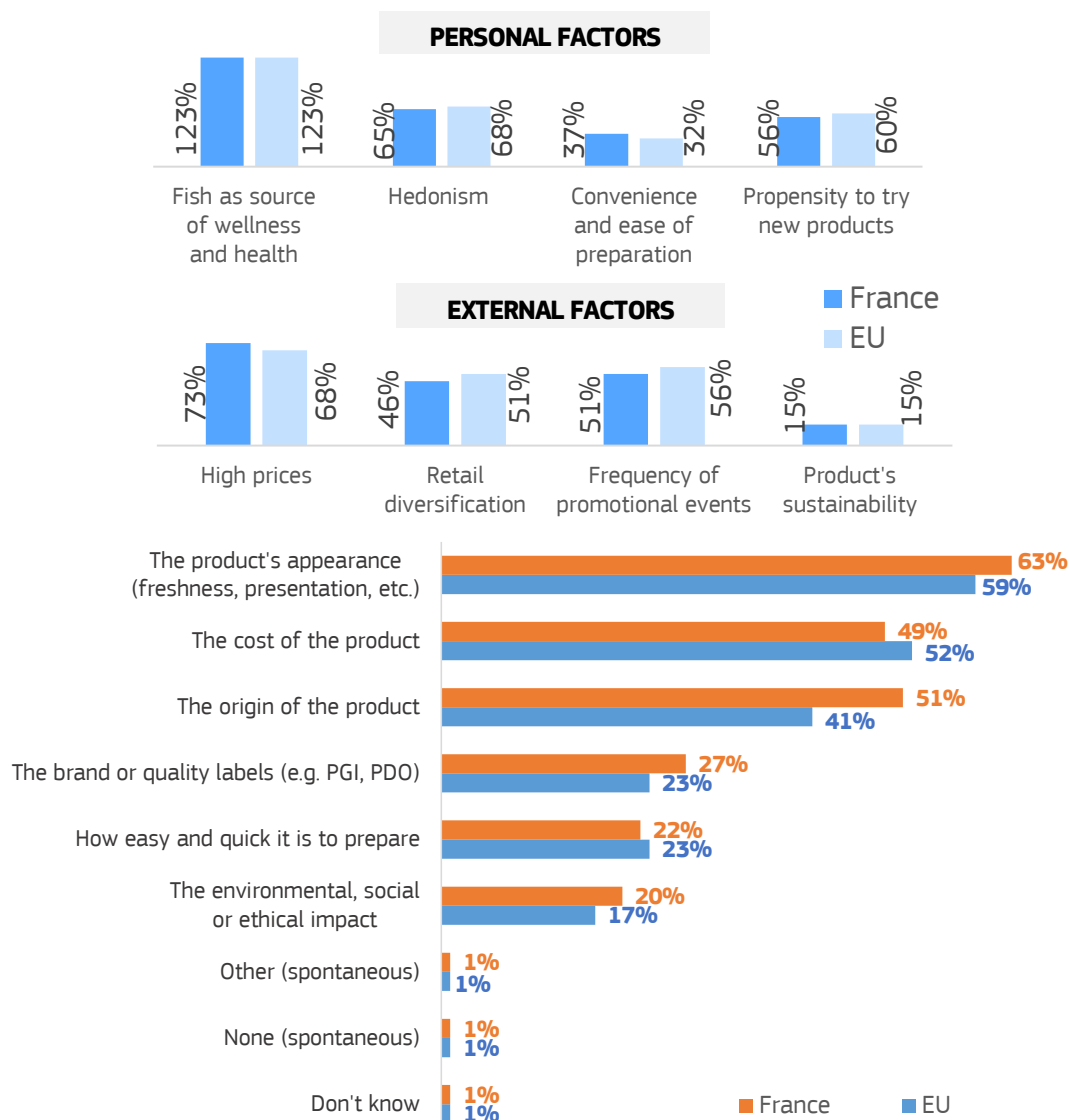
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 33,7 kg per capita, a slight increase compared with 2016 (+1,5%). The most consumed species were salmon, cod, Alaska pollock and skipjack tuna (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 France, as well as at EU level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 79% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%). French consume especially fresh, frozen and tinned products; loose fish is more frequently consumed (71%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

33,7 kg
per capita
(2017, source: EUMOFA)

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





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.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from FranceAgriMer on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 14 main commercial species and 23 auctions (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in the 37 French auctions.

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

WHOLESALE

Prices are collected from FranceAgriMer on a weekly basis. Data cover sales in the Rungis market of a selection of 14 main commercial species (click [here](#) for the full list).

Data are 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

Volumes and values of household consumption of fresh fisheries and aquaculture products are collected from Europanel based on panel reporting. Data are monitored for 10 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, retail prices of a selection of 11 main commercial species are collected on a weekly basis from FranceAgriMer (click [here](#) for the full list). They are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.