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## GREECE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, Greece ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the EU in terms of aquaculture production while it only ranked 17<sup>th</sup> for fisheries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Greece	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	63	0,07%	1,20%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	126	0,11%	9,18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>205.170</b>	<b>6.625</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>0,09%</b>	<b>2,85%</b>

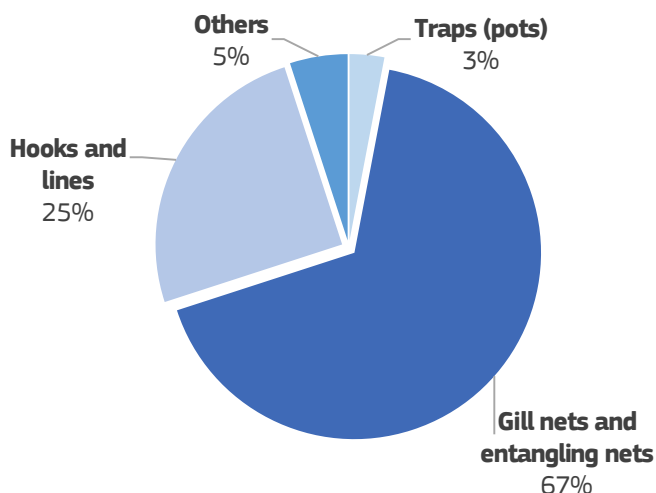
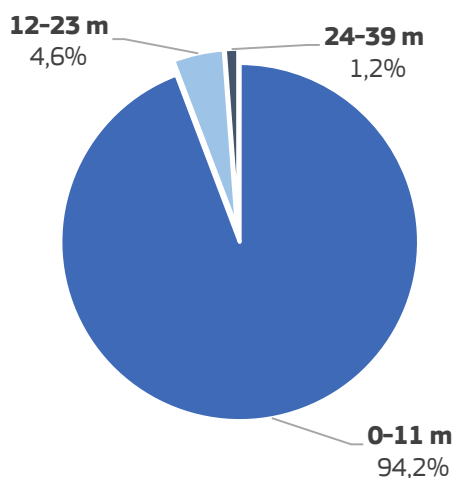
## FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2018, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat    Employment: 2016, source: JRC

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 14.934	Gross Tonnage: 71.104	Kilowatt: 426.431	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2016: 23.040			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 77%	Jobs (FTE): 16%	Jobs (FTE): 6%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

### The Greek fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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## LANDINGS

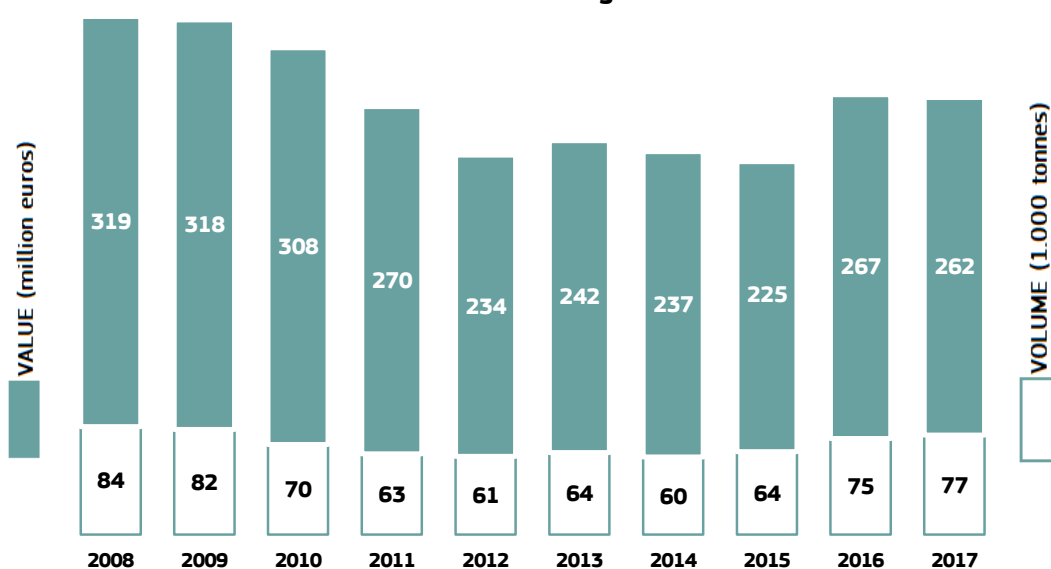
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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.

In Greece, landings are destined for human consumption only. In 2017, they included fresh products only.

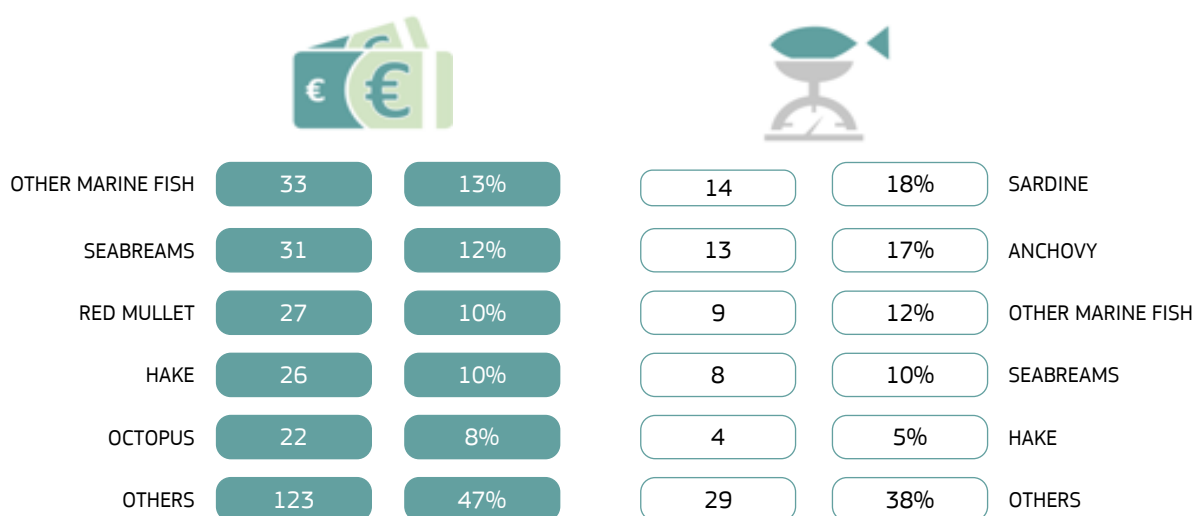
There are 285 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register).

### Total landings



### Main commercial species landed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)





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## AQUACULTURE

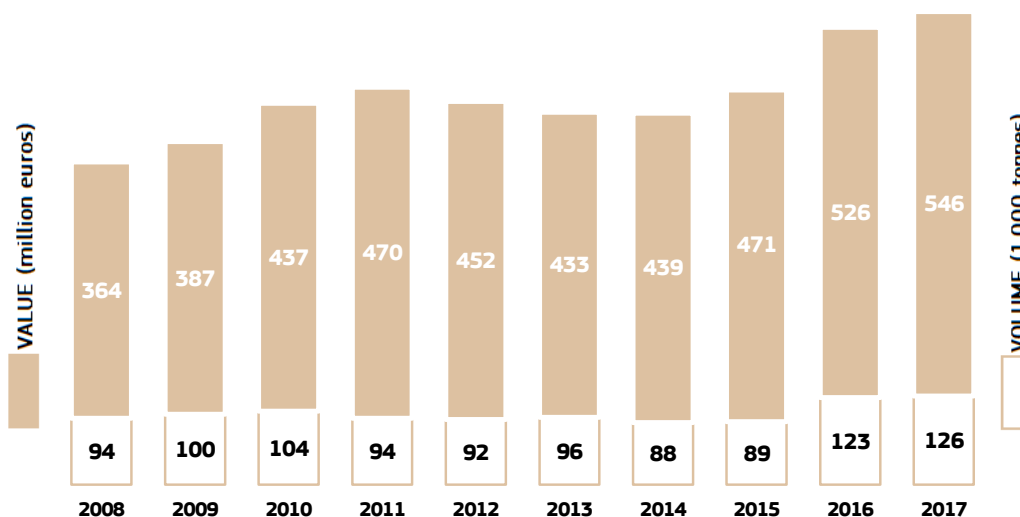
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (freshwater or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In 2017, 98% of Greek production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and the rest in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- More than 80% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters;
- 15% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 2% of production: in tanks and raceways in freshwater;
- The rest was farmed in ponds as well as 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 value	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total volume
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	258	47%	56	44%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	248	45%	44	35%
MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.	7	1%	19	15%
TROUT	6	1%	2	2%
OTHERS	27	6%	5	4%



## PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Greece, **2 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, both operating in aquaculture. 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

2019, 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 2019, total first sales in Greece amounted to 24.884 tonnes and 52 million euros.

Five main commercial species covered 64% and 54% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.

Top-5 main commercial species	Value (million euros)	Volume (tonnes)
Sardine	7,33	6.692
Anchovy	6,71	5.672
Hake	5,83	1.126
Red mullet	4,71	797
Deep-water rose shrimp	3,86	1.616

## 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 Greece, the wholesale stage is mainly recorded in auction markets (source: Directorate for Fisheries Policy & Development of Fisheries Products).

## PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.368 persons were employed in the Greek fish processing industry in 2017. The sector recorded a value added of 30,9 million euros, covering only 1% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2018, the main products sold were "Molluscs (scallops, mussels, cuttlefish, squid and octopus), frozen, dried, salted or in brine" and "Frozen whole salt water fish" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

**90 companies**

**Sales: 197 million euros**

(2017, source: Eurostat - SBS)

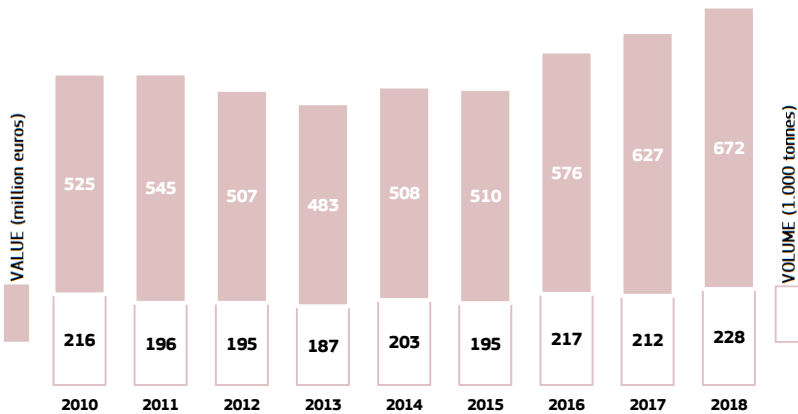


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# IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

## IMPORT

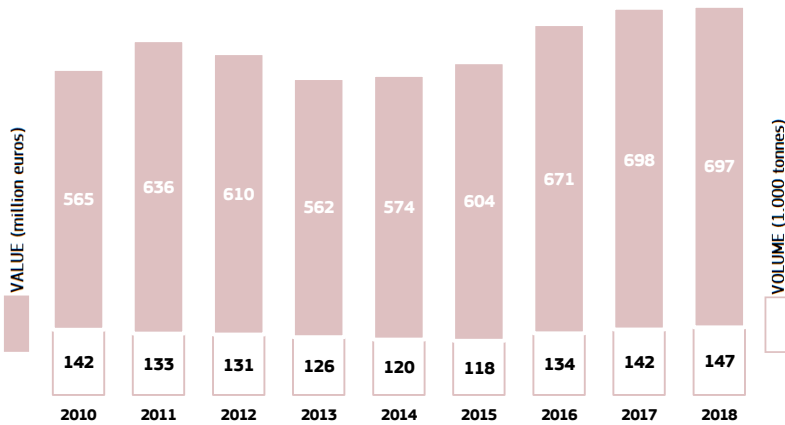


### Main commercial species imported and % of total imports (2018, million euros)



SALMON	111	16%
FISHMEAL	96	14%
SQUID	59	9%
OCTOPUS	44	7%
OTHERS	362	54%

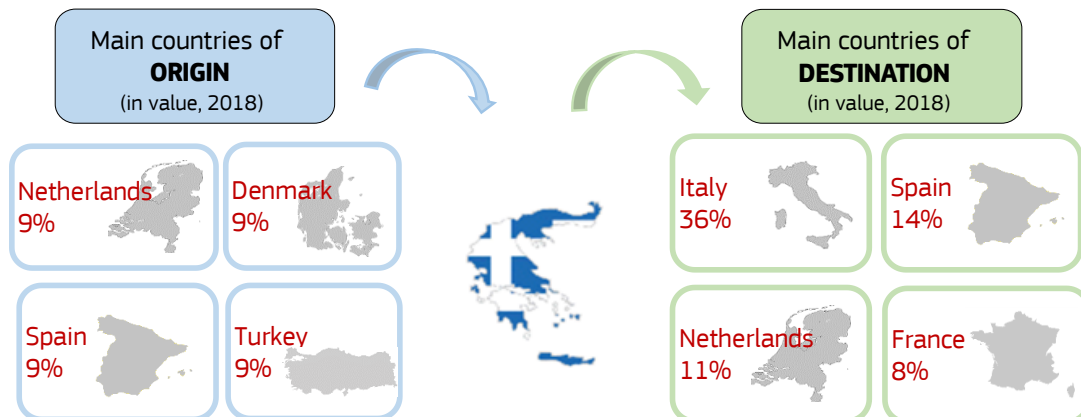
## EXPORT



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



GILTHEAD SEABREAM	238	34%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	200	29%
OTHER MARINE FISH	79	11%
SALMON	60	9%
OTHERS	120	17%

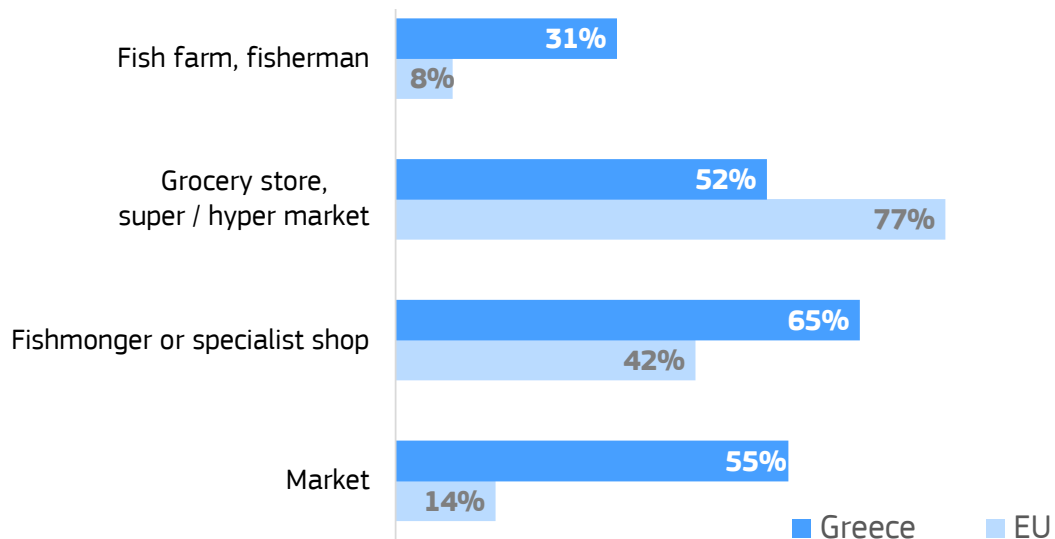




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## DISTRIBUTION

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





## CONSUMPTION

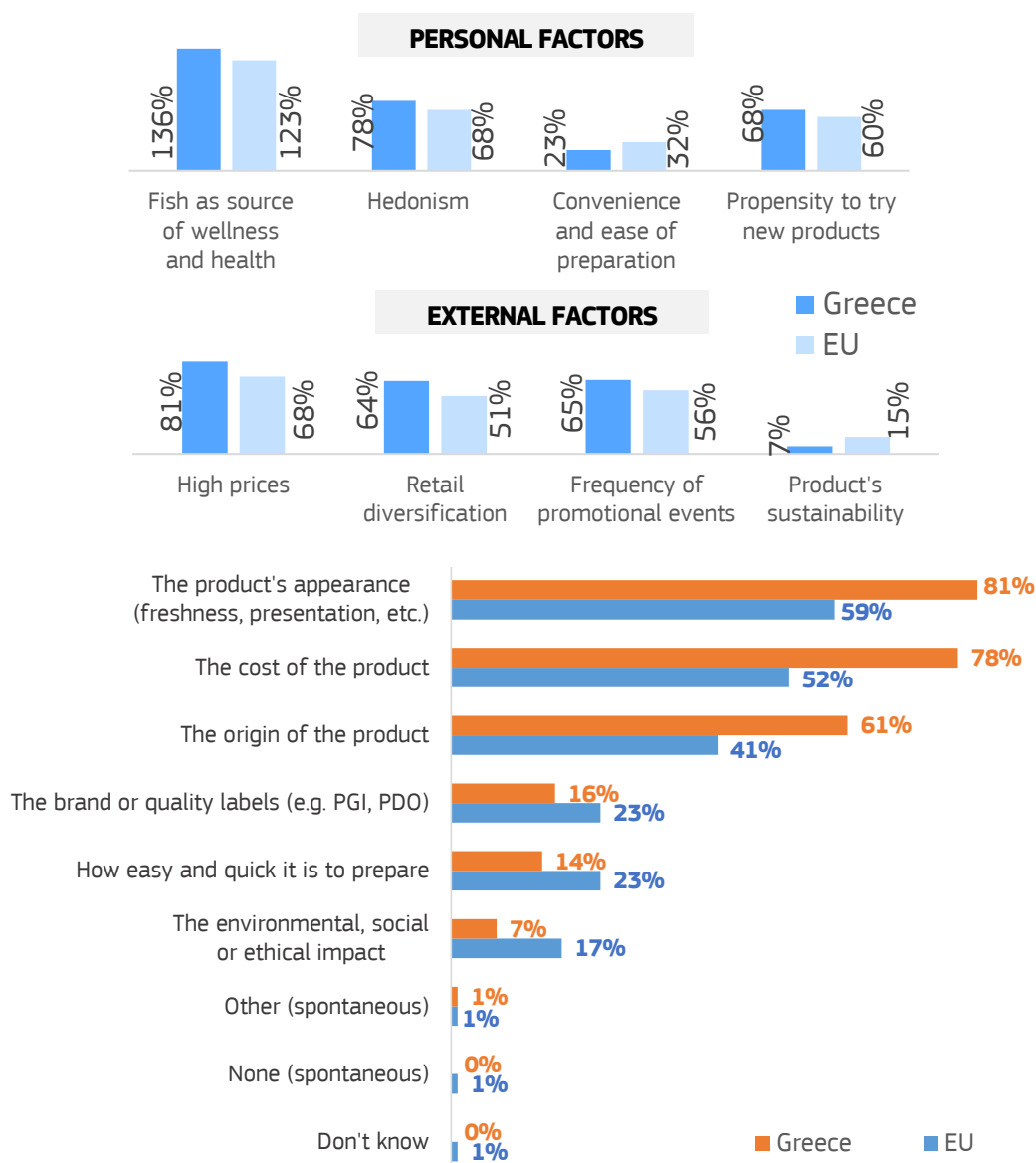
In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 18,2 kg per capita, a 9% decrease compared with 2016. The most consumed species were squid, sardine, cod and anchovy (source: EUMOFA).

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 Greece, as well as at EU level. However, regular consumers in this category cover 70% of the total, which is higher than at EU level (67%). Greeks consume especially fresh products; loose fish is much more frequently consumed (92%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

**18,2 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.

### FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece. Data cover all species sold in Greece.

They are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. 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

Data are collected from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece and refer to sales in the port of Piraeus.

On a weekly basis, volumes and values of a selection of 16 main commercial species are collected (click [here](#) for the full list).

On a monthly basis, volumes and values are collected and cover all species sold.

Both weekly and monthly 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

Retail prices of a selection of 7 main commercial species are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Development and Investments (click [here](#) for the full list).

Average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.