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MALTA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Malta is a minor EU producer of fishery products, while it ranked 15th in the EU in terms of aquaculture production in 2017.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Malta	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	2	0,002%	0,04%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	16	0,014%	1,17%
Total	205.170	6.625	18	0,009%	0,27%

FISHING FLEET

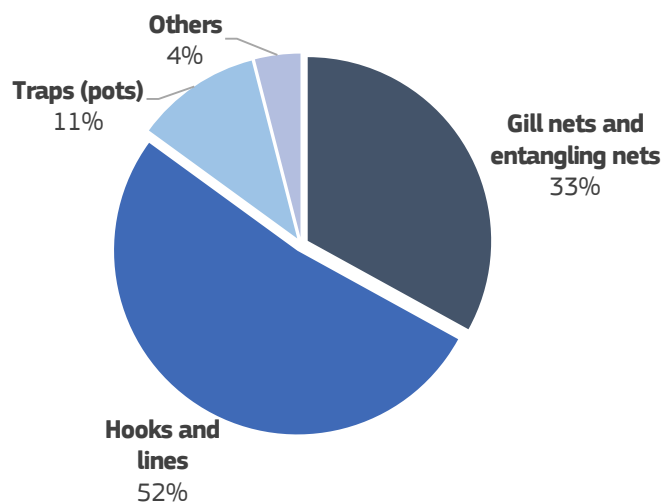
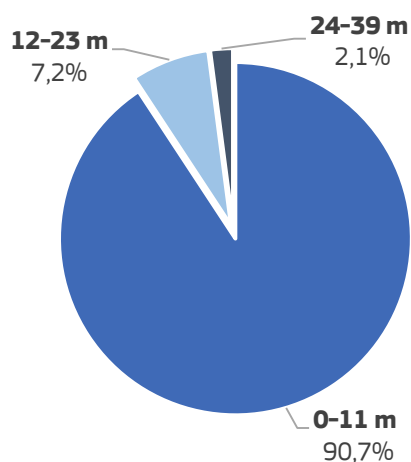
Fleet: 2018, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

Employment: 2017, source: JRC

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 917	Gross Tonnage: 6.496	Kilowatt: 72.487	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 719			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 66%	Jobs (FTE): 27%	Jobs (FTE): 7%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

The Maltese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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AQUACULTURE

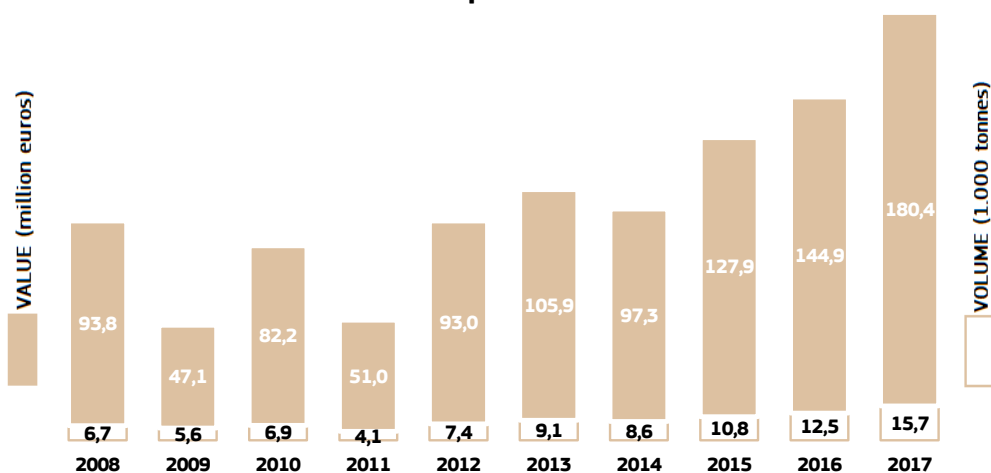
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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 Malta, aquaculture occurs in marine waters. The following main production methods were used in 2017:

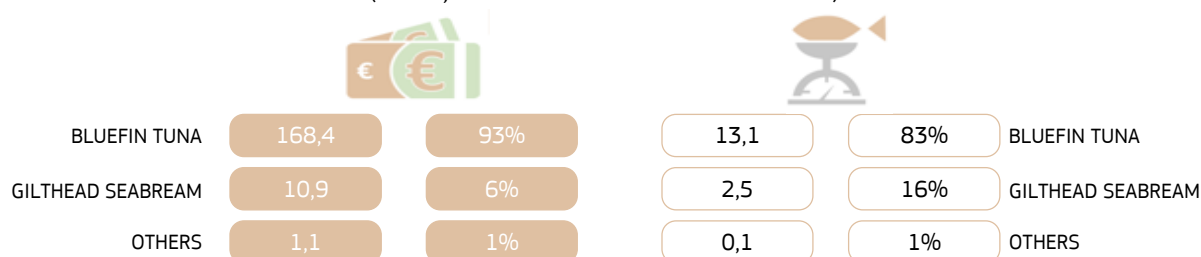
- 83% of production: in cages;
- 17% of production: in enclosures and pens.

Total production



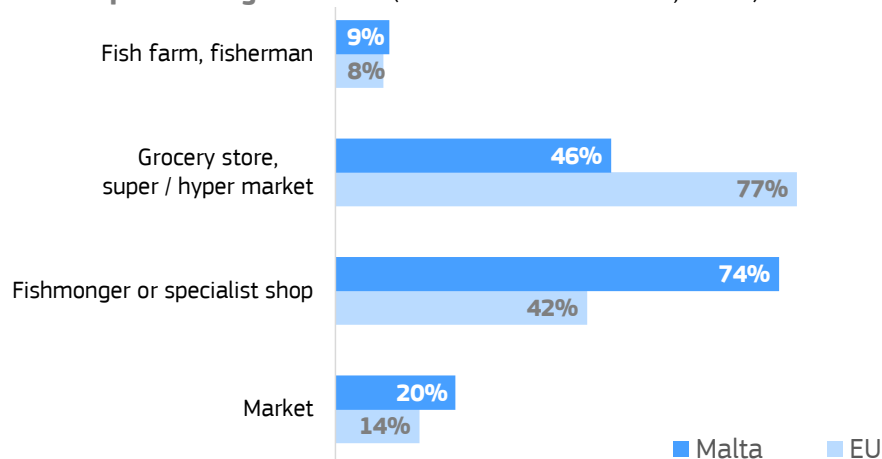
Main commercial species farmed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



DISTRIBUTION

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



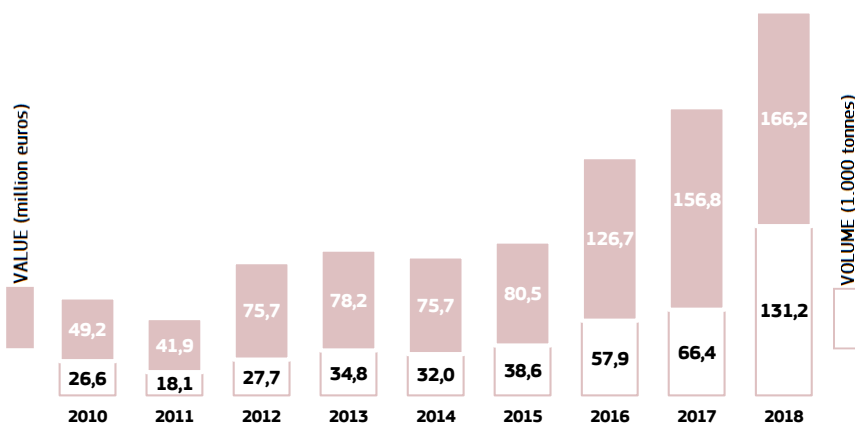


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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

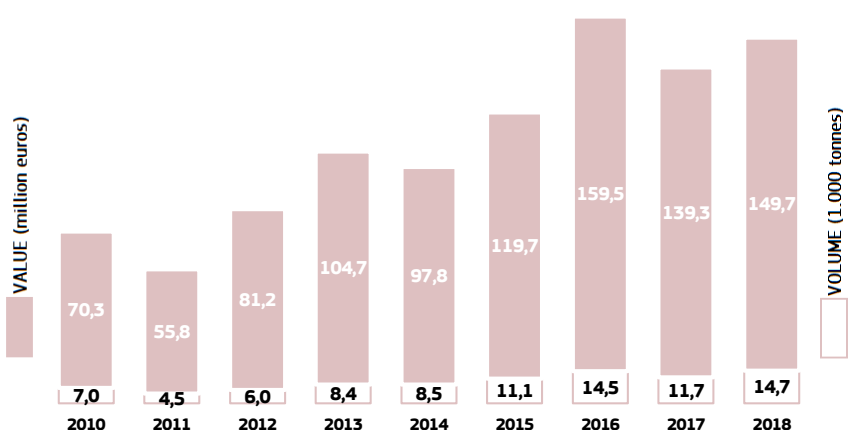
IMPORT



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

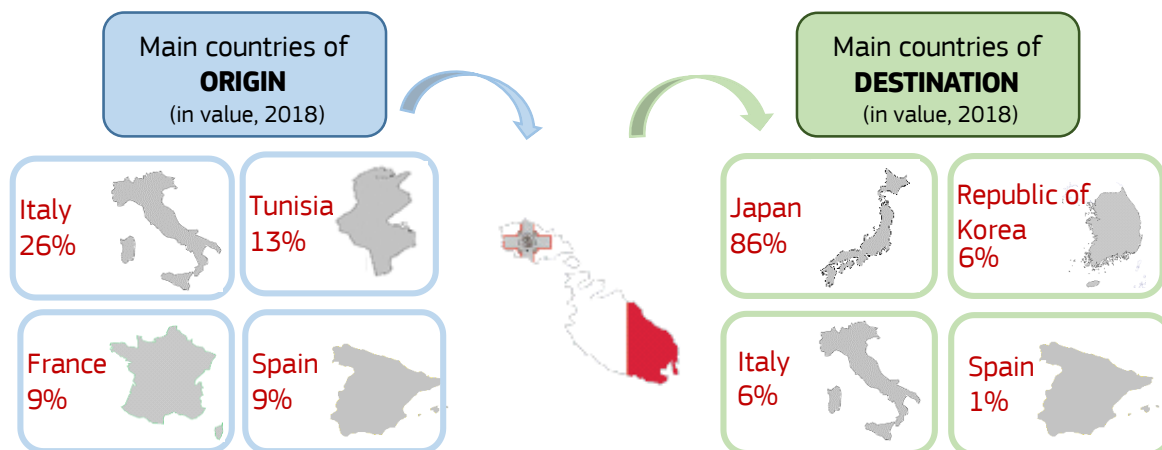
BLUEFIN TUNA	80,7	49%
HERRING	22,6	14%
SKIPJACK TUNA	11,7	7%
MACKEREL	9,4	6%
SARDINE	8,8	5%
OTHERS	33,0	19%

EXPORT



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

MISCELLANEOUS TUNA	68,7	45%
BLUEFIN TUNA	48,2	32%
OTHER MARINE FISH	22,2	15%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	8,6	6%
HERRING	1,5	1%
OTHERS	0,5	1%





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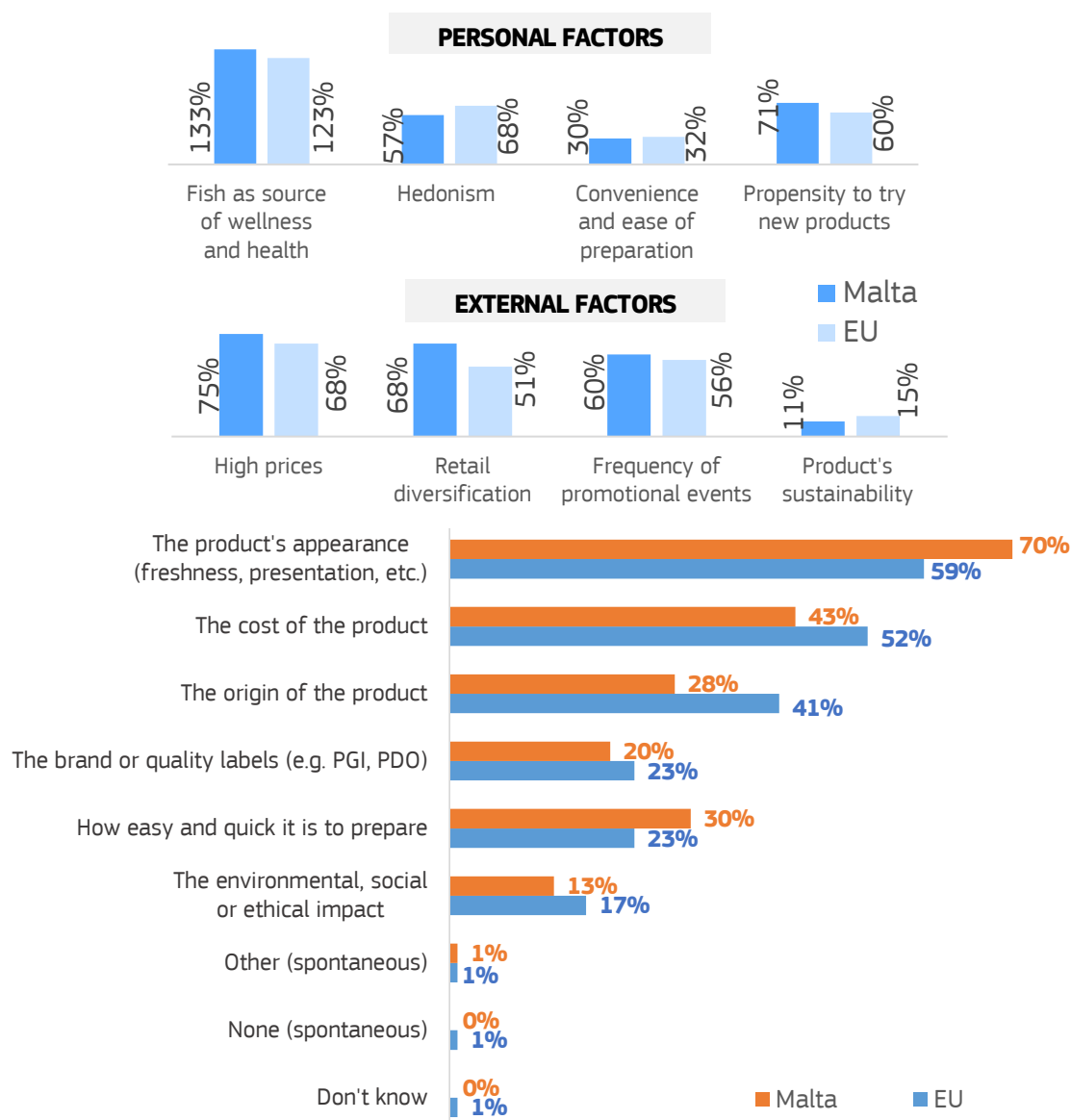
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 37 kg per capita, a 2,8% increase compared with 2016. The most consumed species were sardine, herring, bluefin tuna and mackerel (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 Malta, as well as at EU level. In this category, regular consumers cover 61% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%). Maltese consume especially fresh products and tinned products; loose fish is more frequently consumed (84%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

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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.

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PROCESSING

No data available

CONSUMPTION

No data available