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PORTUGAL IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, Portugal ranked 11th in the EU for fishery production and 18th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Portugal	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	174	0,19%	3,31%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	13	0,01%	0,95%
Total	205.170	6.625	187	0,09%	2,82%

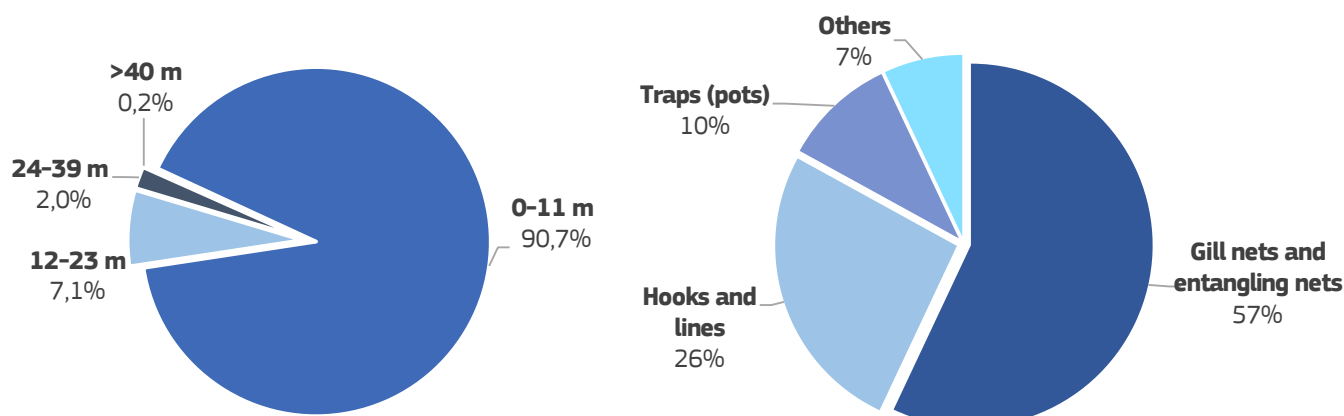
FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2018, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2017, source: JRC

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 7.851	Gross Tonnage: 84.416	Kilowatt: 341.116	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 7.824			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 39%	Jobs (FTE): 18%	Jobs (FTE): 4%

The Portuguese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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AQUACULTURE

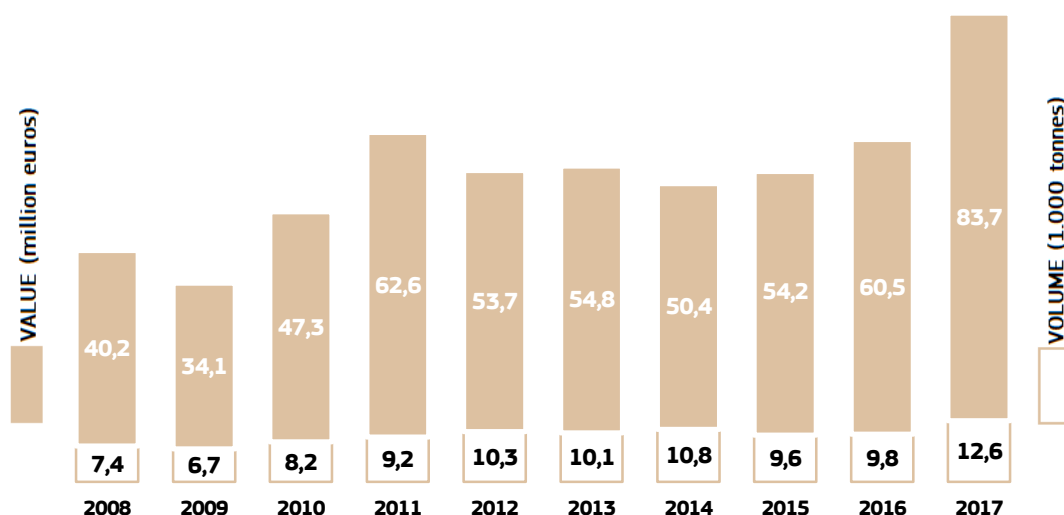
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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 2017, 94% of Portuguese production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and 6% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 33% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 23% of production: in tanks and raceways, almost entirely in sea and brackish waters;
- 23% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 10% of production: in ponds in sea and brackish waters;
- 5% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters;
- The rest was farmed using other methods for which no detail is available, in freshwater.

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
CLAM	43,5	51%	4,2	33%
TURBOT	18,7	23%	2,7	22%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	6,2	7%	1,7	14%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	4,7	6%	1,2	9%
OYSTER	3,6	5%	1,0	8%
OTHERS	7,0	8%	1,8	14%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Portugal, **15 producer organisations (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.

They all operate in the fishery sector.

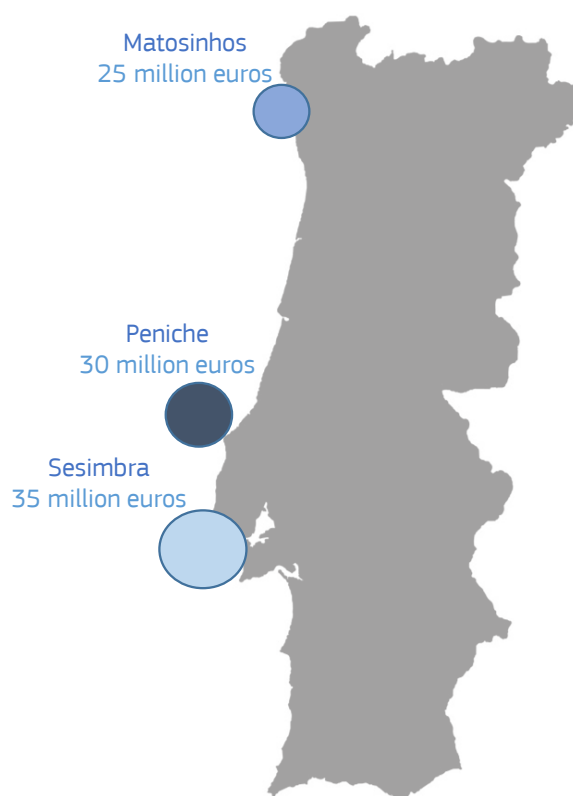
FIRST SALES

2019, source: EUMOFA

First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer 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 Portuguese places of sale amounted to 110.759 tonnes and 205 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 52% and 44% 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)
Sesimbra	32.965	35	Scabbardfish, mackerel, Atlantic horse mackerel
Peniche	11.262	30	Sardine, Atlantic horse mackerel, swordfish
Matosinhos	12.940	25	Anchovy, sardine, Atlantic horse mackerel



PROCESSING

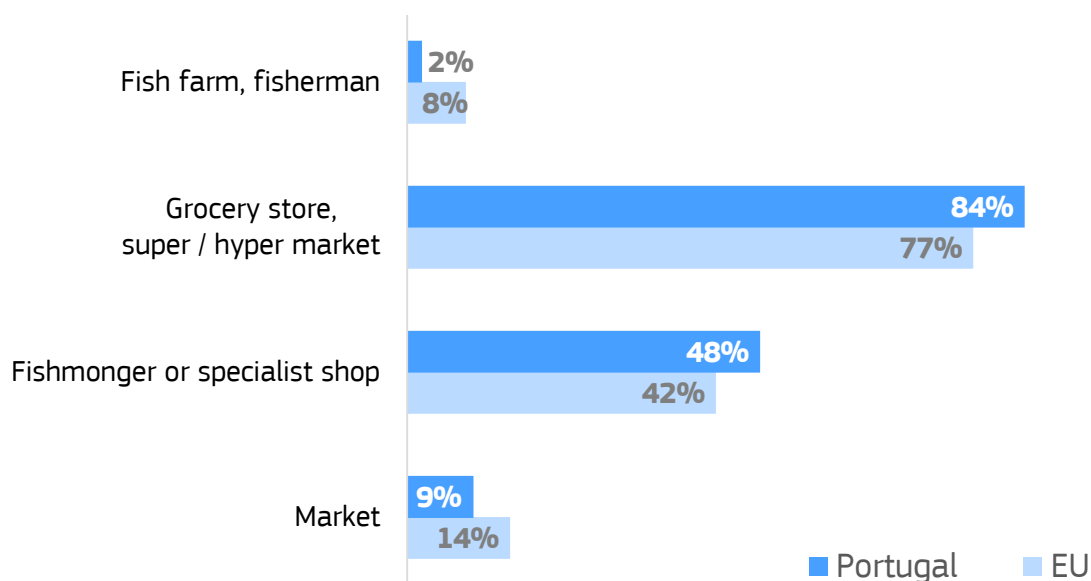
According to Eurostat-SBS, 7.439 persons were employed in the Portuguese fish processing industry in 2017. The sector recorded a value added of 195,3 million euros, covering 8% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2018, the main products sold were “Frozen whole salt water fish” and “Dried fish, whether or not salted” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

168 companies
Sales: 1,29 billion euros
 (2017, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

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



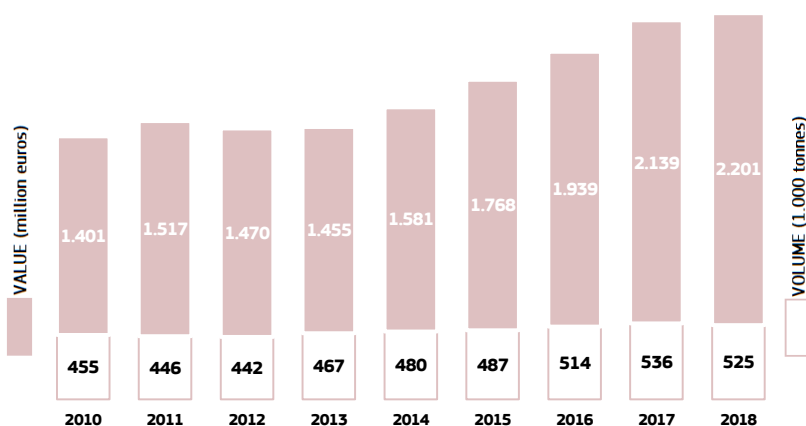


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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

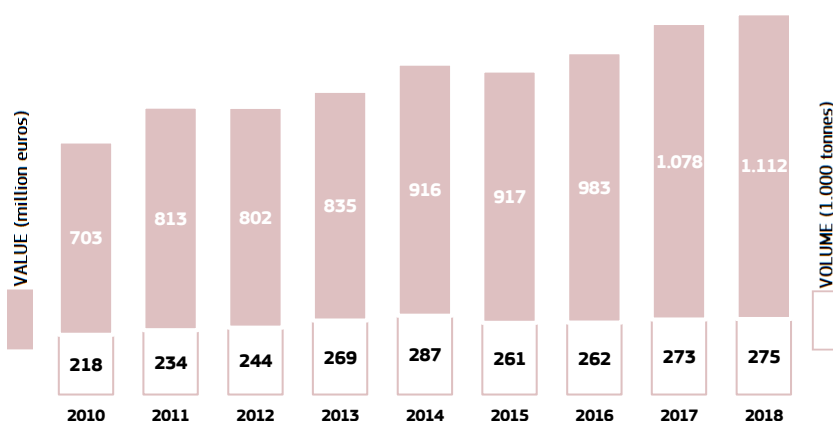
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Main commercial species imported and % of total imports (2018, million euros)

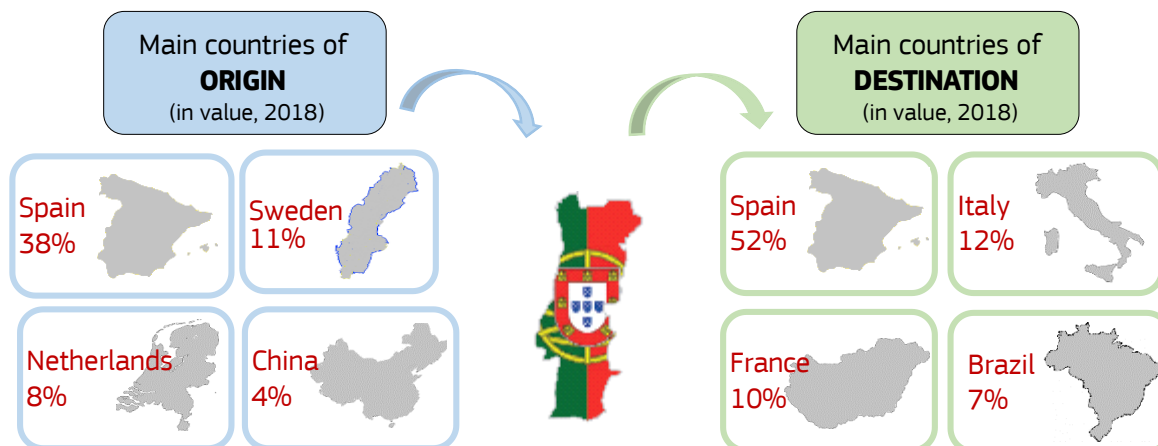
COD	540	25%
OCTOPUS	183	8%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	139	7%
OTHER MARINE FISH	127	6%
HAKE	126	6%
OTHERS	1,086	48%

EXPORT



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

COD	134	12%
OCTOPUS	118	11%
MACKEREL	67	6%
SWORDFISH	66	6%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	61	5%
OTHERS	666	60%





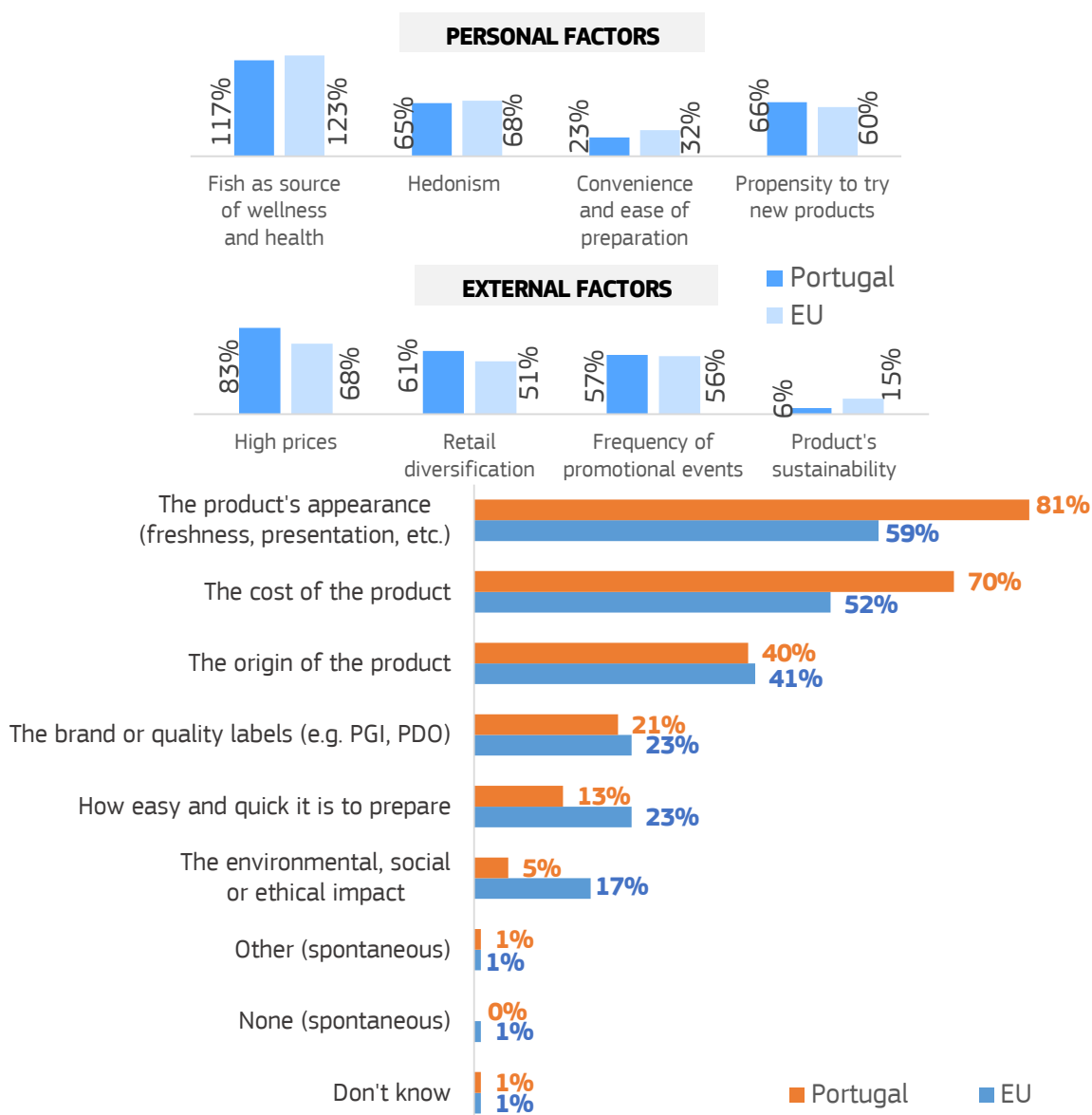
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 56,8 kg per capita, a slight decrease compared with 2016 (-0,2%). Cod was by far the most consumed species (source: EUMOFA).

Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 15-24 and over 55. In particular, within young people (15-24), regular consumers cover 74% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%). Fresh products and tinned products are the most consumed; loose fish is more frequently consumed (89%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

56,8 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 from Direcção Geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimos (DGRM) on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 10 main commercial species and 5 places of sale (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in Portuguese 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. 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, and 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, average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, and through the bulk download facility.