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SPAIN IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2019, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2019, Spain was the largest producer of both aquaculture products and fishery production in the EU-28 (UK included).

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Spain	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.519	4.824	843	0,9%	17,5%
Aquaculture	120.104	1.367	307	0,3%	22,4%
Total	213.623	6.191	1.150	0,5%	18,6%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2019, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

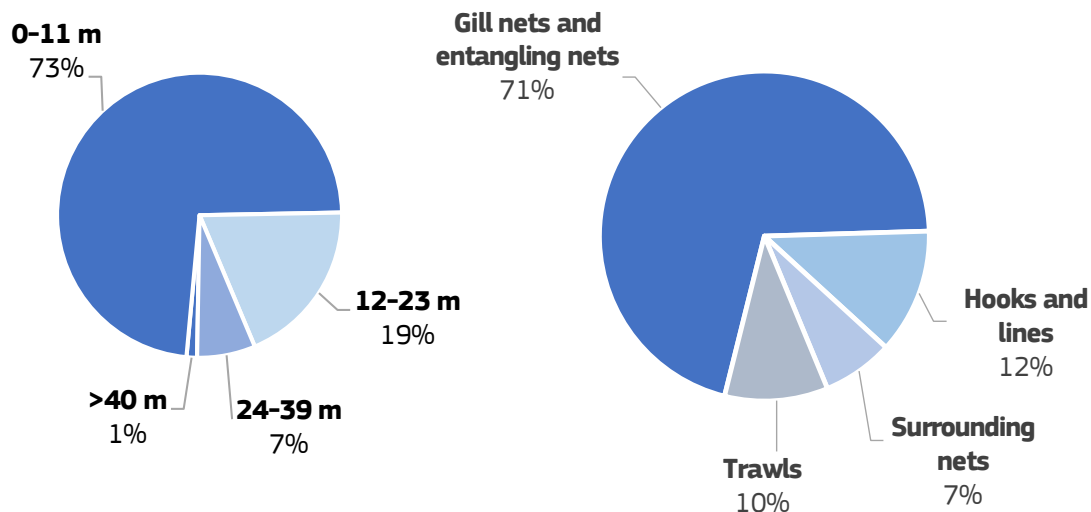
Employment: 2018, source: JRC

Vessels (2019)	Capacity (2019)	Power (2019)	
Number: 8.882	GT: 332.498	KW: 777.077	
TOTAL FTE: 27.060 (2018, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 24%	Jobs (FTE): 30%	Jobs (FTE): 32%	Jobs (FTE): 15%

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

The Spanish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

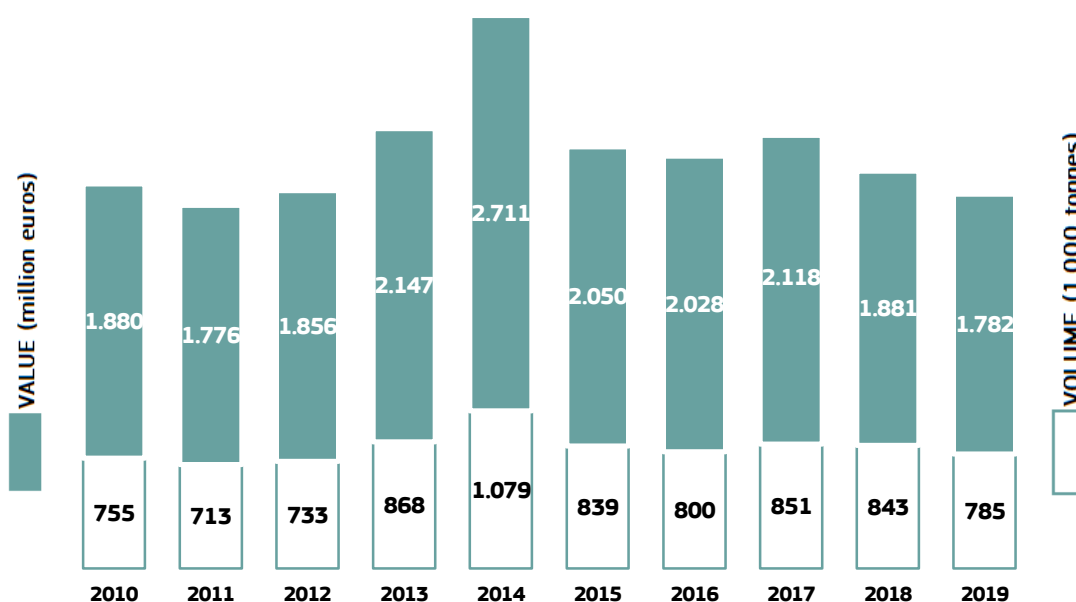
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given 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.

In 2019, 47% of landings in Spain included fresh products, 52% included frozen products and 1% included salted, smoked and cooked products. As for destination use, they were almost entirely for human consumption, the rest being destined for industrial uses.

There are 331 fishing ports registered in Spain (source: EU Master Data Register, 25 November 2021).

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



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2019, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
HAKE	273	15%	173	22%
SKIPJACK TUNA	203	11%	104	13%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	136	7%	64	8%
SWORDFISH	112	6%	51	7%
ANCHOVY	83	4%	48	6%
OTHERS	1.052	57%	344	44%



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AQUACULTURE

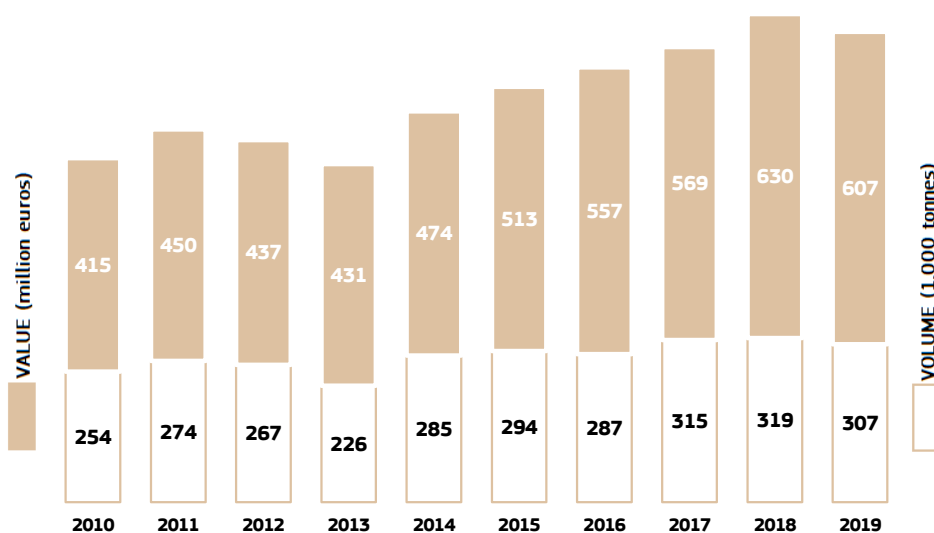
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 2019, 95% of Spanish production occurred in marine waters and 5% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 75% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 16% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters;
- 8% of production: tanks and raceways, both in freshwater and in sea and brackish waters;
- Almost 1% of production: in ponds, almost entirely in sea and brackish waters;
- Almost 1% of production: other methods (mainly on bottom and in recirculation systems), mostly in sea and brackish waters.

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2019, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



EUROPEAN SEABASS	155	24%	228	74%	MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.
BLUEFIN TUNA	124	20%	25	8%	EUROPEAN SEABASS
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	120	19%	16	5%	TROUT
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	64	10%	12	4%	GILTHEAD SEABREAM
TURBOT	62	10%	8	3%	TURBOT
OTHERS	109	17%	17	6%	OTHERS



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 15-12-2021, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Spain, **36 producer organisations (POs)** and **1 association 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.

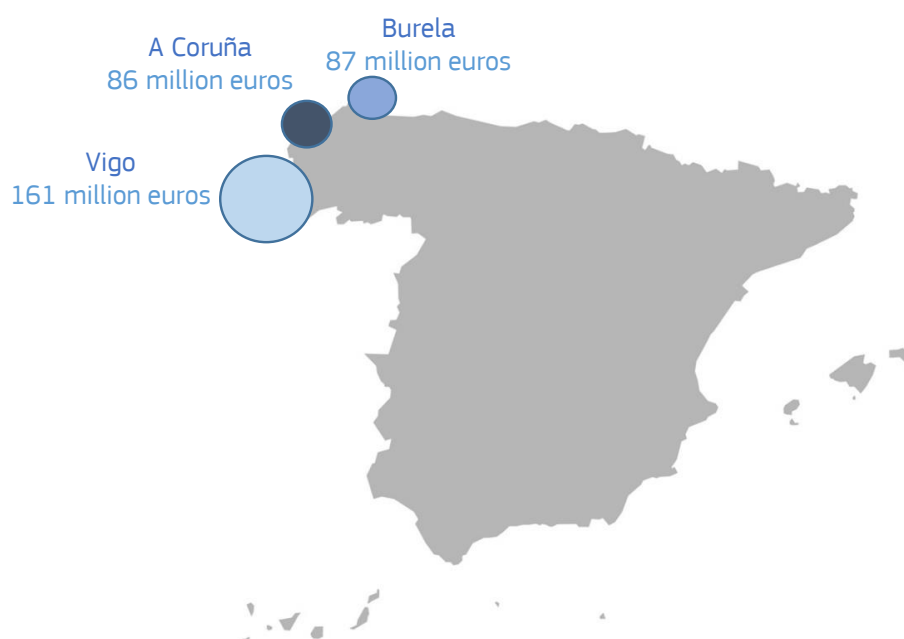
Of the 36 POs, 30 operate in the fishery sector and 6 in aquaculture. The association of POs operates in the fishery sector.

FIRST SALES 2021, 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 Spain, 207 places of sale were operating in 2021, of which 103 operating in the Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast, 73 in the Mediterranean and 31 in outermost regions. Total first sales amounted to 471.773 tonnes and 1,46 billion euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 21% and 22% 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)
Vigo	43.486	161	Swordfish, monk, megrim
Burela	24.281	87	Hake, swordfish, albacore tuna
A Coruña	34.062	86	Hake, swordfish, monk



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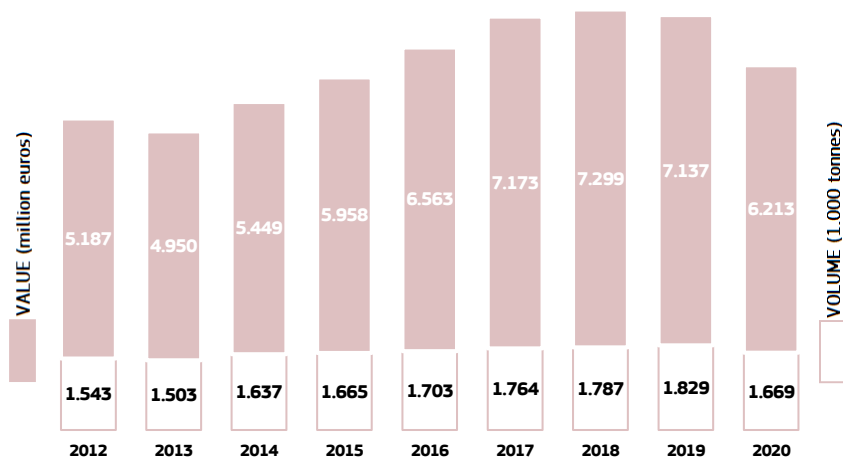
IMPORT – EXPORT

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

2020, million euros (nominal value)

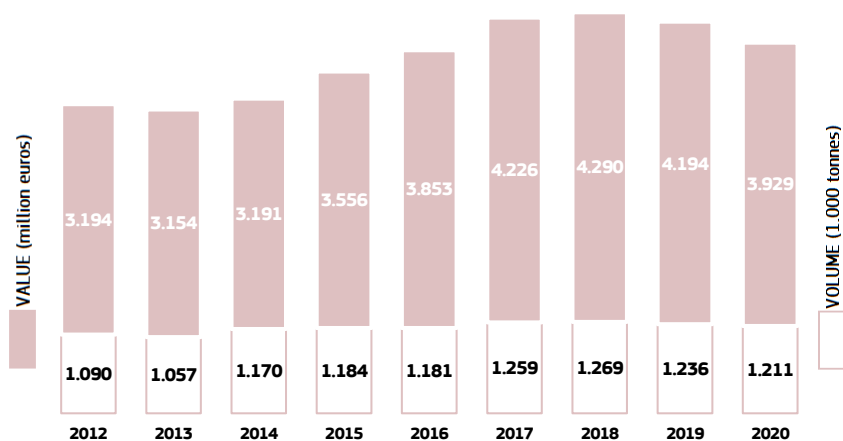


SALMON	647	10%
SQUID	585	9%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMP	461	7%
HAKE	406	6%
COD	391	6%
OTHERS	4.051	62%

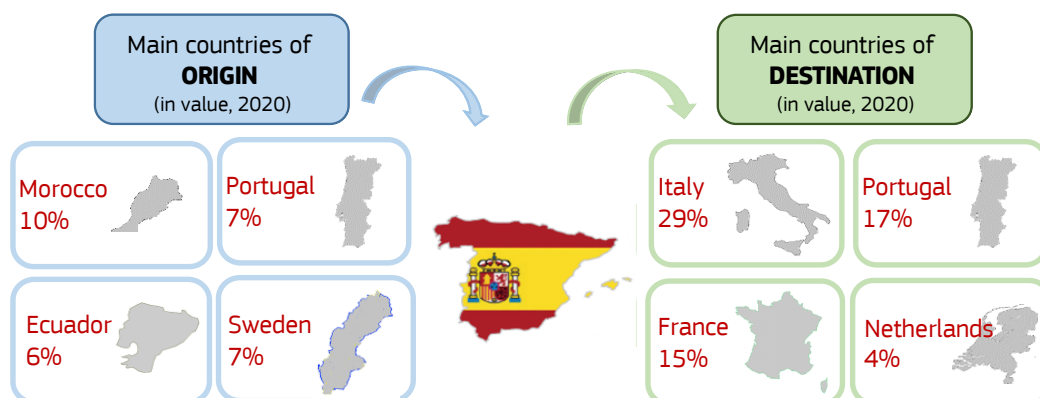
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2020, million euros (nominal value)



SKIPJACK TUNA	425	10%
MISCELLANEOUS TUNA	384	9%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	313	8%
SQUID	301	7%
OCTOPUS	270	7%
OTHERS	2.447	59%

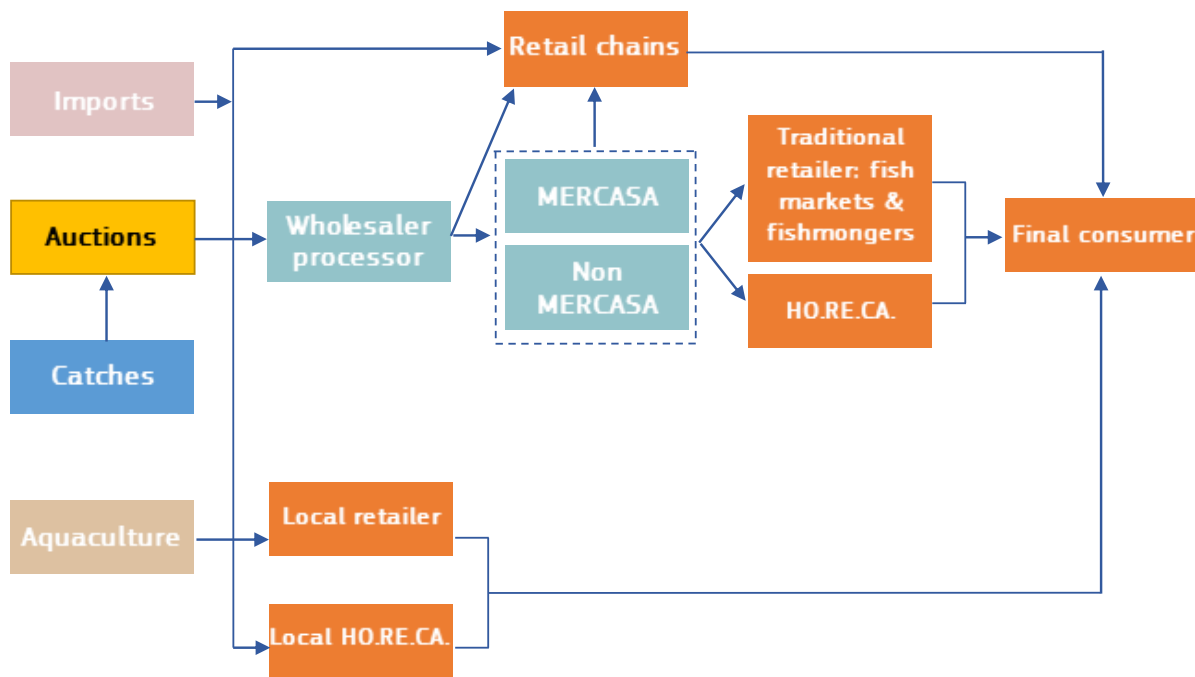




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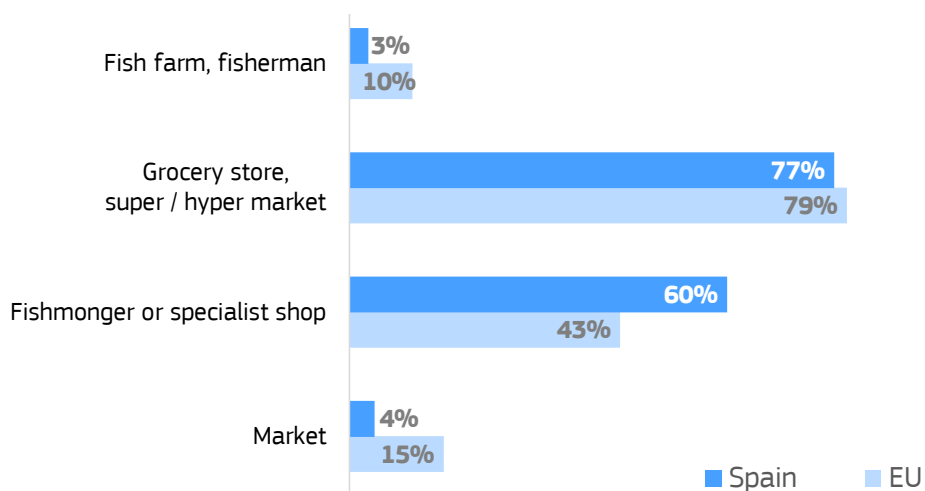
DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Spain (source: IDES, University of Cantabria):



MERCASA: Public owned network of food wholesale markets located in all provinces, providing infrastructures to private wholesalers.

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



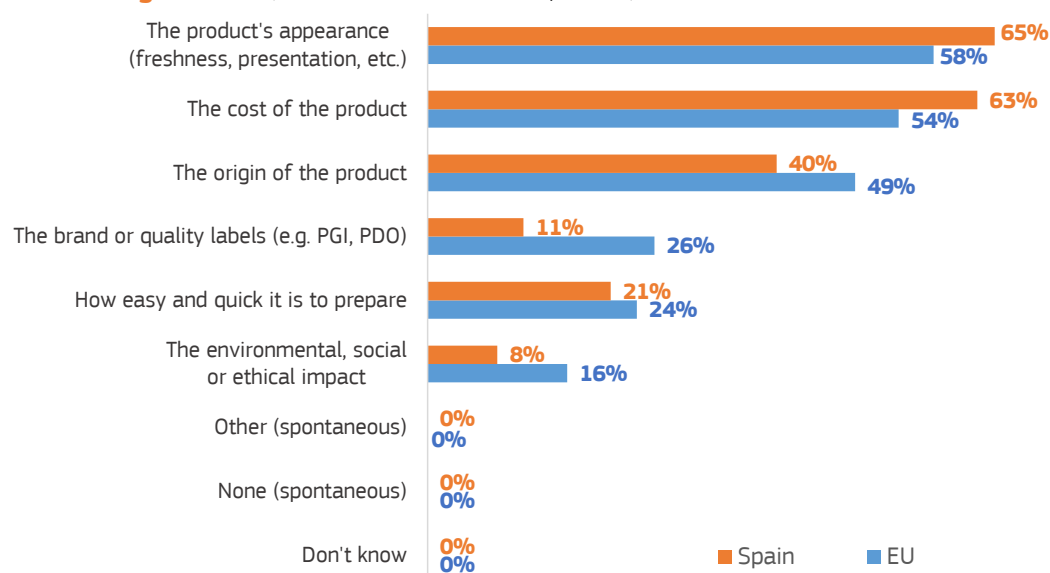


CONSUMPTION

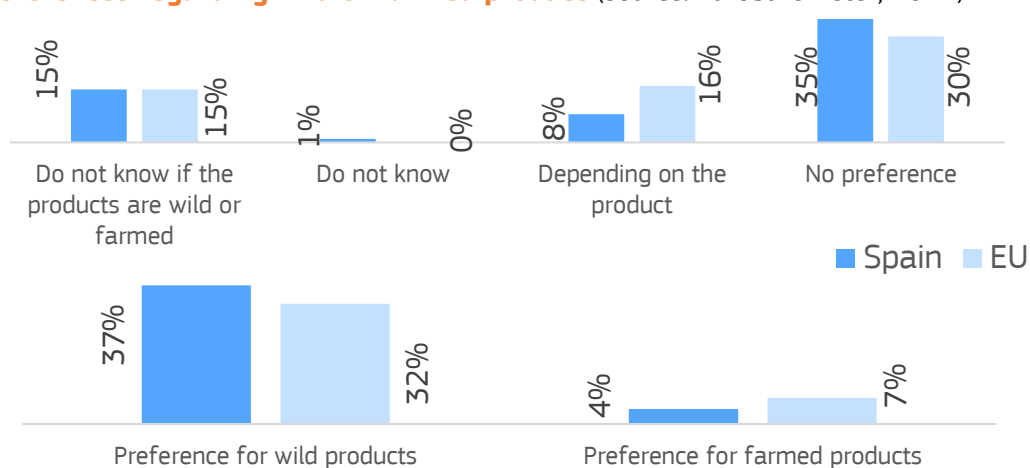
In 2019, apparent consumption was estimated at 46,92 kg per capita, without changes compared 2018. The most consumed species were hake, cod, yellowfin tuna, mussel and squid (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Spain, as well as at EU-28 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 86% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Spaniards consume especially fresh products and tinned products; loose fish is much more frequently consumed in Spain (92%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, “EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products”, 2017).

46,92 kg
per capita in live
weight equivalent
(2019, 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.

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 Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación (MAPA) on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 15 main commercial species and 27 places of sale (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in Spanish places of sale.

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.

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 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.