



UK IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

(2015, source: FAO and Eurostat)

The UK is the EU's 3rd largest producer for fisheries and 2nd largest for aquaculture products.

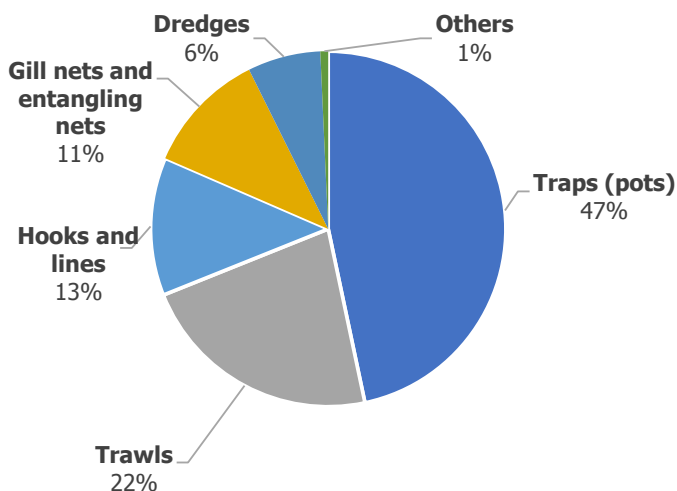
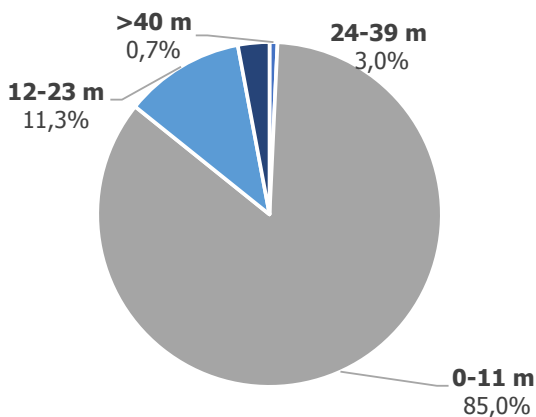
(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	United Kingdom	% world	% EU-28
Catches	104.635	5.144	702	0,7%	14%
Aquaculture	106.094	1.307	212	0,2%	16%
Total	211.511	6.451	914	0,4%	14%

FISHING FLEET

(fleet - 2017, source: EU fishing fleet register; employment – 2015, source: JCR)

Vessels (2017)	Capacity (2017)	Power (2017)	
Number: 6.193	GT: 187.211	KW: 761.469	
TOTAL FTE: 8.135 (2015, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 33%	Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 26%	Jobs (FTE): 3%

The UK's **fishing fleet** and **gear composition**:



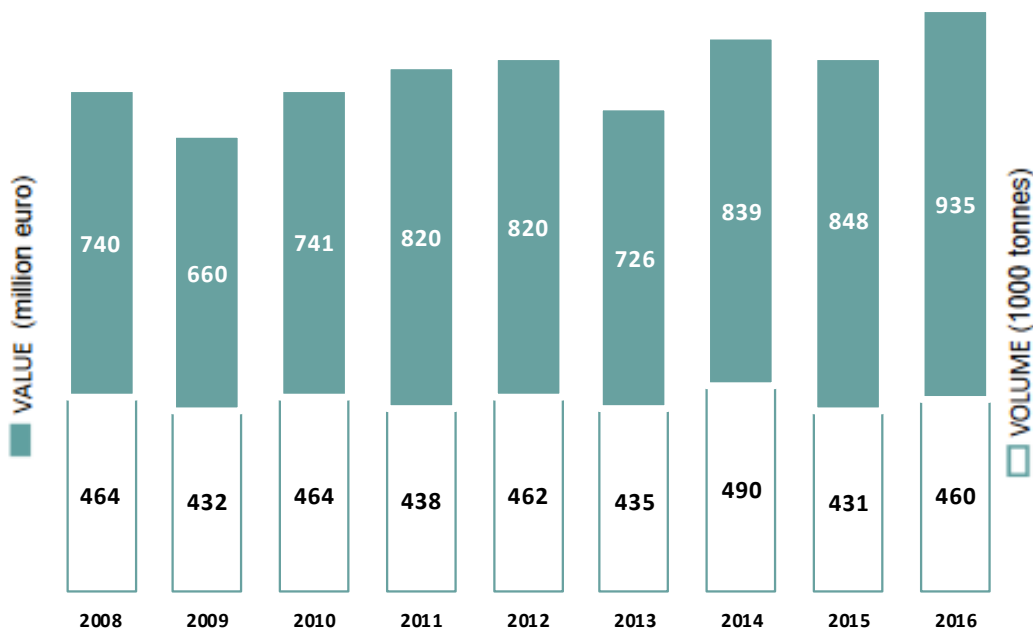


LANDINGS

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products, including aquatic plants, from on board a fishing vessel to land in a given country, regardless of the nationality of the vessel making the landings. They are recorded in net weight.

In the UK, 99% of the species are landed fresh, almost entirely destined to human consumption. 90% of fishery products are landed by UK vessels.

Total fishing ports reported in the UK are 592 (source: EU Master Data Register).



Main commercial species landed and % over total (2016, million euro and 1.000 tonnes)



NORWAY LOBSTER	123	13%	114	25%	MACKEREL
MACKEREL	119	13%	48	10%	HERRING
SCALLOP	93	10%	39	9%	SCALLOP
MONK	65	7%	32	7%	CRAB
HAKE	58	6%	30	6%	HADDOCK
CRAB	58	6%	23	5%	OTHER MUSSELS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES
OTHERS	419	45%	174	38%	OTHERS

(source: Eurostat)

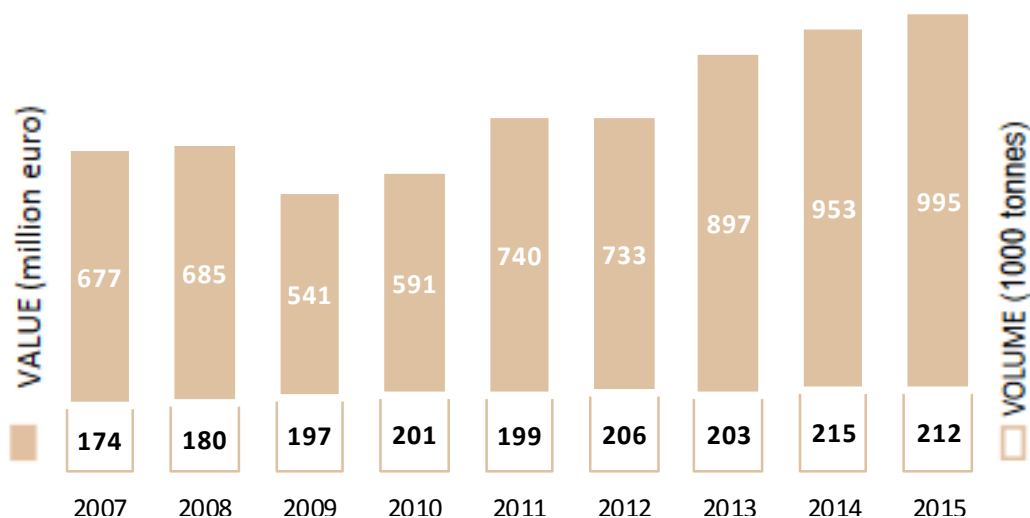


AQUACULTURE

Aquaculture refers to 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 the UK, 95% of aquaculture production occurs in sea or brackish water and 5% in freshwater. The most important aquaculture production methods are:

- 85% in cages, almost entirely farmed in sea or brackish water;
- 8% on bottom, entirely farmed in sea and brackish water.



Main commercial species farmed and % over total
(2016, million euro and 1.000 tonnes)



SALMON	880,9	88%	172	81%	SALMON
TROUT	61,7	6%	19	9%	OTHER MUSSELS
OTHER MUSSELS	35,1	4%	15	7%	TROUT
OTHER MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	10,5	1,1%	3	1,5%	OTHER MOLLUSCS AND AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES
OYSTER	6,0	0,6%	2	1,0%	OYSTER
OTHERS	1,2	0,3%	1	0,5%	OTHERS

(source: Eurostat)



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS (2018, source: DG MARE, [link](#))

In the UK, **25 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, all operating in the fishery sector. Their role is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the CFP and of the CMO through the collective management of their members' activities.

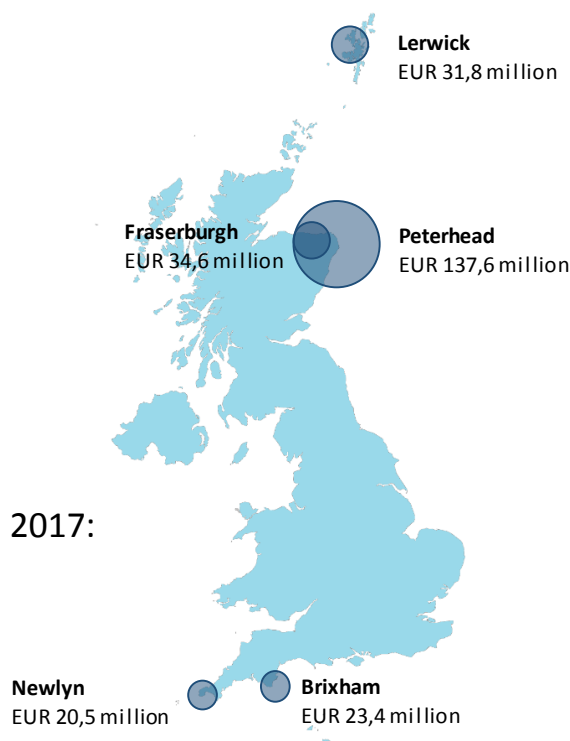
FIRST SALES (2017, source: EUMOFA)

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 the UK, 379 landing ports were operating in 2017 (ports of landing and sales locations are generally the same). Most landings go through auction markets and first sale at Peterhead, Fraserburgh, Lerwick, Brixham and Newlyn. They covered together 47% of the total value and 60% of the total volume.

379 places of sale were operating in 2017:

- 240 in the Celtic Sea;
- 139 in the North Sea.



The main 3 places of sale covered 55% in terms of volume and 39% in terms of value.

Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million EUR)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Peterhead	111.506	138	Mackerel, haddock, cod
Fraserburgh	19.186	35	Norway lobster, mackerel, monk
Lerwick	26.661	32	Mackerel, cod, herring



WHOLESALE

(sources: The Fishmonger's Company and the Food and Drink Federation)

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 the UK, **there are 3 wholesale markets**: Billingsgate (London), New Smithfield Wholesale Market (Manchester) and Birmingham's Wholesale Market. They represent a marginal part of the total market. No total figure is available, but Billingsgate, the biggest one, sells less than 30.000 tonnes per year, i.e. less than 2% of the UK market.

Other companies, commonly called "wholesalers", operate as intermediaries and distributors at different stages of the supply chain. Smaller wholesalers usually sell to fish&chip shops, independent retailers or to secondary processors. Larger wholesalers includes importers and large catering distribution companies. They supply the pub and restaurant sector as well as the foodservice sector and larger retailers. Some large wholesalers also import primary processed fish and sell to secondary processors.



PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, the UK fish processing industry recorded a value added of EUR 808 million in 2015, covering 3% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2016, the main products sold were fresh fish fillets, fish fillets in batter or breadcrumbs, prepared and preserved meals and smoked salmon (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

312 companies

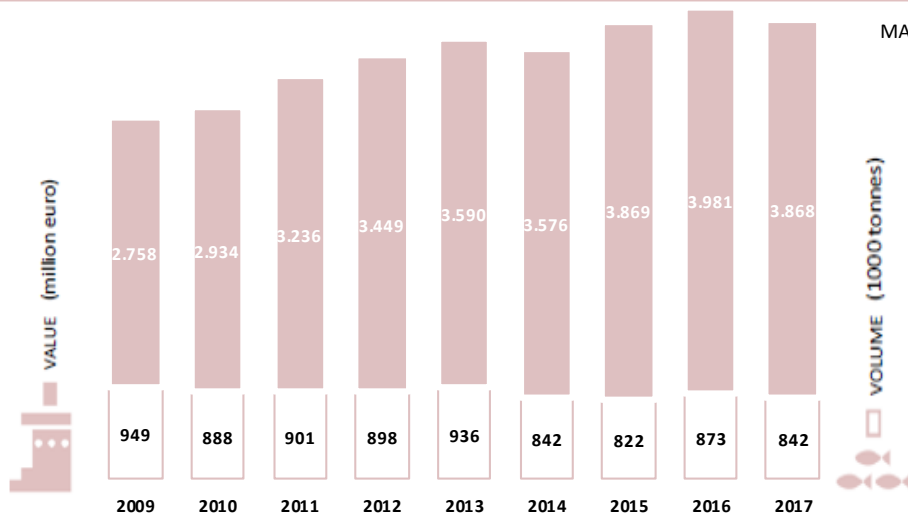
Sales: EUR 4 billion

(2015, source Eurostat - SBS)



TRADE (source: Eurostat)

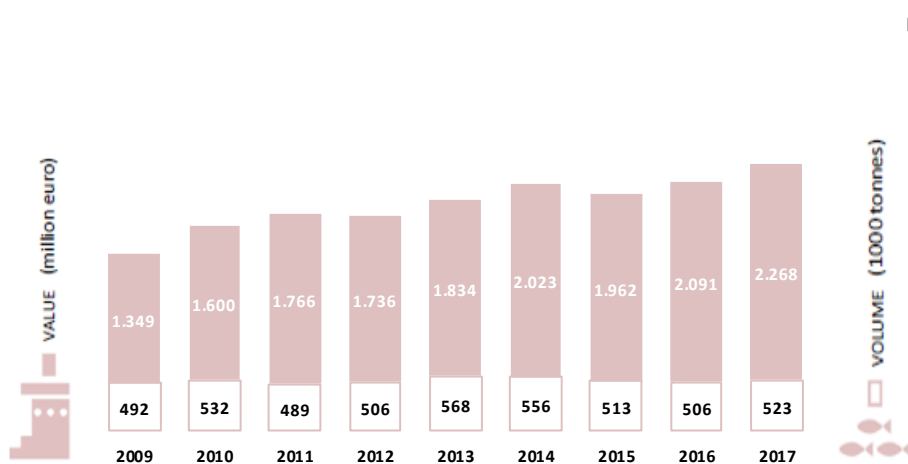
Import



MAIN COMMERCIAL SPECIES IMPORTED AND % OVER TOTAL IMPORTS (2017, million euro)

Species	Value (million euro)	%
COD	556	14%
SALMON	549	14%
SKIP JACK TUNA	422	11%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	419	11%
TROPICAL SHRIMP	330	9%
OTHER MARINE FISH	247	6%
OTHERS	1.345	35%

Export

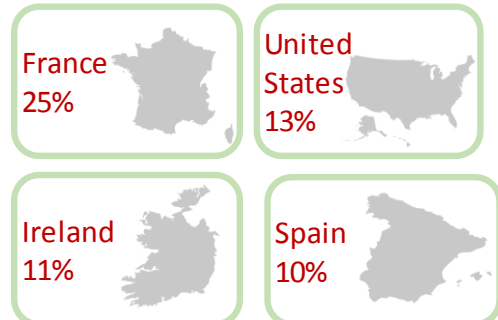
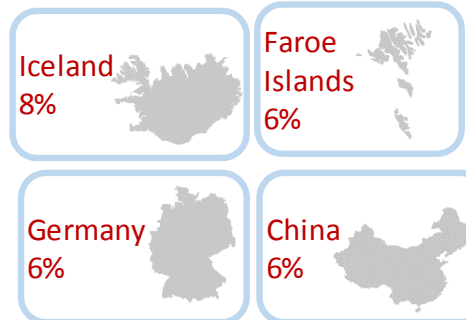


MAIN COMMERCIAL SPECIES EXPORTED AND % OVER TOTAL EXPORT (2017, million euro)

Species	Value (million euro)	%
SALMON	807	36%
NORWAY LOBSTER	117	5%
SCALLOP	113	5%
MACKEREL	99	4%
OTHER PRODUCTS	91	4%
CRAB	77	3%
OTHERS	964	43%

Main countries of **ORIGIN**
(in value, 2017)

Main countries of **DESTINATION**
(in value, 2017)

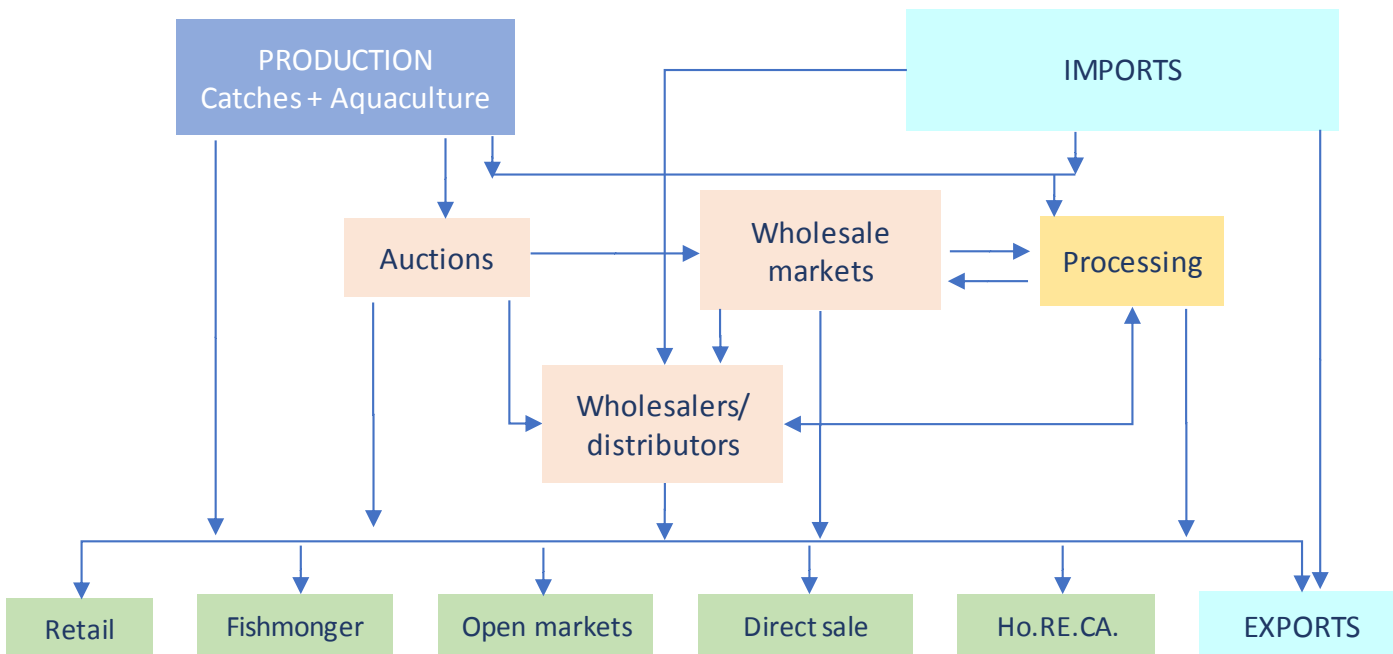




DISTRIBUTION

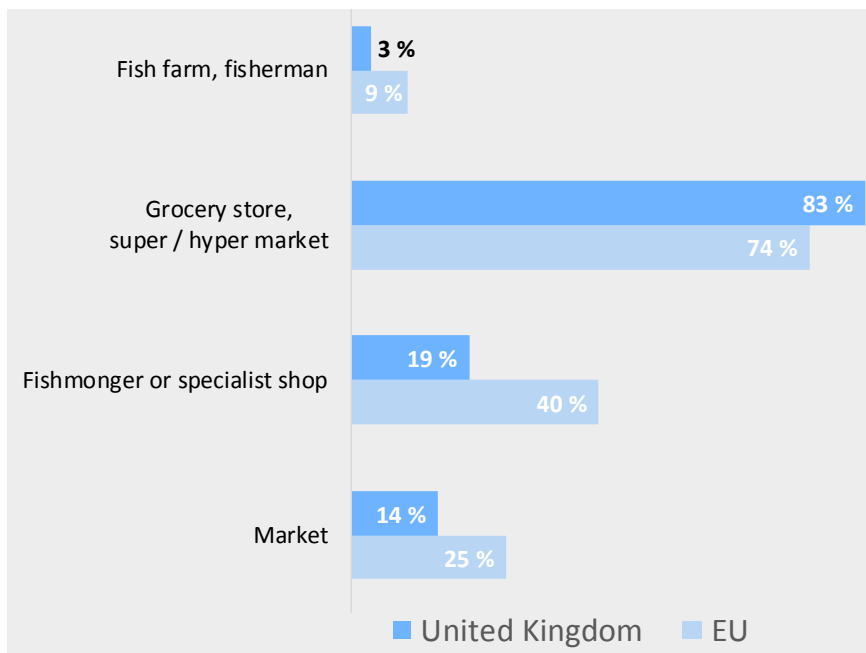
The supply chain of fishery and aquaculture products in the UK

(sources: The Fishmonger's Company and the Food and Drink Federation)



Consumers preferences on purchasing channels

(source: EUROBAROMETER)





SUPPLY BALANCE (2015, source: EUMOFA)





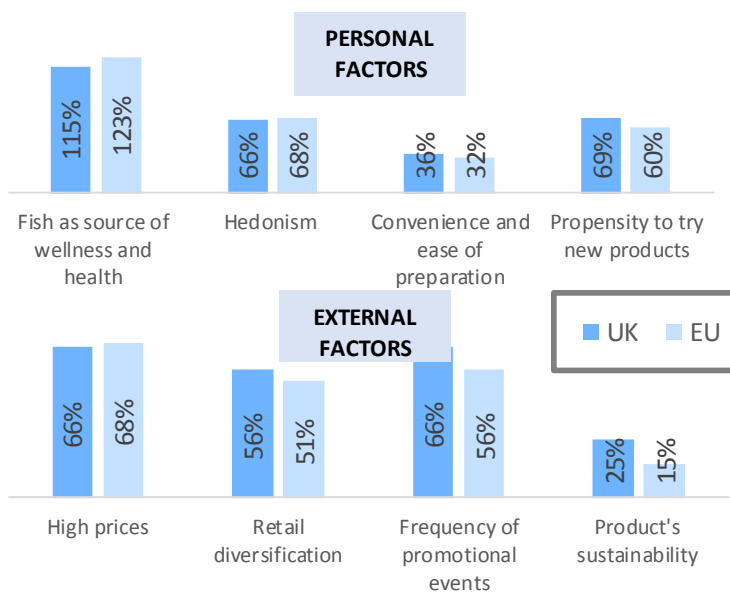
CONSUMPTION (source: EUMOFA)

Apparent consumption of fishery and aquaculture products in the UK amounted to **24,3 kg per capita in 2015**, slightly lower (-0,2%) than the previous year. The main consumed species are **cod** and **salmon**.

The British consume especially fresh, smoked-salted-dried and preserved-processed-canned products; loose fish (53%) is more rarely consumed than the EU average (68%). From a socio-demographic point of view, regular fish consumers mainly belong to the age classes 40-54 and over 55. Young people also tend to eat fish frequently in the UK. This age group has the lowest number of regular consumers across the EU. While this is also the case in the UK, the number of young people regularly eating fish is slightly higher than the EU average (source: "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products").

Purchasing factors

(source: EUROBAROMETER)



24,3 kg per capita
(source: EUMOFA)





LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected by EUMOFA from **Eurostat – Fishery**. Data concern all species landed in the UK by vessels of all nationalities. Data are available on a yearly basis, accessible through simple and advanced tables.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected weekly from the auctions at **Port of Grimsby** and **Port of Shetland**, and monthly from the **Marine Management Organisation (MMO)**.

Weekly data are collected and disseminated for 12 species. Click [here](#) for the list of species and places of sale.

Monthly data are collected and disseminated for all species sold in the places of sale included in the data transmission. Click [here](#) for the list of places of sale.

Both types of data are accessible through simple and advanced tables.

TRADE

Volumes and values are collected from **Eurostat – COMEXT**. Data concern trade of all fisheries and aquaculture products as recorded by national customs, available on a monthly and yearly basis. Data are accessible through simple and advanced tables.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected by EUMOFA from **Eurostat – Fishery**. Data are available on a yearly basis, accessible through simple and advanced tables.

WHOLESALE

No data available for this supply chain stage

PROCESSING

Volumes and values are collected from **Eurostat – PRODCOM**. Data concern 21 processed products as recorded through the PRODCOM nomenclature. Data are available on a yearly basis and are accessible through simple tables.

CONSUMPTION

Household consumption of fresh fishery and aquaculture products is collected from a **private provider** by EUMOFA on a monthly basis for 10 products based on panel reporting. Click [here](#) for the products per each Member State. Data (volumes and values) are accessible through simple queries on a monthly and yearly basis.