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CYPRUS IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Cyprus is a minor EU-27 producer of fishery and aquaculture products.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Cyprus	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	1,2	0,001%	0,03%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	5,7	0,004%	0,55%
Total	227.821	4.598	6,9	0,003%	0,15%

FISHING FLEET

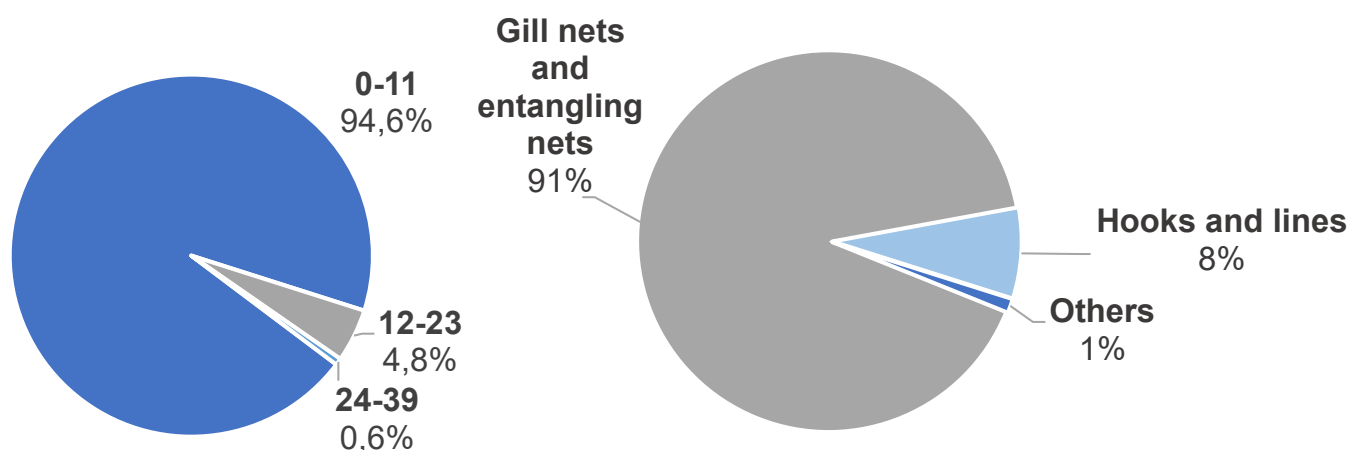
Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2023, source: JRC

Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)	
Number: 821	GT: 3.792	KW: 40.156	
TOTAL FTE: 737 (2023, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 81%	Jobs (FTE): 17%	Jobs (FTE): 2%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Cypriot fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

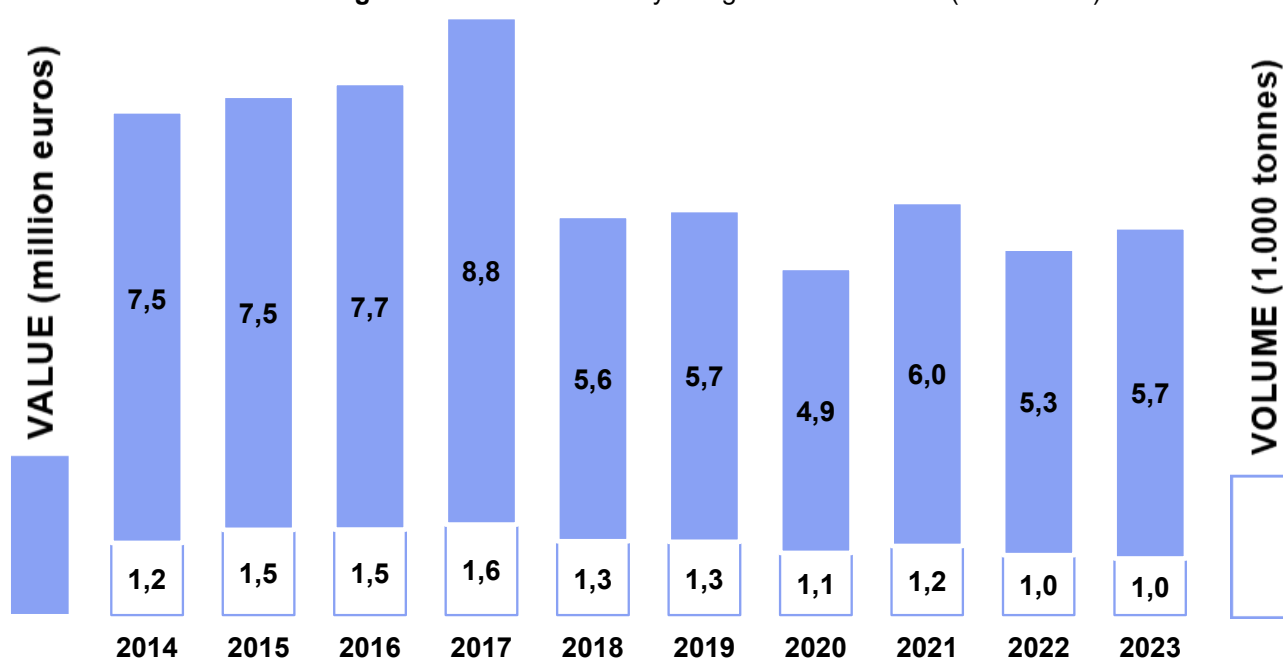
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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. Landings data are reported in net weight and value.

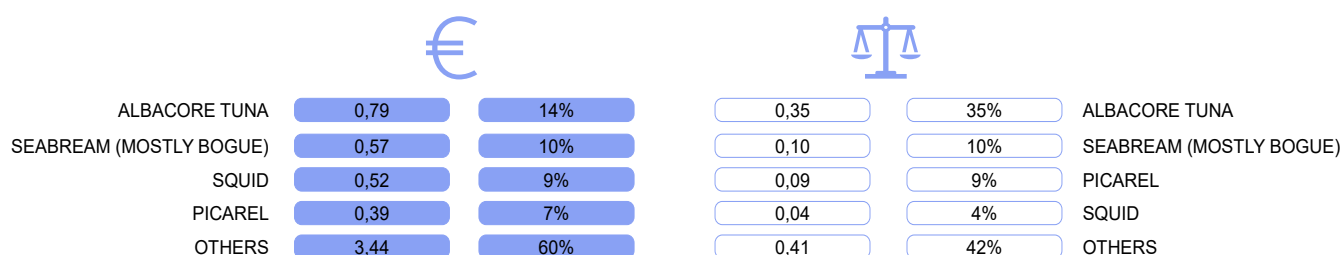
Landings in Cyprus consist of fresh whole/gutted products entirely destined for human consumption.

There are 18 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 03 December 2025).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species landed and % of total
2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes





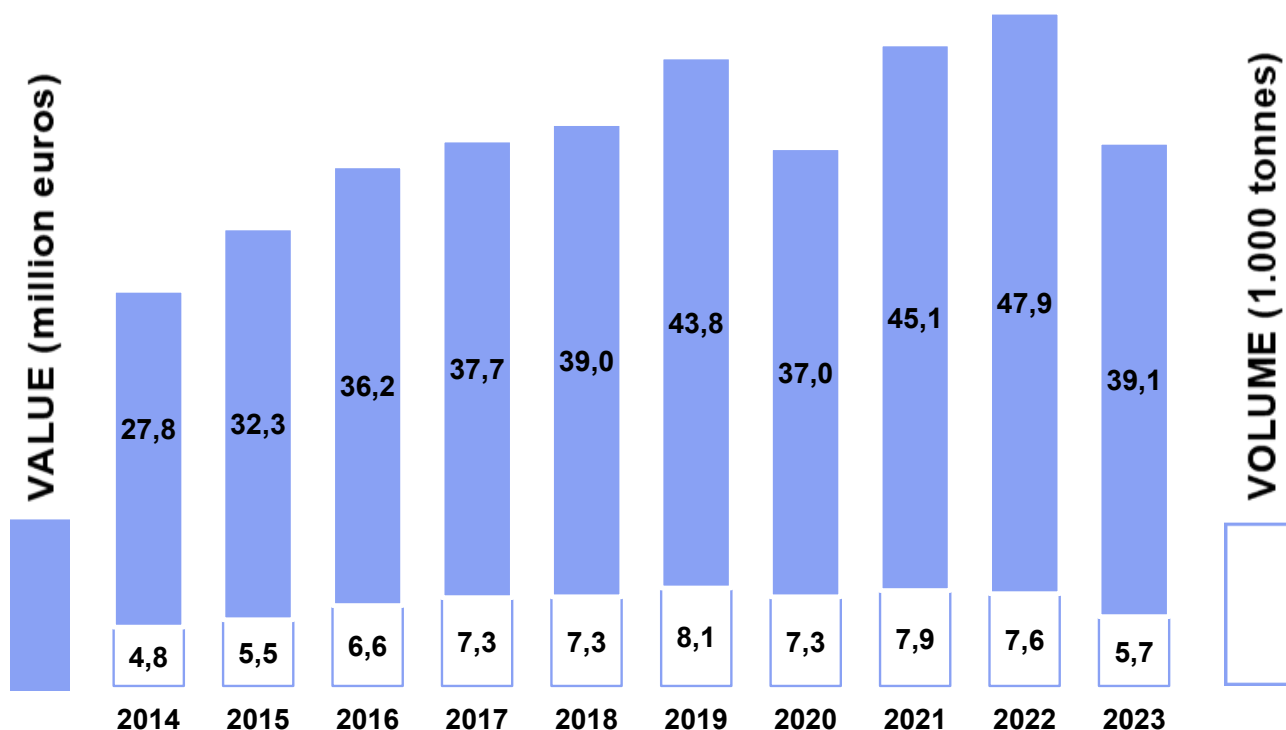
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AQUACULTURE

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 Cyprus, in 2023, production occurred almost entirely in marine waters, mainly using cages and, in marginal percentage, in ponds. Negligible amounts of farmed production occurred in freshwater, in tanks and raceways.

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total	
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	22,2	56,9%	3,7	64,1%	GILTHEAD SEABREAM
EUROPEAN SEABASS	15,4	39,4%	1,9	32,5%	EUROPEAN SEABASS
OTHERS	1,4	3,7%	0,2	3,4%	OTHERS

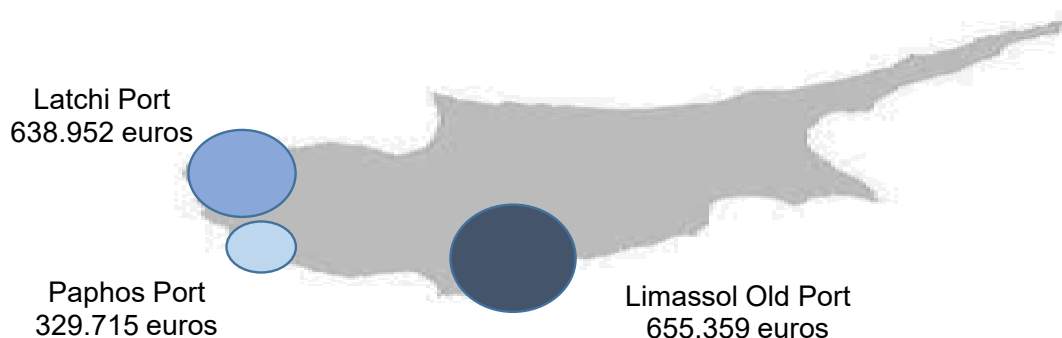


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FIRST SALES

2025, source: EUMOFA

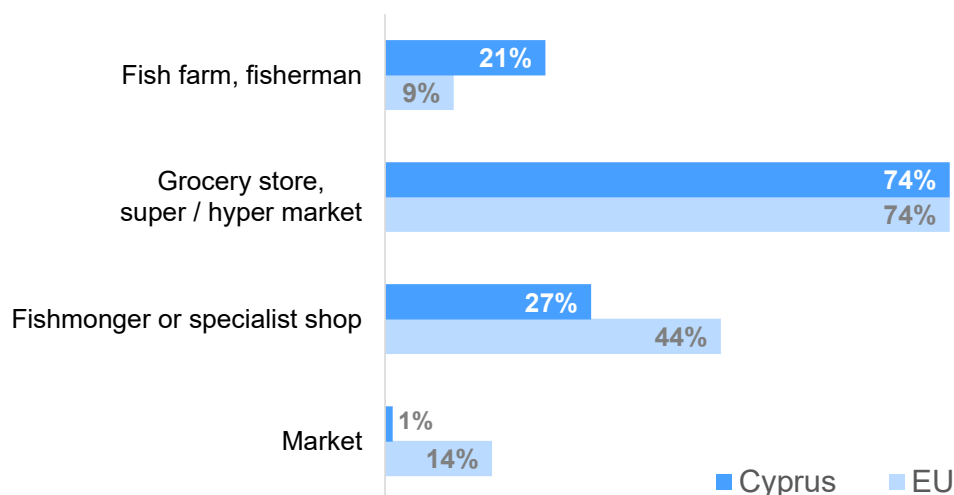
First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors. In 2025, total first sales in Cyprus places of sale amounted to 562 tonnes and 2,6 million euros. The top-3 places of sale covered 60% and 62% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Limassol Old Port	121	655.359	Other marine fish, other seabream, albacore tuna
Latchi Port	155	638.952	Albacore tuna, other marine fish, other seabream
Paphos Port	61	329.715	Other marine fish, albacore tuna, other seabream

DISTRIBUTION

Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2024):





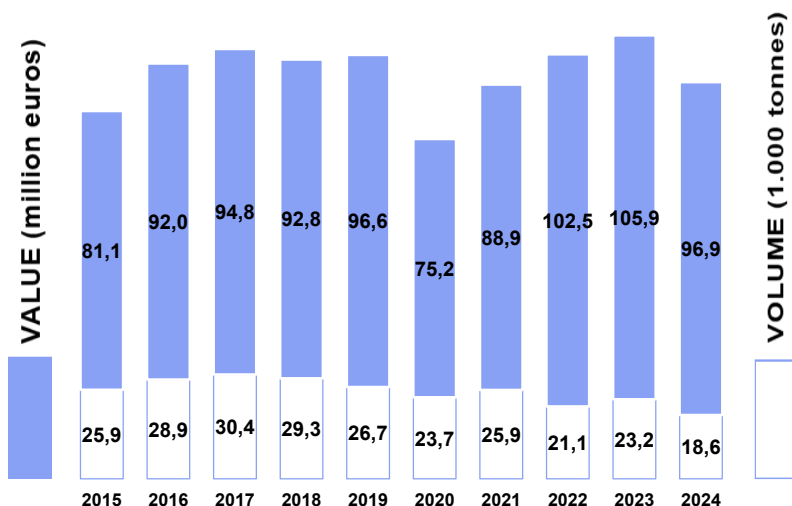
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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)

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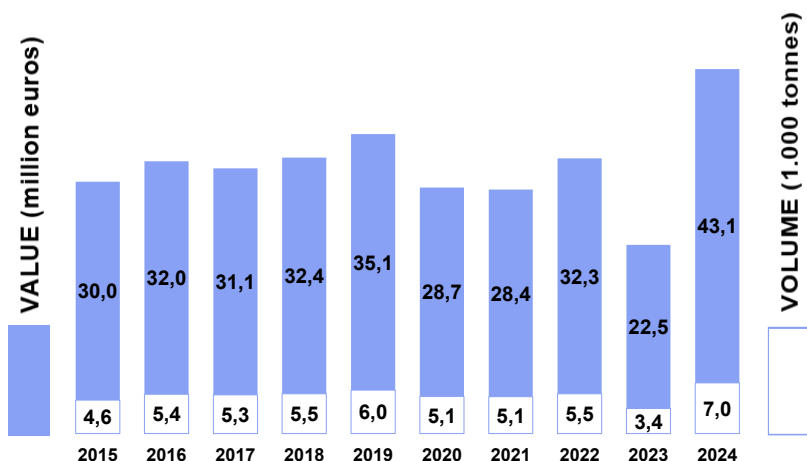


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
SALMON	22	20%
OCTOPUS	10	9%
SQUID	9	8%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	8	7%
SKIPJACK TUNA	7	6%
OTHERS	58	50%

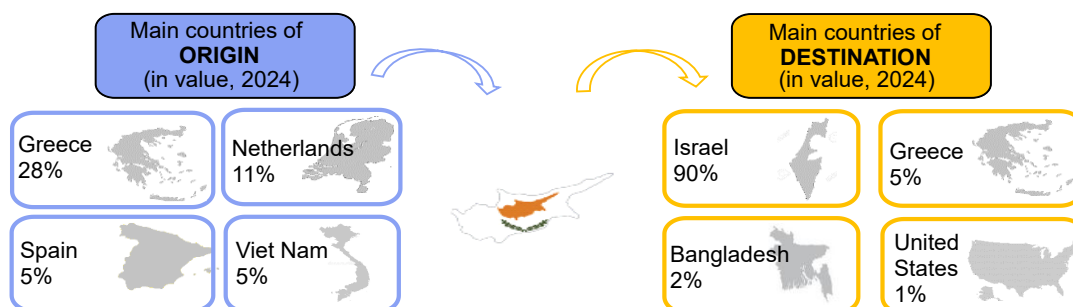
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	22	43%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	14	27%
ALBACORE TUNA	1	2%
SALMON	1	2%
FISHMEAL	1	1%
OTHERS	13	26%





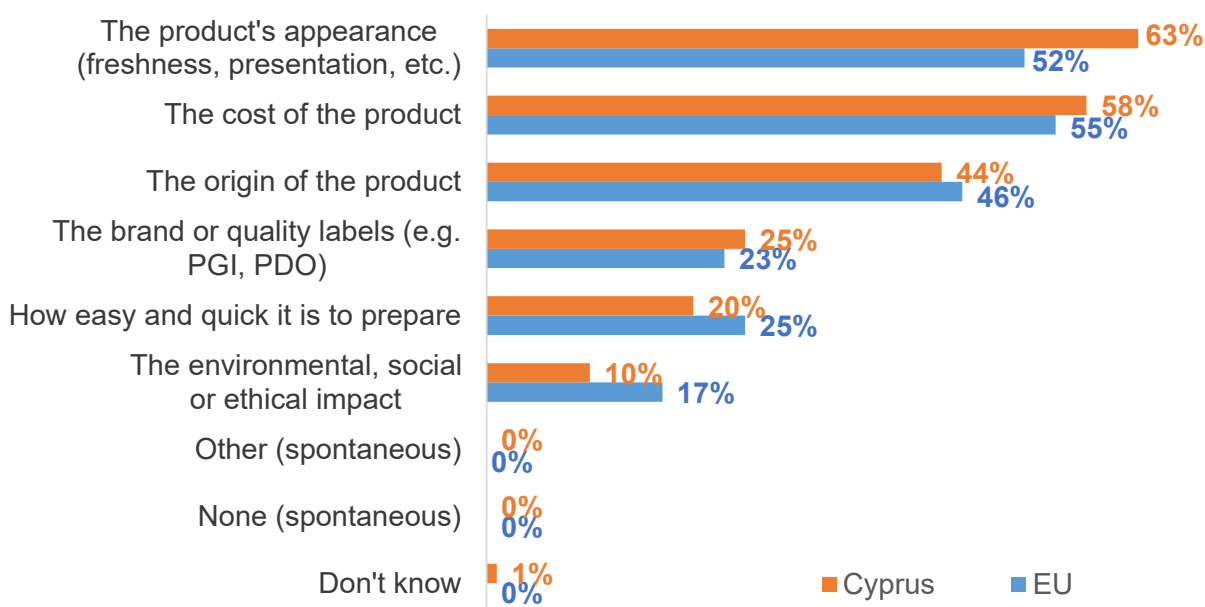
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CONSUMPTION

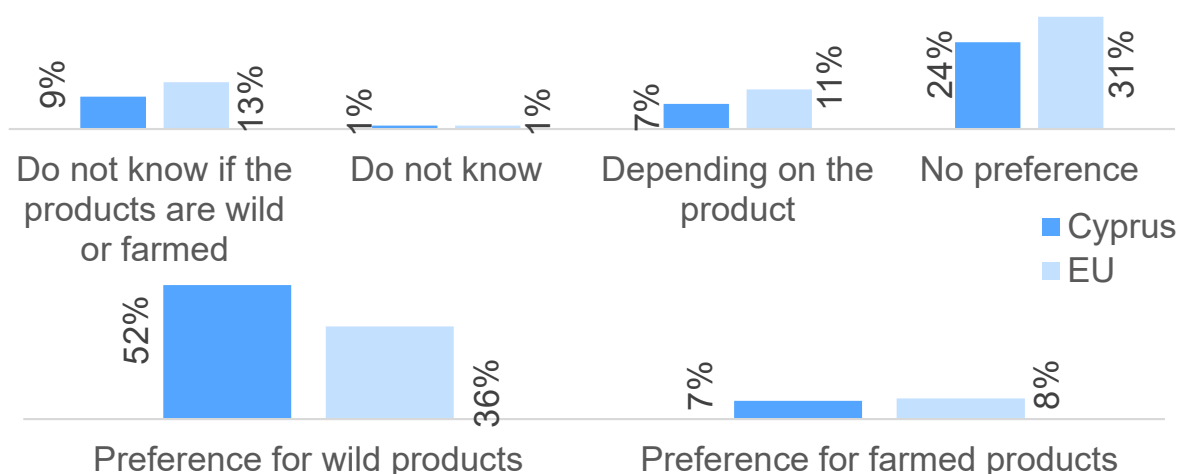
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 28,16 kg per capita, a 1% increase compared with 2022. The most consumed species were salmon, skipjack tuna, gilthead seabream, squid and miscellaneous tuna (source: EUMOFA).

28,16 kg
per capita in live weight
equivalent
(2023, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)





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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 dashboards, 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 dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research on a monthly basis, and cover all species sold in Cypriot places of sale.

Data are accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility. Data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through dashboards and the bulk download facility.

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.

They are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

PROCESSING

No data available

CONSUMPTION

No data available