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POLAND IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2023, Poland was the EU's 8th largest producer of fishery products and the 5th largest in terms of aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Poland	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	172	0,16%	5%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	41	0,03%	4%
Total	227.821	4.598	213	0,09%	5%

FISHING FLEET

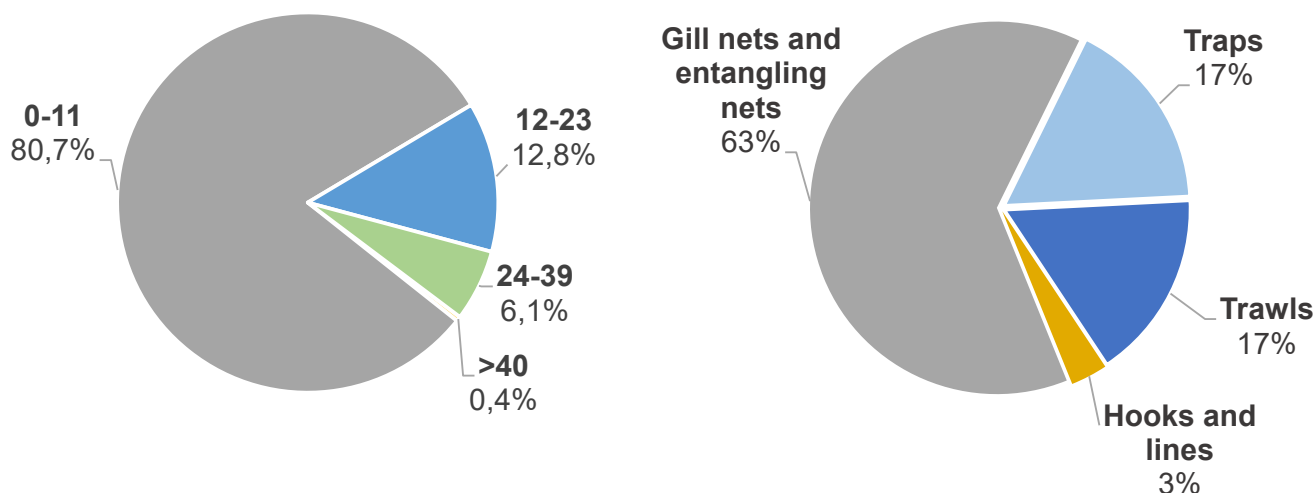
Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2023, source: JRC

Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)	
Number: 721	GT: 33.981	KW: 76.268	
TOTAL FTE: 2.066 (2023, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 67%	Jobs (FTE): 21%	Jobs (FTE): 12%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Polish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

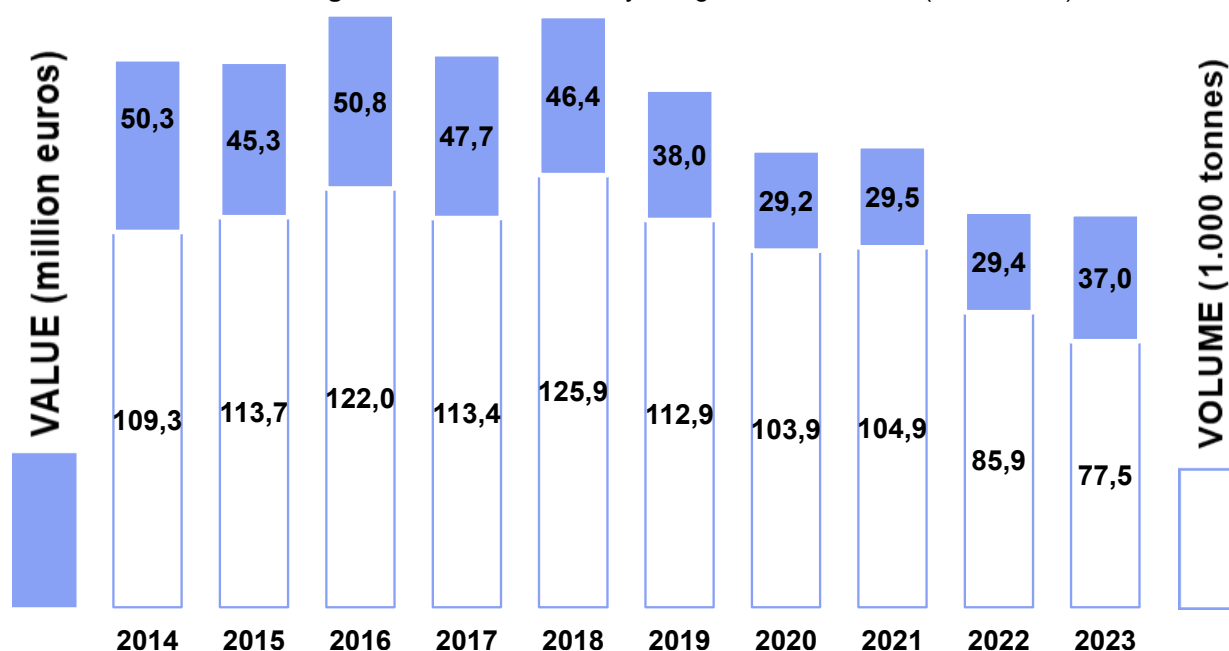
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given Member State. The landings also 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 in Poland consist mainly of fresh whole/gutted products. In 2023, most of them were destined for human consumption (96%). Smaller quantities included products intended for animal feed and industrial uses (4%), while no details are available for the residual share.

There are 71 fishing ports registered in Poland (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



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	15,9	43%	46,3	60%
HERRING	8,7	24%	18,2	23%
EUROPEAN FLOUNDER	3,1	8%	6,4	8%
PIKE-PERCH	2,5	7%	0,6	1%
EEL	1,9	5%	0,4	1%
OTHERS	5,0	13%	5,7	7%



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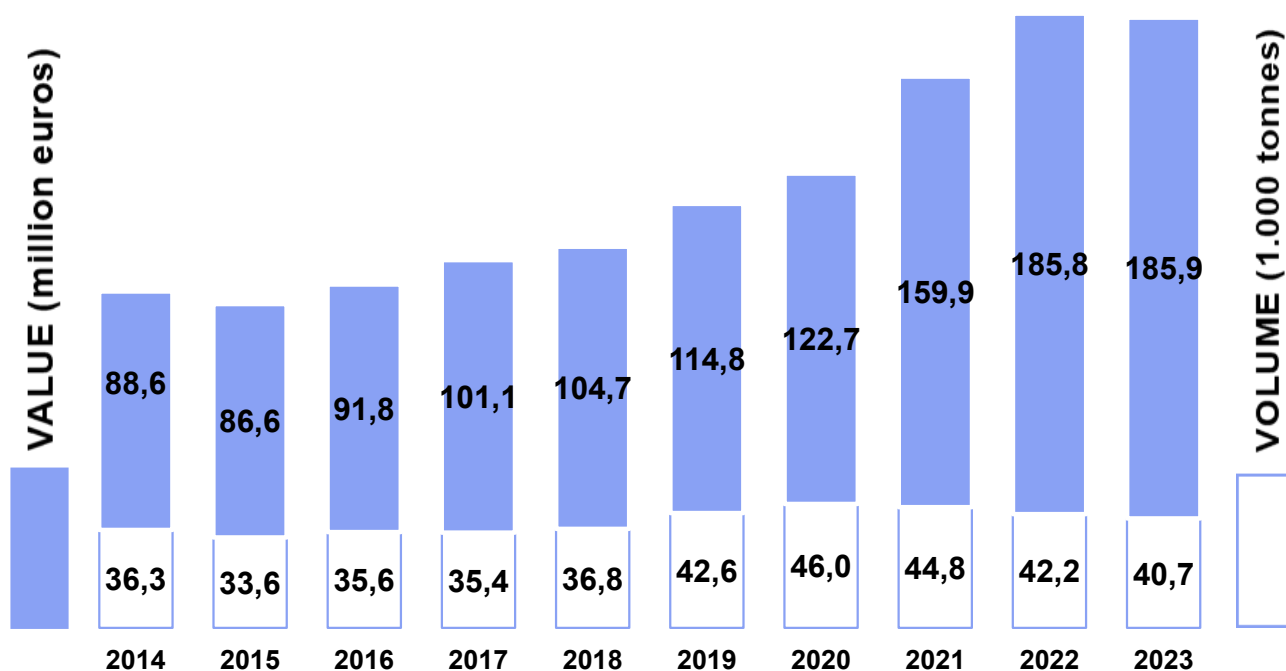
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO 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.

Aquaculture activity in Poland is limited to freshwater farming.

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	
CARP	86,8	46,7%	19,1	46,9%	CARP
TROUT	79,0	42,5%	18,6	45,7%	TROUT
FRESHWATER CATFISH	3,5	1,9%	0,6	1,5%	FRESHWATER CATFISH
PIKE	1,9	1,0%	0,3	0,6%	PIKE
OTHERS	14,7	7,9%	2,1	5,3%	OTHERS



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Source: European Commission, [List of the recognised producer organisations in the fishery and aquaculture sector](#)

In Poland, **17 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.

Of the 17 POs, 12 operate in the fishery sector and 5 in aquaculture.

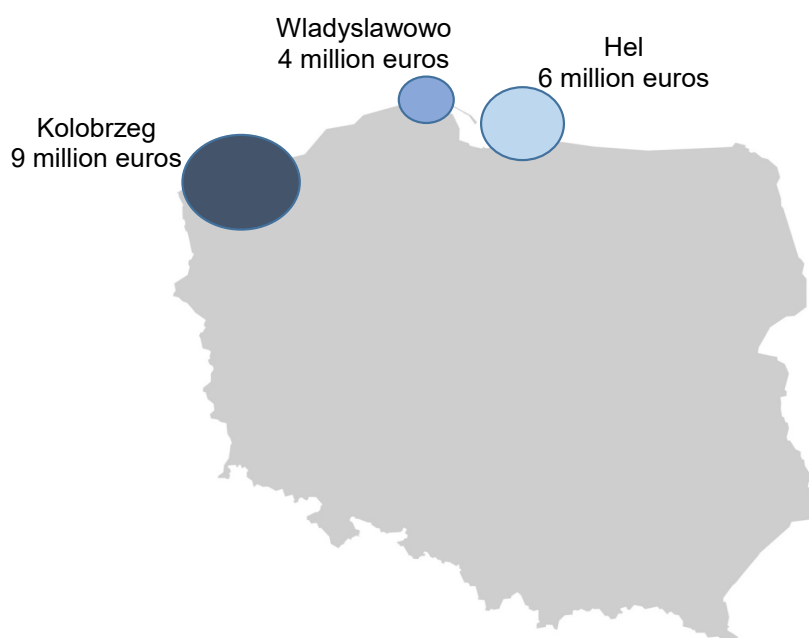
FIRST SALES

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.

The majority of marine catches in Poland are sold to registered buyers. In 2025, total first sales in Polish places of sale amounted to 45.818 tonnes and 24 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 86% and 79% 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)
Kolobrzeg	14.164	9	Herring, sprat (=brisling), European flounder
Hel	16.155	6	Sprat (=brisling), herring, trout
Wladyslawowo	9.284	4	Sprat (=brisling), herring, European flounder



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WHOLESALE

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 Poland, there are wholesalers and one wholesale market, namely Metro (source: Eurofish).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 18.427 persons were employed in the Polish fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 701 million euros, covering 4% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2024, the main products sold were “Prepared or preserved fish (excluding whole or in pieces and prepared meals and dishes)” and “Frozen fish meat, whether or not minced (excluding fillets and surimi)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

330 companies

Net turnover: 5,1 billion euros

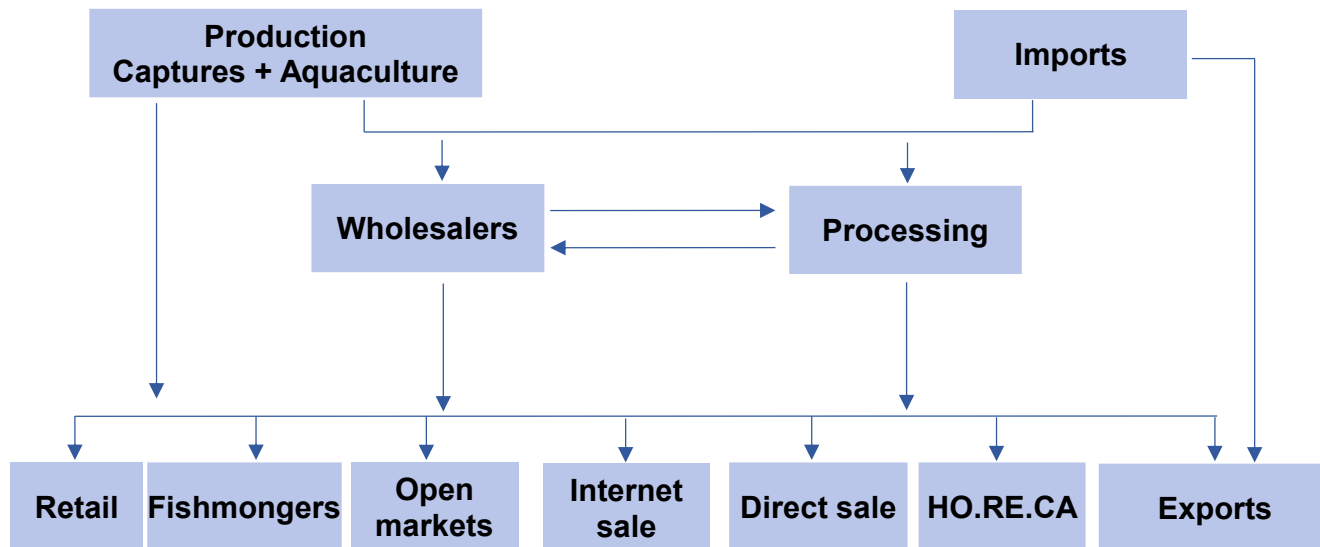
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)



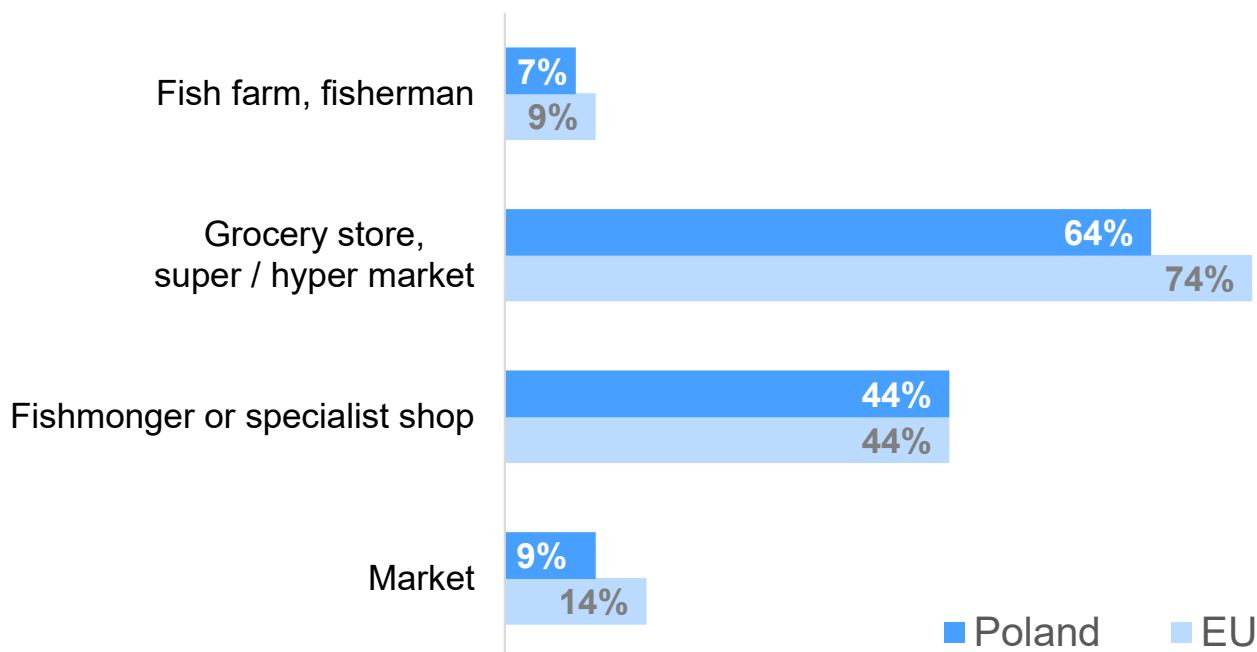
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DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Poland (source: Eurofish):



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





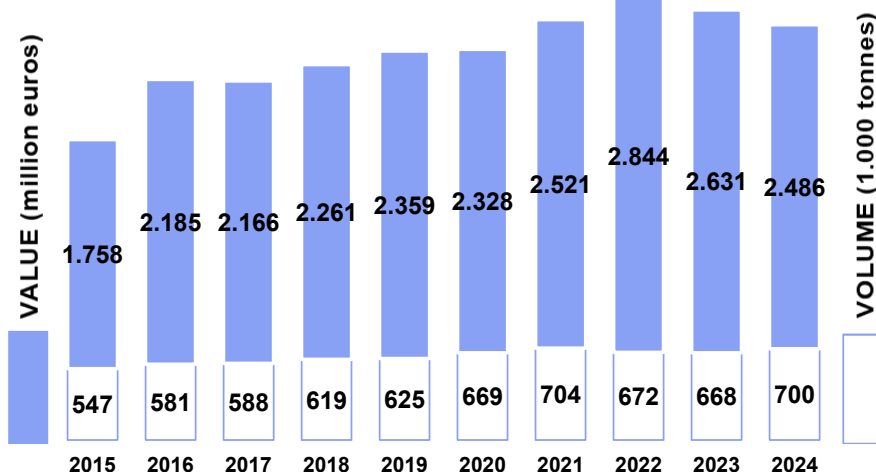
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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

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

IMPORT

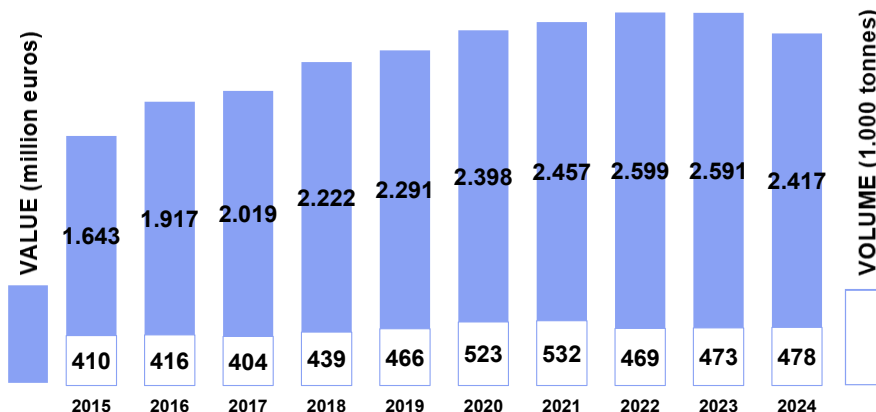


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
SALMON	1844	54%
COD	213	6%
HERRING	183	5%
ALASKA POLLOCK	138	4%
MACKEREL	98	3%
OTHERS	929	27%

EXPORT

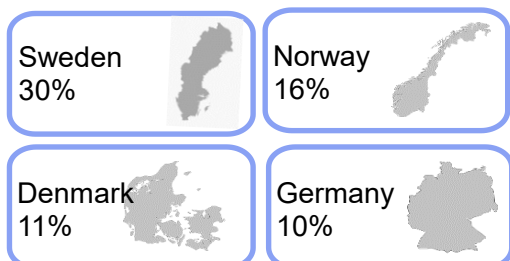


Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

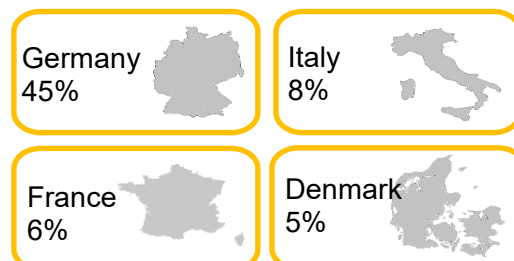
2024, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
SALMON	2073	63%
HERRING	187	6%
COD	164	5%
TROUT	125	4%
MACKEREL	72	2%
OTHERS	688	21%

Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2024)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2024)





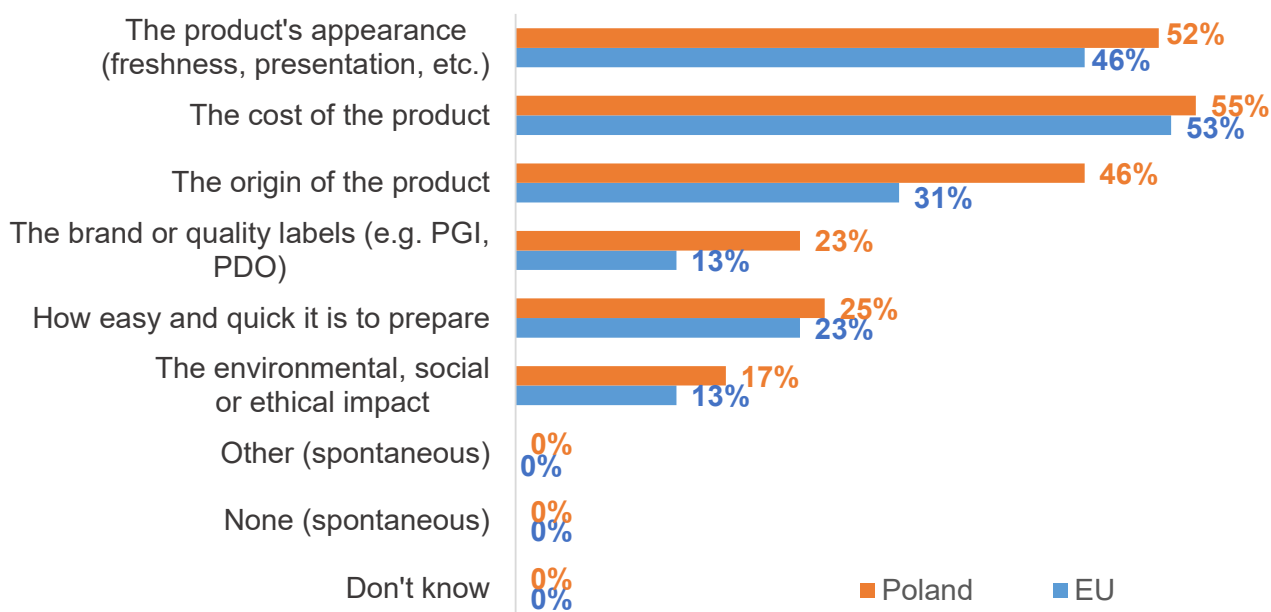
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CONSUMPTION

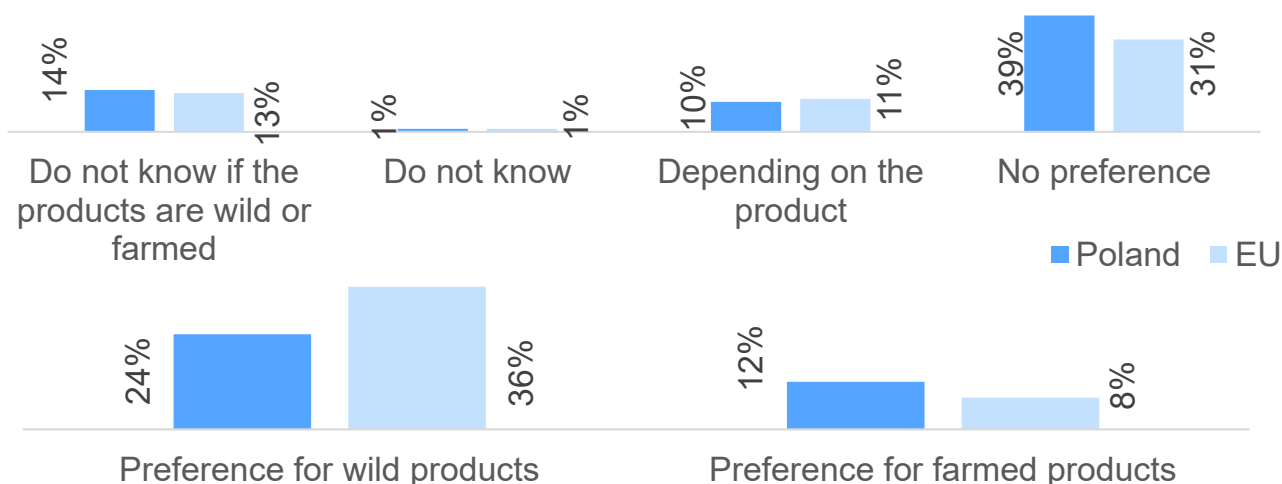
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 13,67 kg per capita, a 2% increase compared with 2022. The most consumed species were herring and Alaska pollock, as well as sprat, mackerel, salmon and blue whiting (source: EUMOFA).

13,67 kg
per capita in live weight equivalent
 (2023, source: Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute)

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 and through the bulk download facility.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with FAO data. They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards and the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural development on a weekly and monthly basis. Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 5 main commercial species and 5 places of sale. Monthly data cover all species sold in all Polish places of sale. Both are accessible through dashboards and the bulk download facility. As for monthly first sales, data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through dashboards and the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

Prices are collected from MPR Publishing House Ltd. on a weekly basis. Data cover sales from Makro Cash & Carry of a selection of 20 main commercial species.

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 and the bulk download facility.

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 dashboards and 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 4 main commercial species, + the item “Others”, aggregating all other species. Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through dashboards and the bulk download facility. Retail prices from online shops are also available, collected via price-scraper.