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LATVIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

(2015, source: FAO and Eurostat)

Latvia is the EU's 13th largest producer of fisheries and 21st largest of aquaculture products.

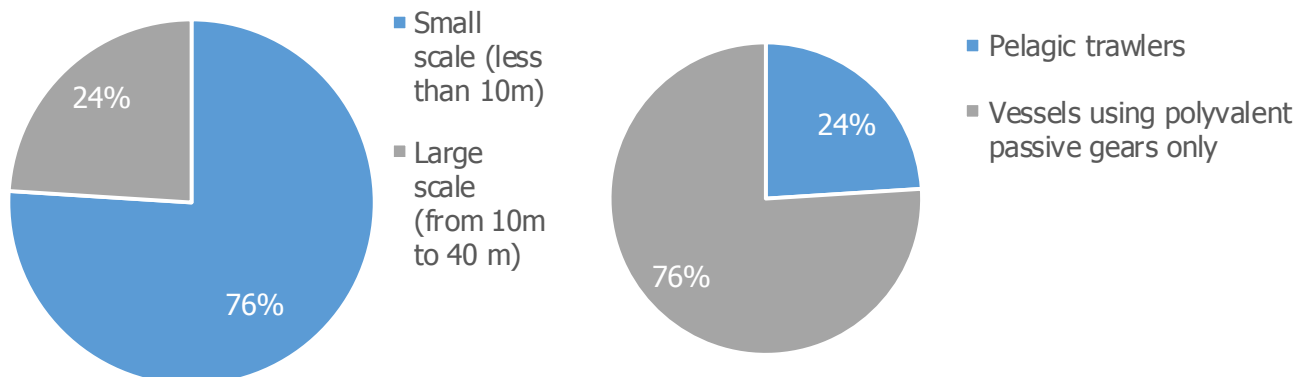
(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Latvia	% World	% EU-28
Catches	104.635	5.144	81	0,1%	1,6%
Aquaculture	106.094	1.307	4	0,0%	0,3%
Total	211.511	6.451	85	0,0%	1,3%

FISHING FLEET

(2015, source: [JRC and Annual Economic Report](#))

Vessels	Capacity	Power
Number: 309 (including 59 inactive vessels)	GT: 7,3	KW: 20,6
TOTAL FTE: 345		
Small scale	Large scale	Distant fleet
Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 62%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

The Latvian **fishing fleet** and **gear composition**:





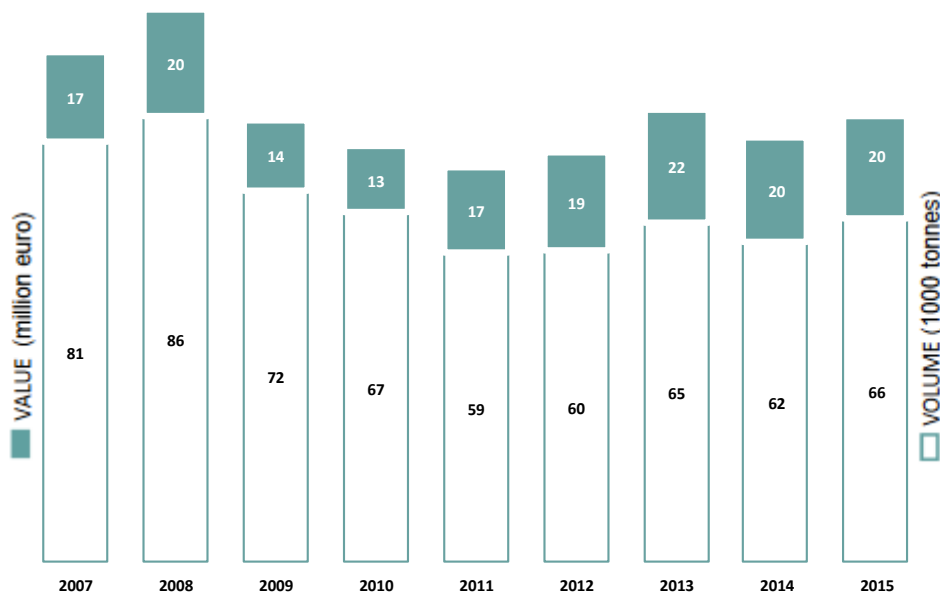
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LANDINGS

Landings represent the initial unloading of any quantity of 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. Landings are recorded in net weight. In Latvia, 100% of the volumes are landed fresh and 100% for human consumption. 94% of fisheries products are landed by Latvian vessels.

Total fishing ports reported in Latvia are 7. They are listed in order of importance: Ventspils, Liepāja, Roja, Mērsrags, Skulte, Rīga, and Salacgrīva.



Main commercial species landed and % of total
(2015, million euro and 1.000 tonnes)



Species	Value (million euro)	% of total	Volume (1000 tonnes)	% of total
SPRAT	9	48%	32	48%
HERRING	7	36%	28	43%
COD	2	10%	2	3%
EUROPEAN FLOUNDER	1	3%	2	3%
SMELT	0,3	2%	1	2%
OTHER MARINE FISH	0,1	1%	0,3	0,4%
OTHERS	0,2	1%	0,3	1%

(source: Eurostat)



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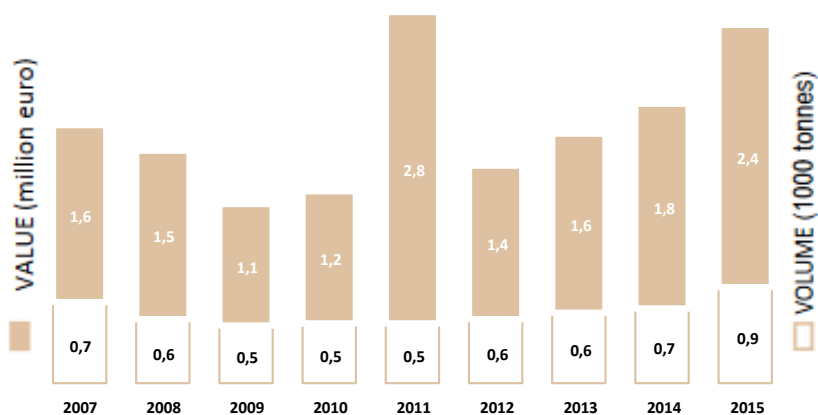


AQUACULTURE

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.

The most important aquaculture production methods, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, are:

- 74% in ponds, entirely farmed in freshwater;
- 13% in tanks, entirely farmed in freshwater;
- 13% in recirculation systems.



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
(2015, million euro and 1.000 tonnes)



Species	Value (million euro)	% of total	Volume (1000 tonnes)	% of total
CARP	1,1	47%	0,6	65%
TROUT	0,6	24%	0,1	16%
OTHER FRESHWATER FISH	0,5	21%	0,1	12%
OTHERS	0,2	8%	0,1	7%

(source: Eurostat)



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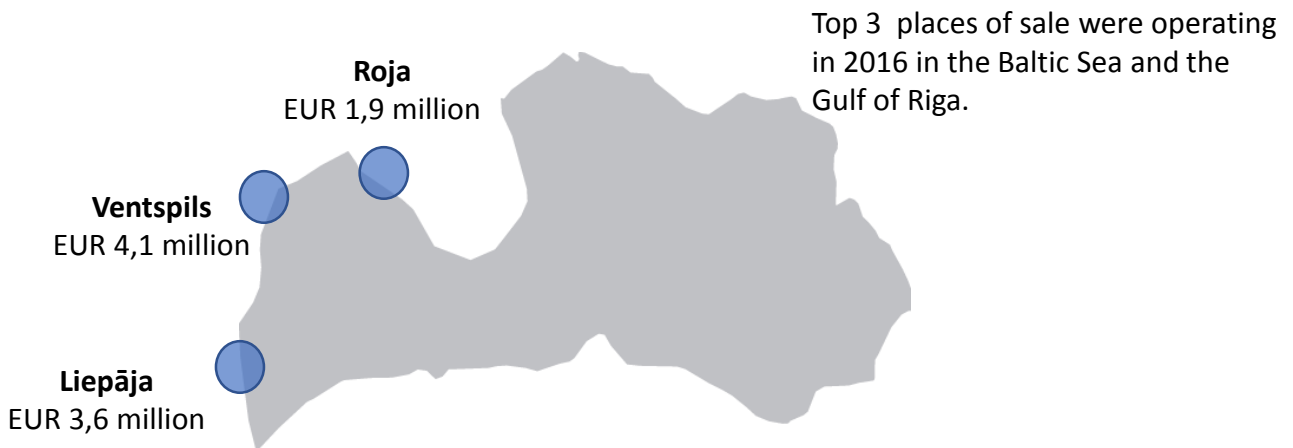
PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS (2016, source: DG MARE, [link](#))

Four producers organisations (POs) are recognised for the management of fisheries activities of their associated members. The four POs are: NACIONĀLĀS ZVEJNIECĪBAS RAŽOTĀJU ORGANIZĀCIJA, LATVIJAS ZVEJAS PRODUKTU RAŽOTĀJU GRUPA, Kurzemes zvejniecības ražotāju organizācija, Salacgrīvas zvejas produktu ražotāju organizācija. All 4 POs are involved in fisheries.

FIRST SALES (2016, source: EUMOFA)

First sale concerns 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.

Latvia does not have auctions.



The top-3 places of sale provide 77% of total volume and 81% of total value.

Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million EUR)	Top-3 main commercial species (value)
Ventspils	22.085	4,1	Sprat (=brisling), herring, European flounder
Liepāja	12.675	3,6	Sprat (=brisling), cod, herring
Roja	8.723	1,9	Herring, sprat(=brisling), smelt

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PROCESSING (source: EUROSTAT-SBS)

In 2015, 4.170 persons were employed in Latvia in the fish processing industry.

In Latvia, the fish processing industry recorded a value added of EUR 45 million, covering 13% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

The main products were prepared or preserved brisling and sprats, fishmeal, prepared or preserved herrings and frozen whole saltwater fish.

112 companies

Sales: EUR 0,169 billion

(2015, source Eurostat - SBS)

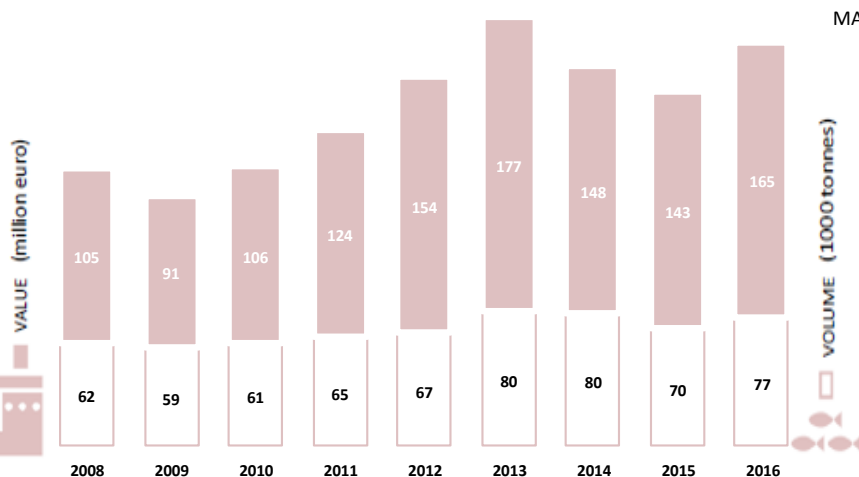


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TRADE (source: Eurostat)

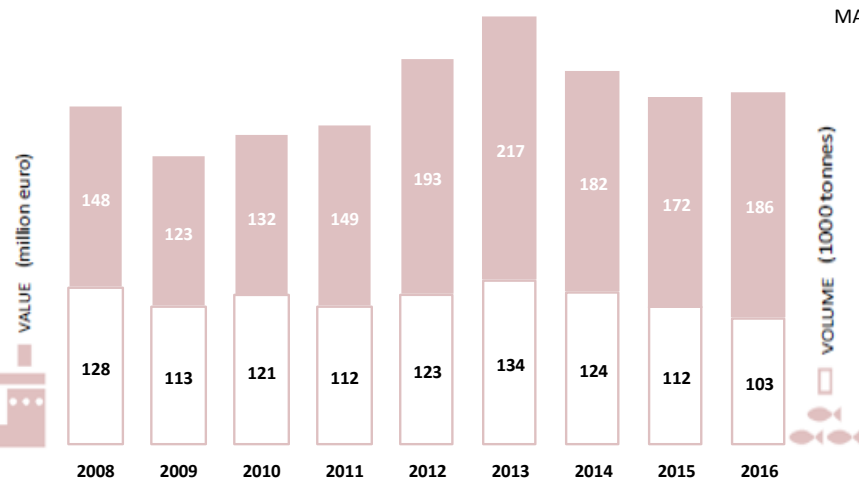
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MAIN COMMERCIAL SPECIES IMPORTED AND % OF TOTAL IMPORTS (2016, million euro)

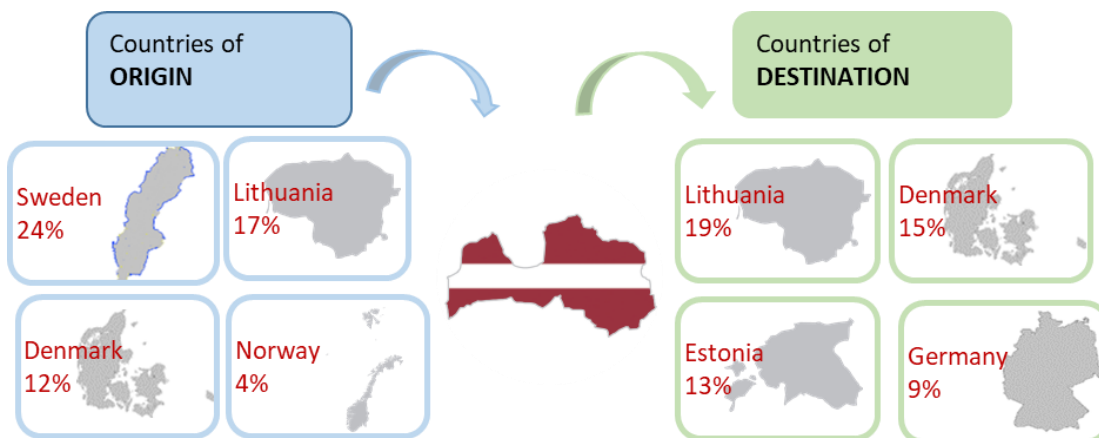
COD	591	20%
TROPICAL SHRIMP	271	9%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	242	8%
OTHER MARINE FISH	195	6%
SALMON	154	5%
SKIPJACK TUNA	142	5%
OTHERS	1 435	47%

Export



MAIN COMMERCIAL SPECIES EXPORTED AND % OF TOTAL EXPORTS (2016, million euro)

COD	558	15%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	320	8%
OTHER MARINE FISH	286	8%
SHRIMP CRANGON	191	5%
MACKEREL	188	5%
SALMON	187	5%
OTHERS	2 037	54%





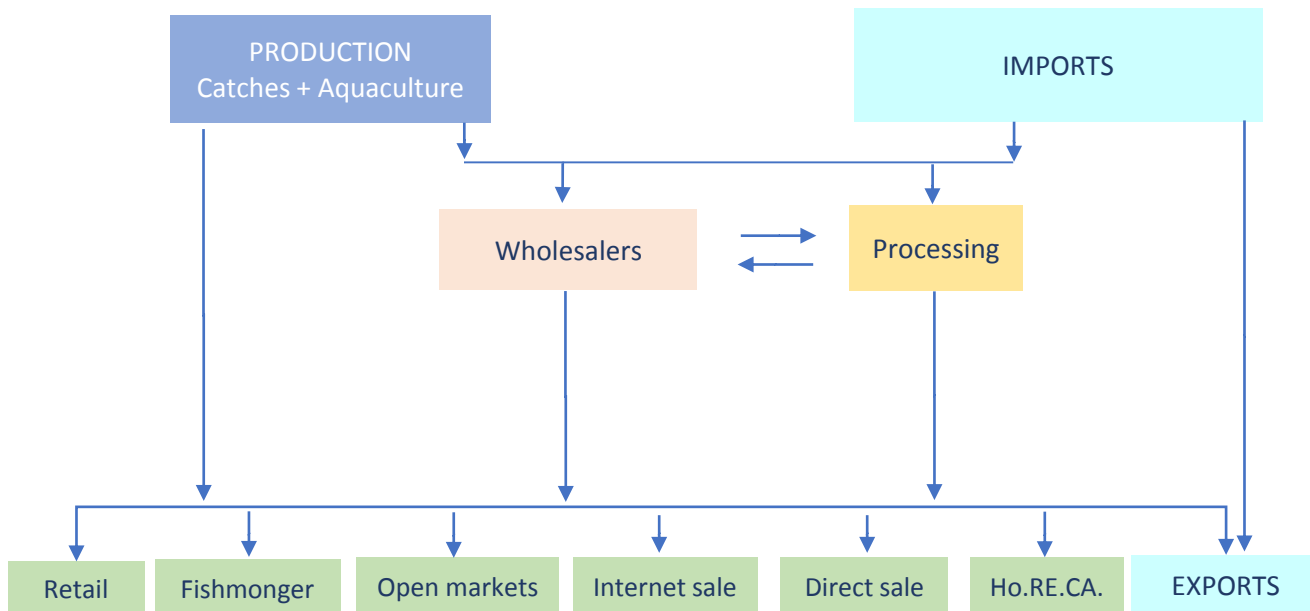
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DISTRIBUTION

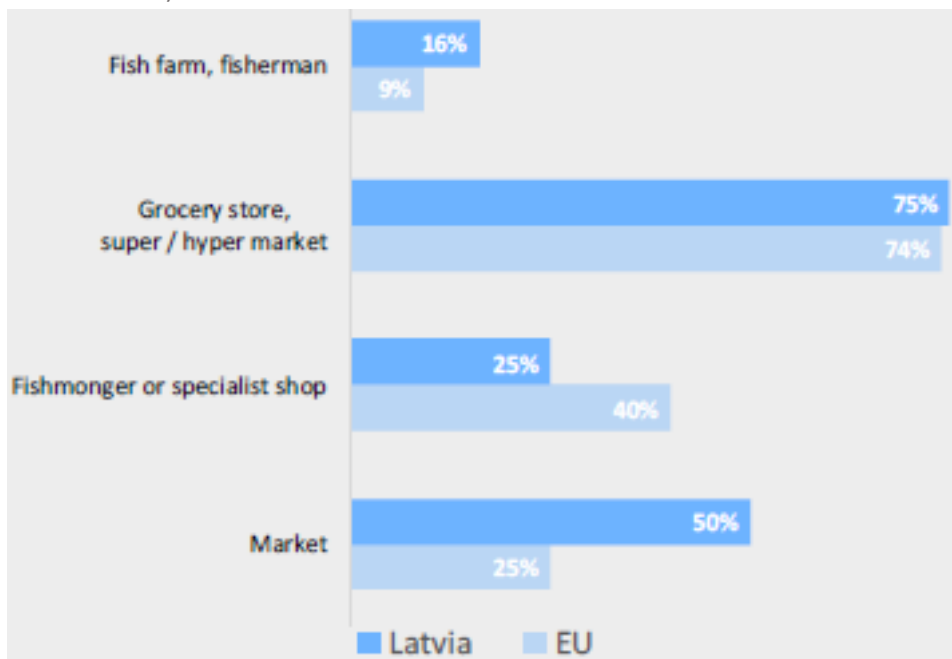
The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Latvia

(source: Eurofish)



Consumers preferences on purchasing channels

(source: EUROBAROMETER)

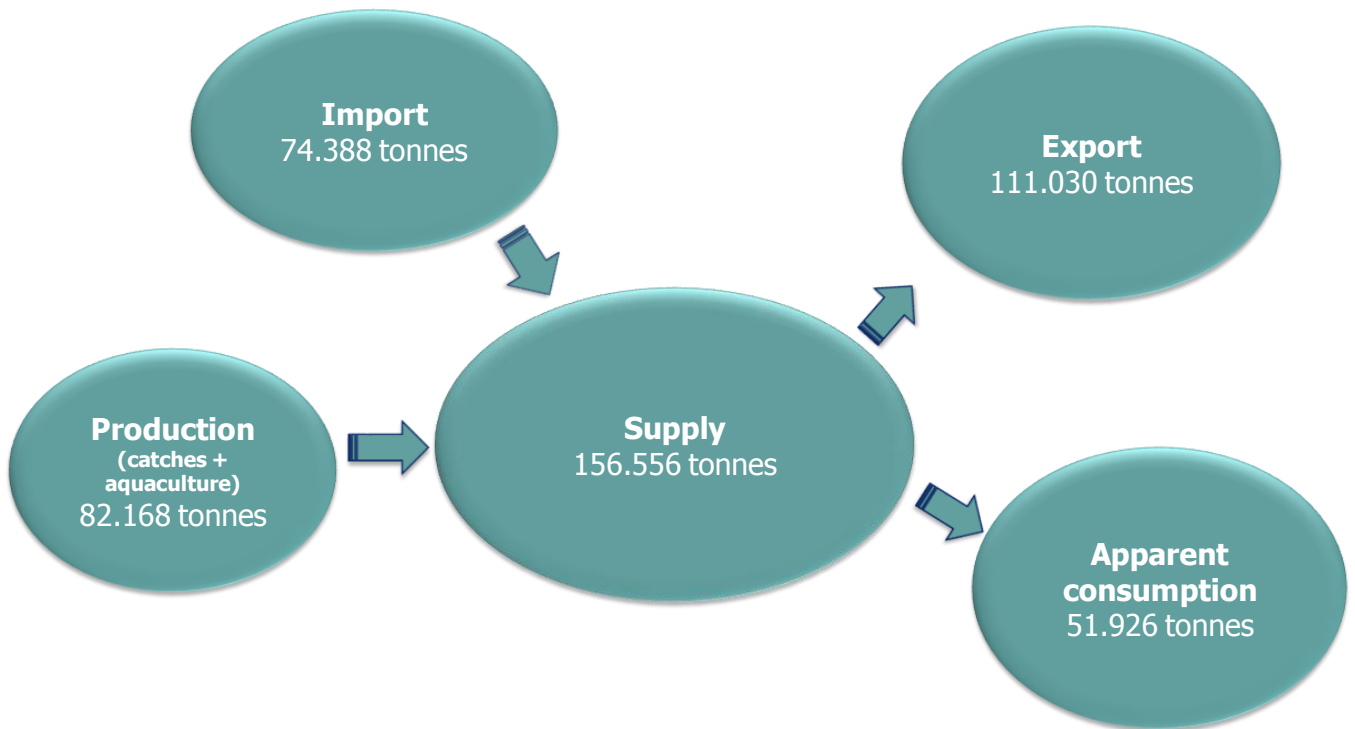




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SUPPLY BALANCE (source: EUMOFA)





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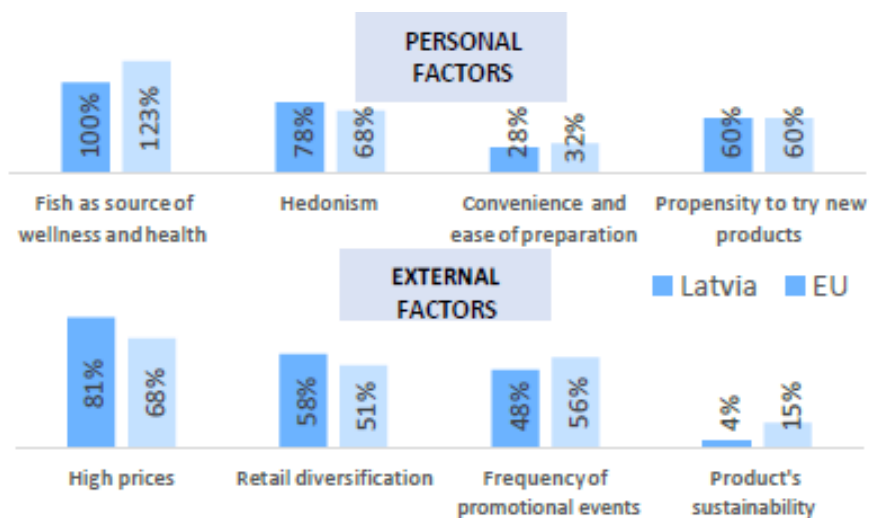
CONSUMPTION

Apparent consumption of fisheries and aquaculture products in Latvia amounted to **26,3 kg per capita in 2015**, a slight decrease (-1%) compared to the previous year. The main consumed species were **herring, sprat, cod, salmon and flounder**. From a socio-demographic point of view, regular fish consumers belong mainly to age classes 25-39 years and 40-54 years. Young people are less inclined to consume fish in Latvia. This age group has the lowest number of regular consumers across the EU (source: "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products"). Latvians consume especially fresh and smoked products, while loose fish (66%) is slightly less frequently consumed than the EU average (68%).

Purchasing factors

(source: EUROBAROMETER)

**26,3 kg
per capita**
(source: EUMOFA)



LATVIA IN EUMOFA



LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected by EUMOFA from **Eurostat – Fishery**. Data concern all species landed in Latvia 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 from Latvia on a weekly and monthly basis. Data include all sales occurred at landing places.

Weekly data are collected and disseminated for 5 species and 3 places of sale. Click [here](#) for the list of species and places of sale.

Monthly data are collected and disseminated for all species sold in all places of sales (7 places of sales). Click [here](#) for the list of places of sales. Both types of 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 for this supply chain are available.

PROCESSING

Volumes and values are collected from **Eurostat – PRODCOM**. Data concern 11 processed products as recorded through the PRODCOM nomenclature. Data are available on a yearly basis and are accessible through simple 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.

CONSUMPTION

No data for this supply chain are available.