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## CROATIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2022, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2022, Croatia ranked 15<sup>th</sup> among EU-27 countries for fishery production and 9<sup>th</sup> for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Croatia	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.050	3.466	64	0,07%	2%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	27	0,02%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>222.936</b>	<b>4.554</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>0,04%</b>	<b>2%</b>

## FISHING FLEET

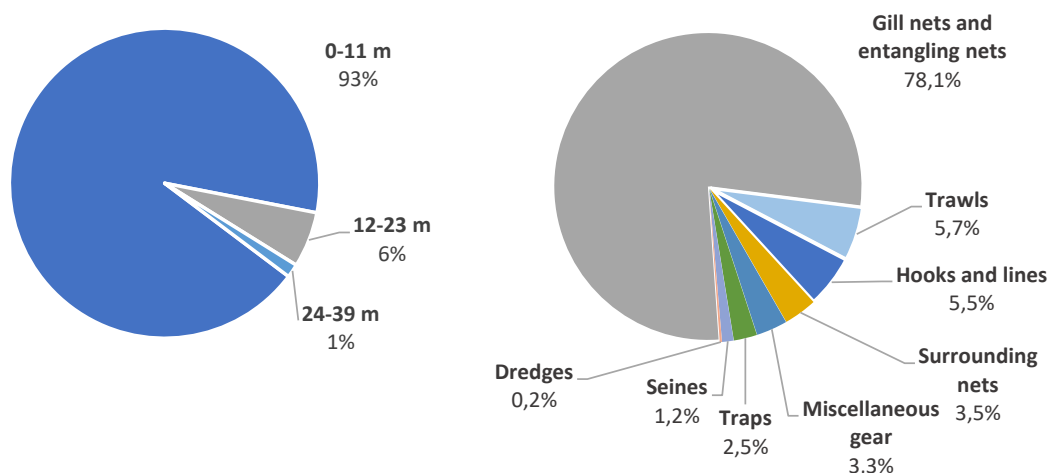
Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat    Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 7.320	GT: 42.253	KW: 339.035	
TOTAL FTE: 3.342 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 55%	Jobs (FTE): 27%	Jobs (FTE): 18%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

### The Croatian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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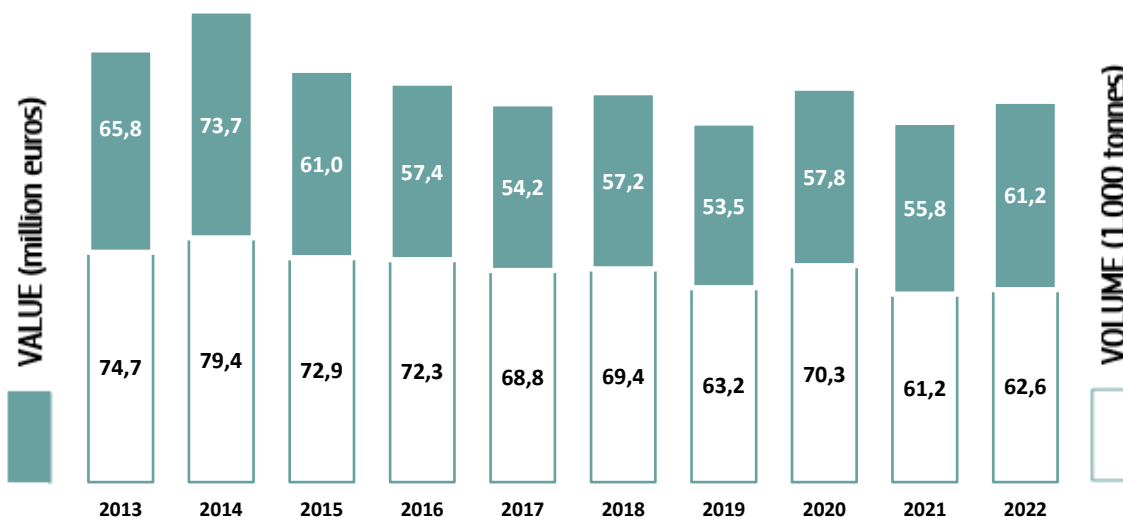
# LANDINGS

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.

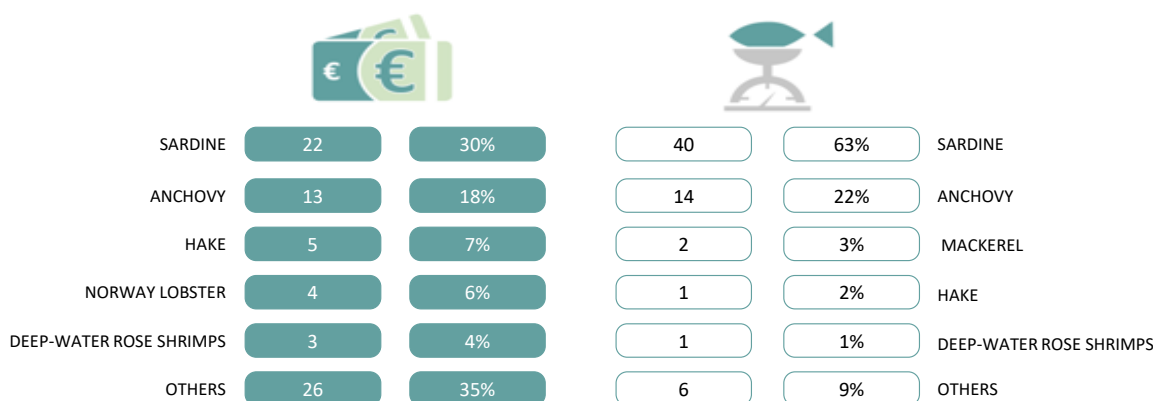
In 2022, all landings in Croatia consisted of fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption. There are 274 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 31 October 2024).

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



## Main commercial species landed and % of total

2022, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes





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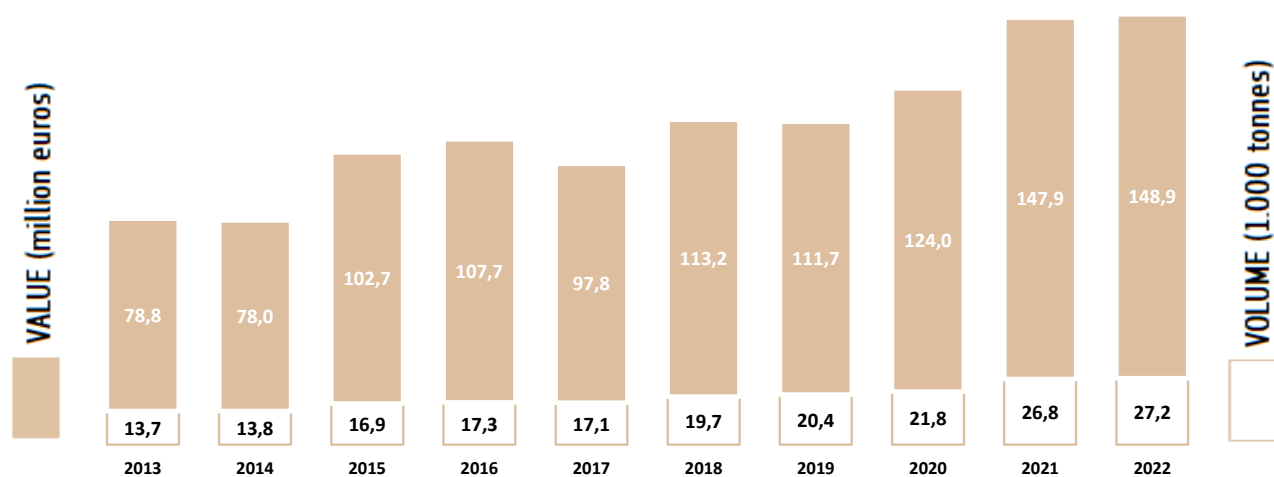
## AQUACULTURE

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.

Most of Croatian production is in marine waters and the rest in freshwater.

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



**Main commercial species farmed and % of total**  
2022, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total
EUROPEAN SEABASS	67,7	38,2%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	49,8	28,1%
BLUEFIN TUNA	39,2	22,1%
CARP	8,3	4,7%
TROUT	1,8	1,0%
OTHERS	10,4	5,9%



Species	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total
EUROPEAN SEABASS	10,0	36,9%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	7,5	27,6%
CARP	3,6	13,2%
BLUEFIN TUNA	3,3	12,0%
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	1,0	3,7%
OTHERS	1,8	6,6%



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## PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 11-12-2024, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Croatia, **5 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 Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and of the Common organisation of the markets (CMO) through the collective management of their members' activities.

## PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.199 persons were employed in the Croatian fish processing industry in 2022. The sector recorded a value added of 32 million euros, covering 3% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

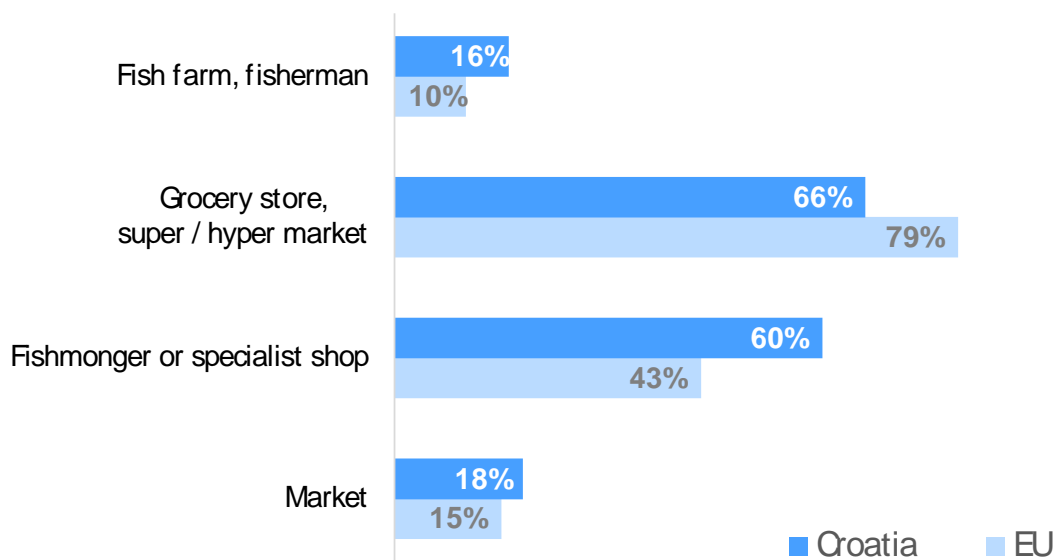
In 2023, the main products sold were "Frozen whole salt water fish" and "Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella, brisling and sprats, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

**48 companies****Net turnover: 120,3 million euros**

(2023, source: Eurostat - SBS)

## DISTRIBUTION

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



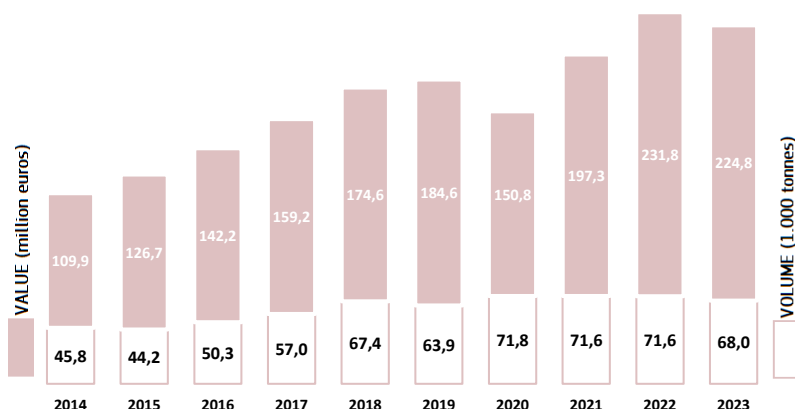


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## IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data. Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015).

### IMPORT

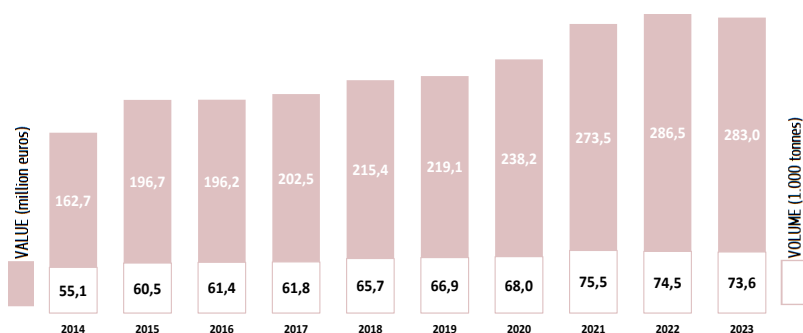


#### Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

SQUID	46	16,7%
TUNA (MAINLY SKIPJACK)	37	13,5%
SALMON	30	10,8%
NON-FOOD USE PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN FISH OIL AND FISHMEAL)	19	6,8%
HAKE	10	3,6%
OTHERS	134	48,6%

### EXPORT

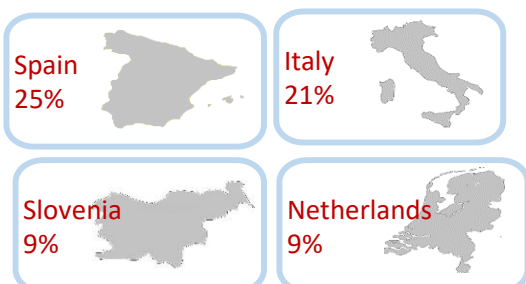


#### Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

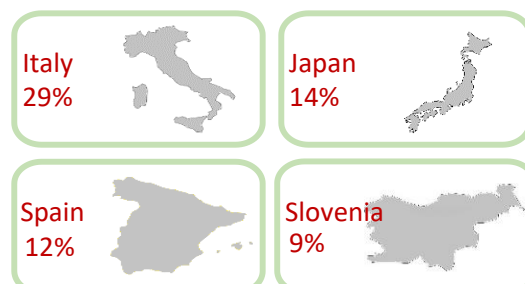
2023, million euros (nominal value)

TUNA (MAINLY BLUEFIN)	57	15,5%
SARDINE	55	15,2%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	53	14,4%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	43	11,7%
ANCHOVY	36	9,7%
OTHERS	122	33,5%

#### Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2023)



#### Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2023)





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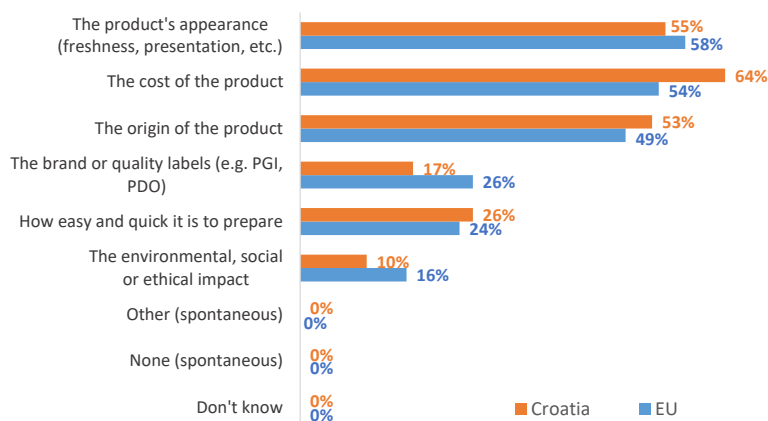
## CONSUMPTION

In 2022, apparent consumption was estimated at 23,71 kg per capita, a 7% increase compared with 2021. The most consumed species were sardine, squid and hake (source: EUMOFA).

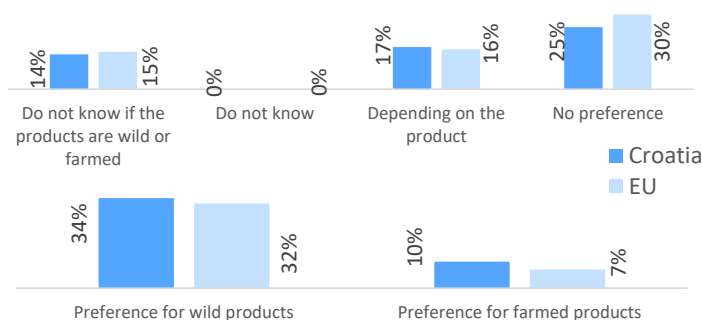
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Croatia, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 63% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Fresh products are the most consumed; loose fish is slightly more consumed (69%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

**23,71 kg**  
**per capita in live**  
**weight equivalent**  
(2022, source: EUMOFA)

### Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



### Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)





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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 simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

### AQUACULTURE

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### FIRST SALES

No data available

### 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 simple and advanced tables, as well as through 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 simple tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

### CONSUMPTION

No data available