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FINLAND IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2022, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2022, Finland ranked 11th in the EU-27 in terms of fishery production and 15th in terms of aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Finland	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.050	3.466	123	0,13%	4%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	16	0,01%	1%
Total	222.936	4.554	139	0,06%	3%

FISHING FLEET

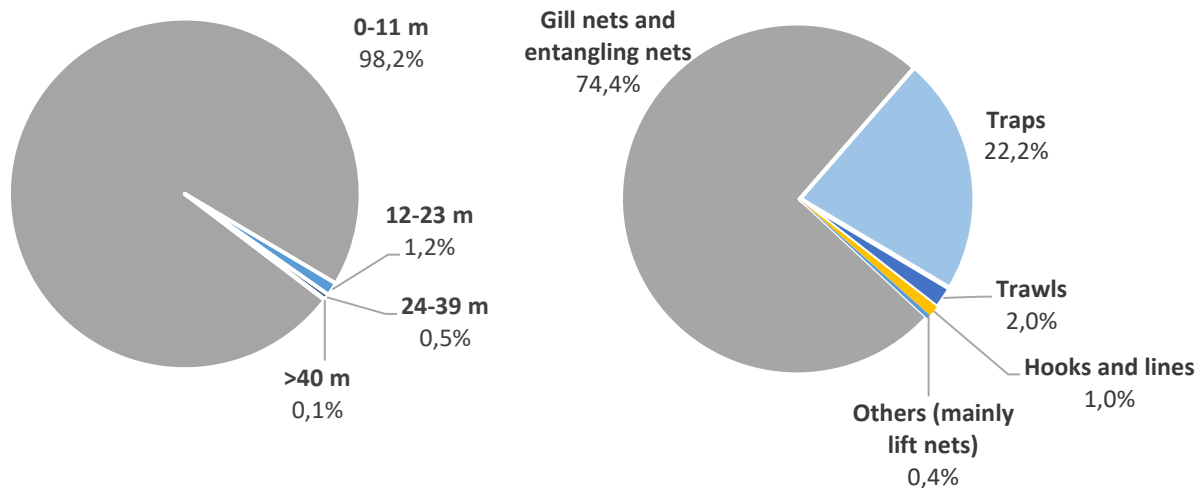
Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 3.238	GT: 15.096	KW: 173.868	
TOTAL FTE: 186 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 53%	Jobs (FTE): 9%	Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Finnish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

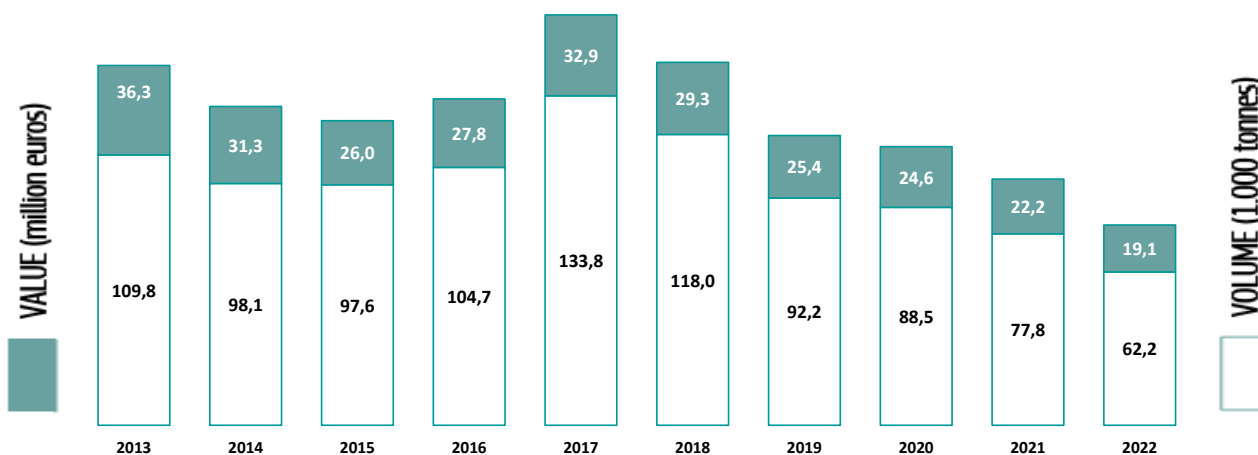
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 in Finland consist of fresh whole/gutted products only. In 2022, 77% of the total was destined for industrial uses.

There are 106 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



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
HERRING	11,6	53,2%	50,5	81,1%
EUROPEAN PERCH	2,5	11,3%	6,9	11,0%
EUROPEAN WHITEFISH	1,6	7,5%	1,5	2,4%
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	1,6	7,2%	1,0	1,6%
SALMON	1,3	5,8%	0,5	0,8%
OTHERS	3,3	15,0%	2,0	3,1%



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AQUACULTURE

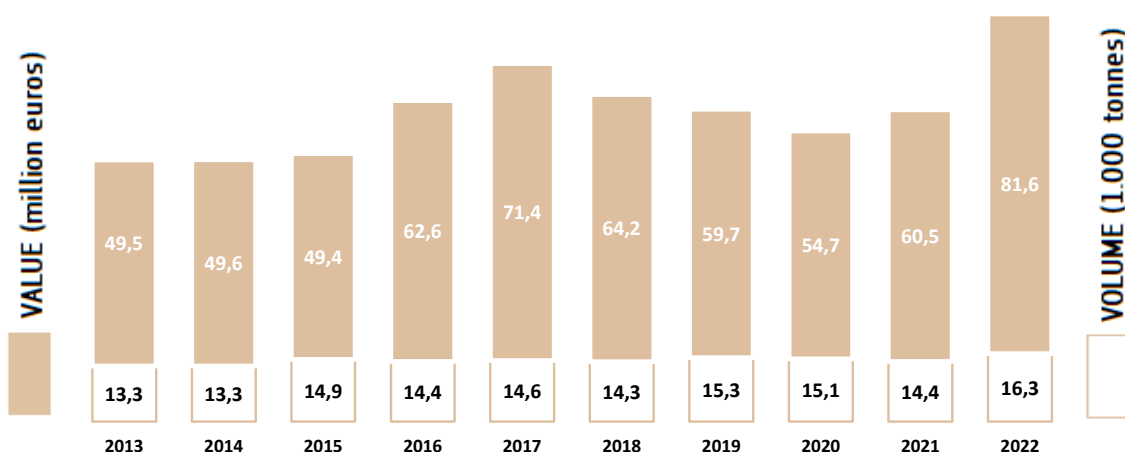
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat, FAO and FEAP data.

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 2022, 75% of the Finnish production occurred in sea and brackish waters and 18% in freshwater, while 6% is not specified. The following main production methods were used:

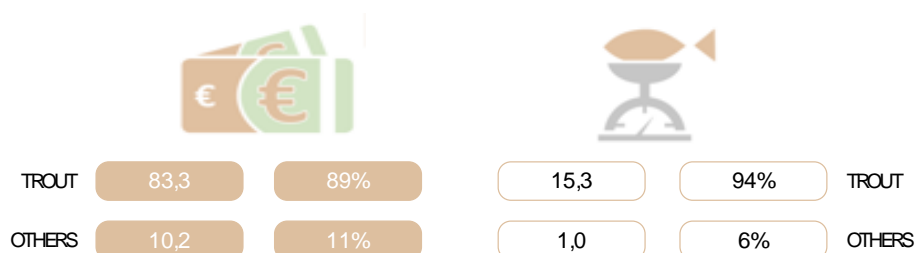
- 75% of production: on cages in sea and brackish water;
- 12% of production: tanks and raceways in freshwater;
- 6% of production: on cages in freshwater;
- The rest (6%) was farmed using other methods for which no detail is available.

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





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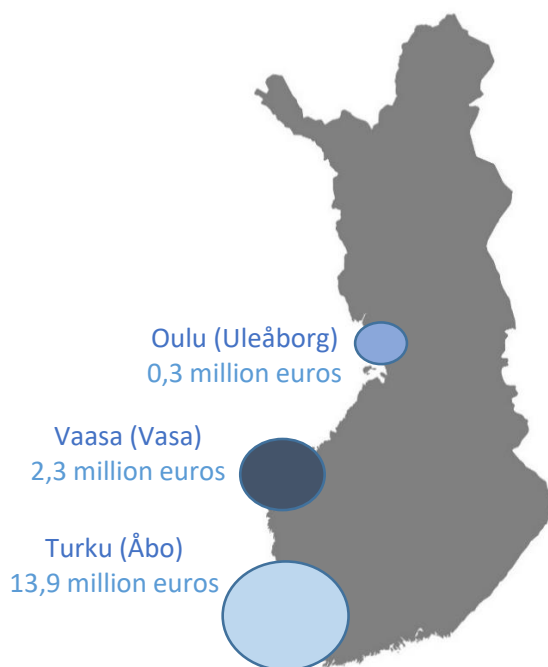
FIRST SALES

2024 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 2024, total first sales amounted to 46.393 tonnes and 16,8 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 99,7% and 98,4% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Turku (Åbo)	38.357	13,9	Herring, sprat (= brisling), salmon
Vaasa (Vasa)	7.695	2,3	Herring, sprat (= brisling), salmon
Oulu (Uleåborg)	218	0,3	Salmon, herring



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 Finland, wholesalers operate with large volume purchases and redistribution to customers by order or contract. They do not function as open wholesale markets in a physical sense. In general, the wholesale and processing industry in Finland consist of a relatively large number of small market players, and most rely on a combination of vending, processing and distribution. Source: The Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki.

PROCESSING

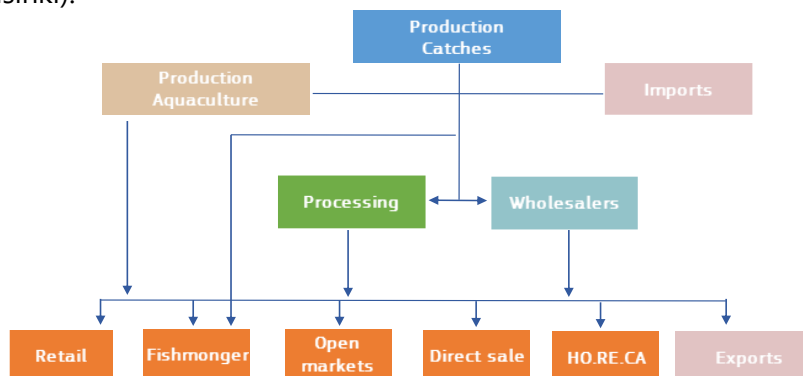
According to Eurostat-SBS, 967 persons were employed in the Finnish fish processing industry in 2022. The sector recorded a value added of 39,9 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products. In 2023, the main products sold were "Fresh or chilled fish fillets and fish meat (including shark fins), whether or not minced" and "Prepared meals and dishes based on fish, crustaceans and molluscs" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

160 companies

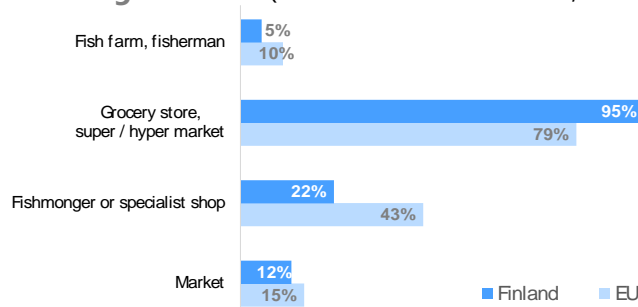
Net turnover: 406,7 million euros

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Finland (source: Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki):



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



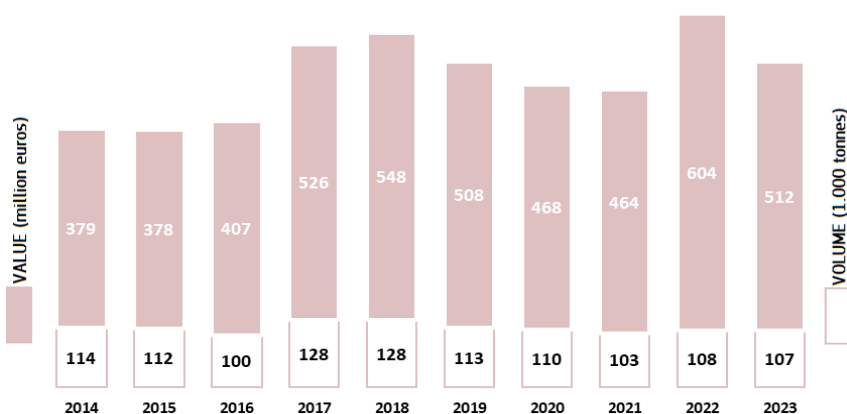


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

IMPORT

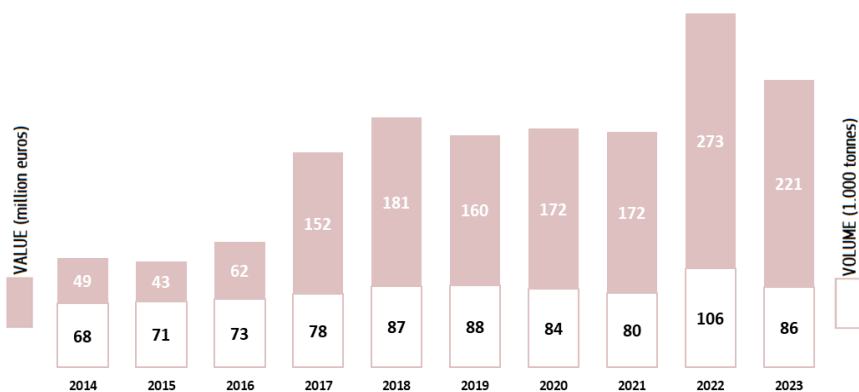


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
SALMON	341	57%
TUNA (MAINLY SKIPJACK)	43	7%
TROUT	42	7%
SHRIMPS (MAINLY MISCELLANEOUS)	33	5%
HERRING	15	3%
OTHERS	128	21%

EXPORT



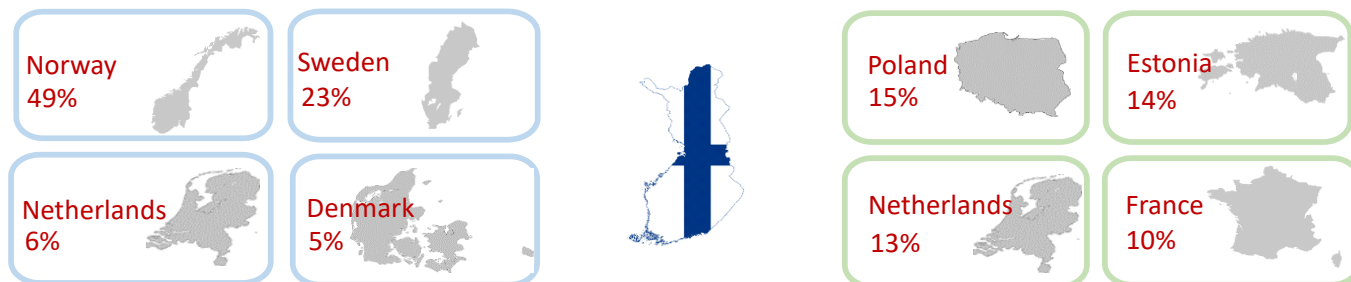
Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
SALMON	191	72%
TROUT	18	7%
HERRING	17	6%
CAVIAR, LIVERS AND ROES	15	5%
FISH OIL	7	3%
OTHERS	18	7%

Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2023)

Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2023)





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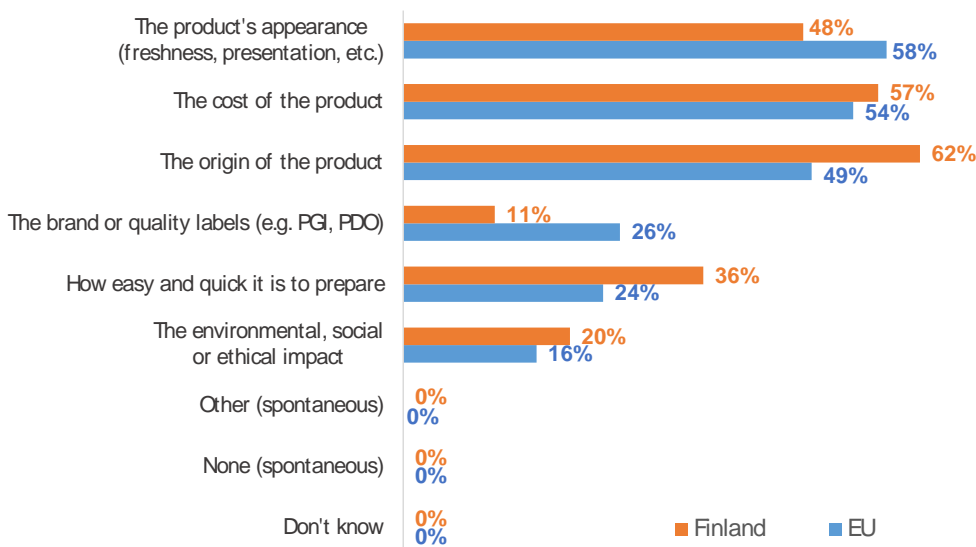
CONSUMPTION

In 2022, apparent consumption was estimated at 19,09 kg per capita, a 7% decrease compared with 2021. The most consumed species were salmon and trout (source: EUMOFA).

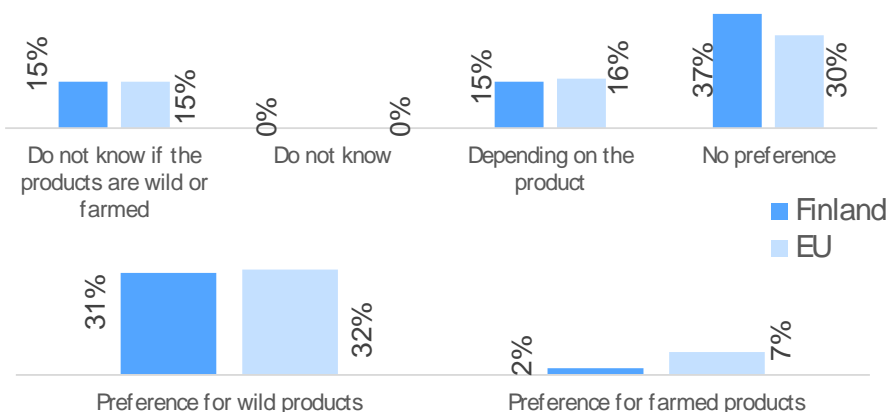
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age class 40-54. However, less than 30% of regular consumers are observed in all age groups, which is well below the EU average (72%, UK included). Finns consume especially fresh and smoked products; loose fish (73%) is more frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

19,09kg
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.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland on a weekly and monthly basis.

Both data collected cover 4 commercial species (cod, herring, salmon and sprat) sold in 3 major Finnish places of sale (Oulu, Turku and Vaasa).

Data are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. As for monthly first sales, data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through a dedicated advanced table and the bulk download facility.

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.

AQUACULTURE

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.

WHOLESALE

No data available

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

Retail prices from online shops are available, as collected via price-scrapers.