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**PORTUGAL IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU**

2022, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2022, Portugal ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the EU-27 for fishery production and 13<sup>th</sup> for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Portugal	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.050	3.466	141,8	0,15%	4%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	18,7	0,01%	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>222.936</b>	<b>4.554</b>	<b>160,5</b>	<b>0,07%</b>	<b>4%</b>

**FISHING FLEET**

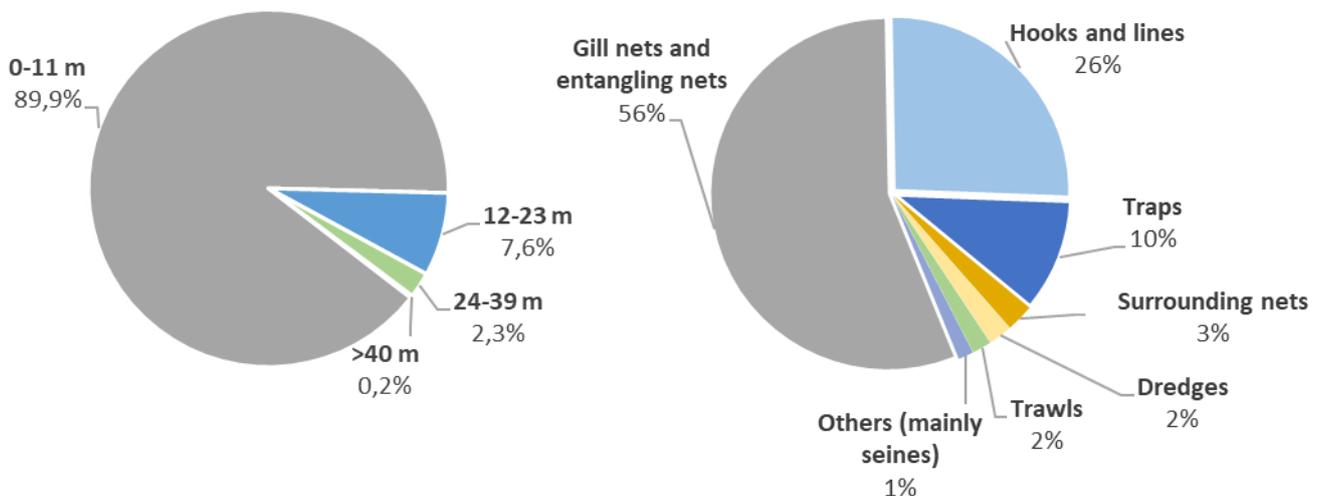
Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat    Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 6.857	GT: 84.760	KW: 341.412	
TOTAL FTE: 7.101 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 40%	Jobs (FTE): 37%	Jobs (FTE): 19%	Jobs (FTE): 4%

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

**The Portuguese fishing fleet by length and gear**

(% of total number of vessels)





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## LANDINGS

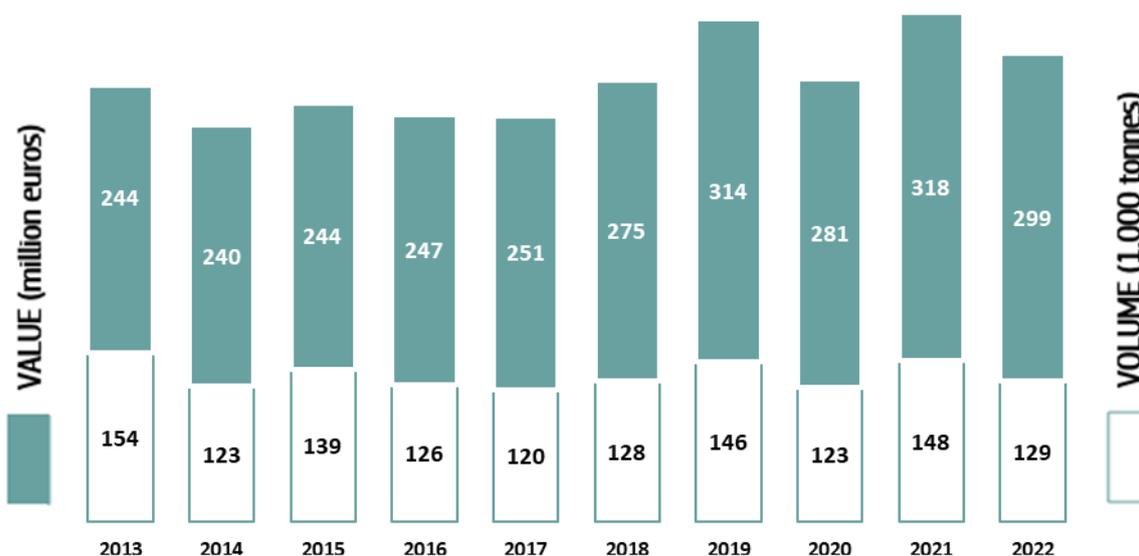
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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, 88% of landings in Portugal included fresh whole/gutted products and 11% included frozen products. As for destination use, 99% of the total was for human consumption, the rest being withdrawn from the market.

There are 70 fishing ports registered in Portugal (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
OCTOPUS	47	13,4%	25	19,2%
REDFISH	29	8,3%	20	15,8%
SARDINE	28	8,1%	18	13,7%
ATLANTIC HORSE MACKEREL	24	6,9%	8	6,1%
SEABREAM	19	5,4%	6	4,6%
OTHERS	202	57,9%	52	40,6%



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## AQUACULTURE

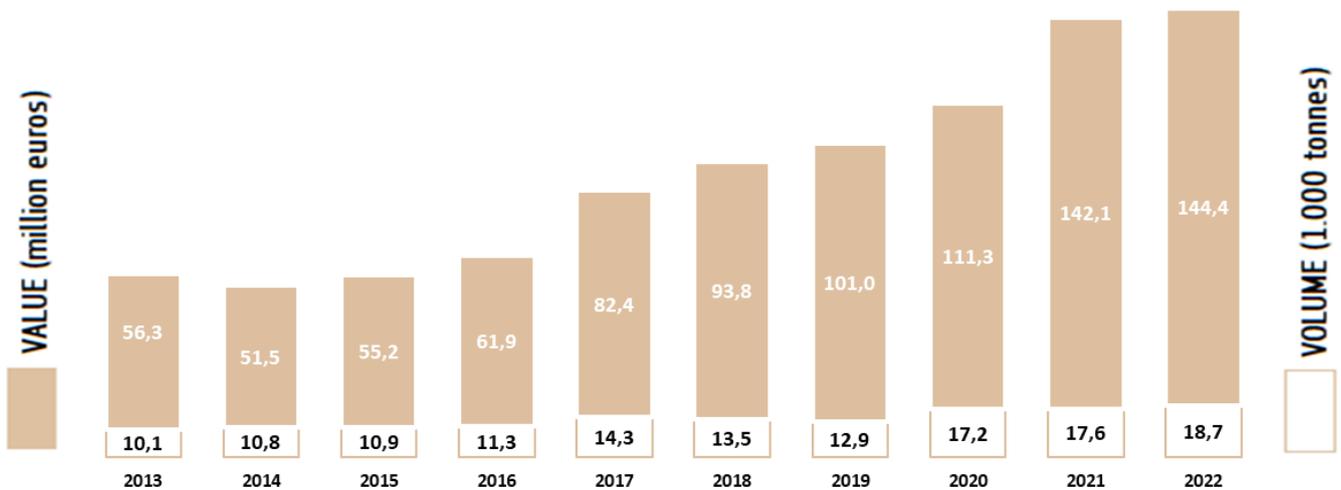
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 2022, 98% of Portuguese production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and 2% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 32% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 17% of production: in tanks and raceways in sea and brackish waters;
- 17% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 15% of production: in ponds in sea and brackish waters;
- 15% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters and a slight portion in freshwater (0,9%).

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



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



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total
CLAM	84,0	50%	4,5	24%
TURBOT	33,4	20%	3,4	18%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	19,1	11%	3,2	17%
OYSTER	10,5	6%	3,1	16%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	10,4	6%	2,5	13%
OTHERS	11,1	7%	2,2	12%



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## PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Portugal, **16 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.

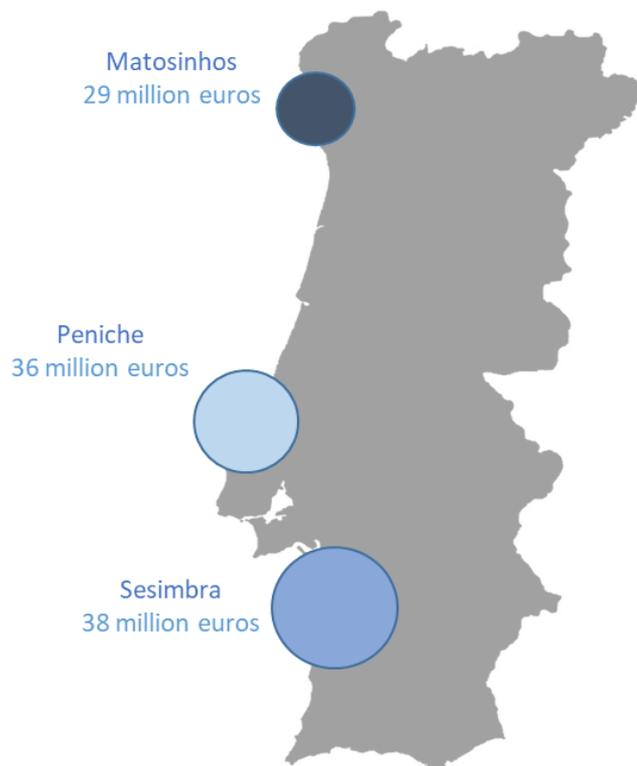
## FIRST SALES

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 in Portuguese places of sale amounted to 113.640 tonnes and 290 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 51% and 36% 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)
Sesimbra	24.416	38	Scabbardfish, mackerel, Atlantic horse mackerel
Peniche	13.999	36	Sardine, swordfish, Atlantic horse mackerel
Matosinhos	19.130	29	Sardine, anchovy, clam



## PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 8.561 persons were employed in the Portuguese fish processing industry in 2022. The sector recorded a value added of 268 million euros, covering 9,4% 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).

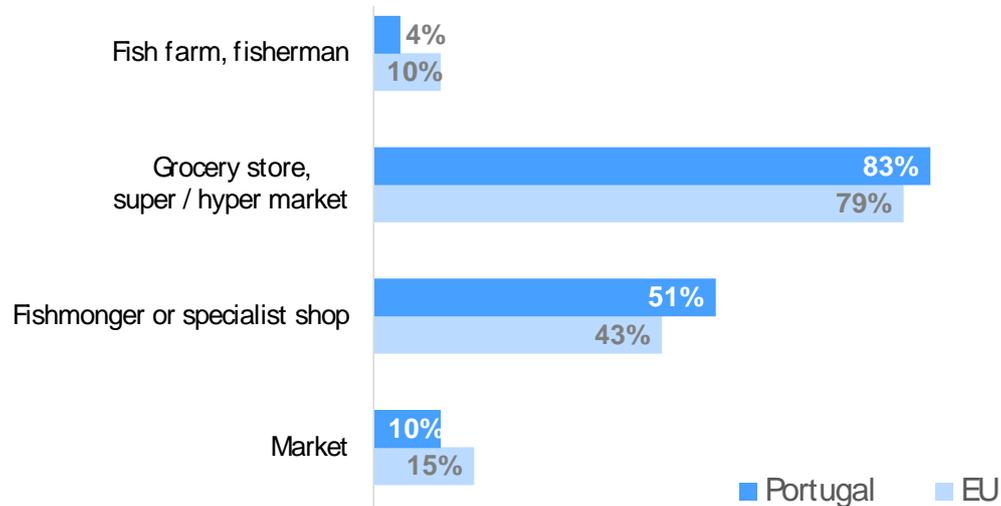
**165 companies**

**Net turnover: 1,7 billion euros**

(2023, source: Eurostat - SBS)

## DISTRIBUTION

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



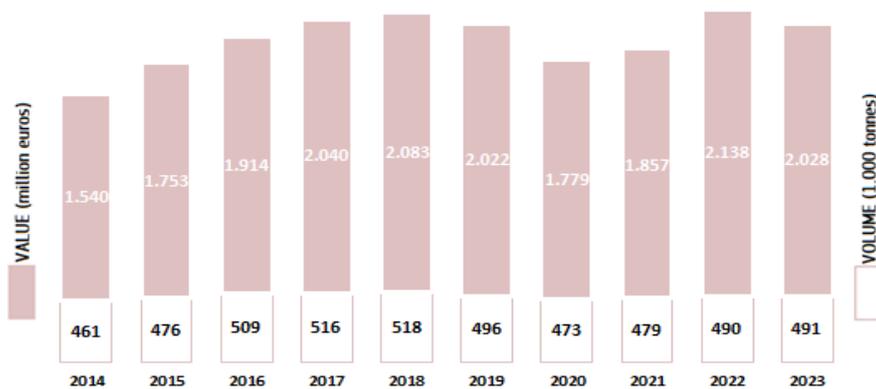


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### IMPORT – EXPORT

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

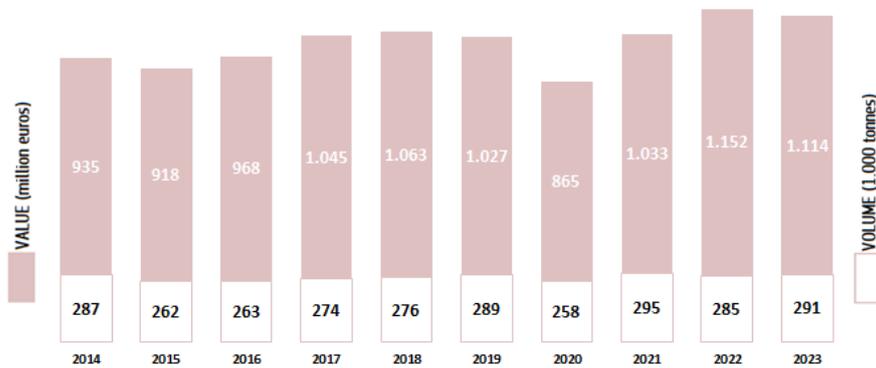
### IMPORT



### Main commercial species imported and % of total imports 2023, million euros (nominal value)

COD	603	25%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	268	11%
TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	238	10%
SALMON	205	8%
HAKE	149	6%
OTHERS	978	40%

### EXPORT



### Main commercial species exported and % of total exports 2023, million euros (nominal value)

TUNA (MOSTLY MISCELLANEOUS)	218	15%
COD	180	13%
SARDINE	93	7%
OCTOPUS	93	7%
MACKEREL	74	5%
OTHERS	735	53%

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

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





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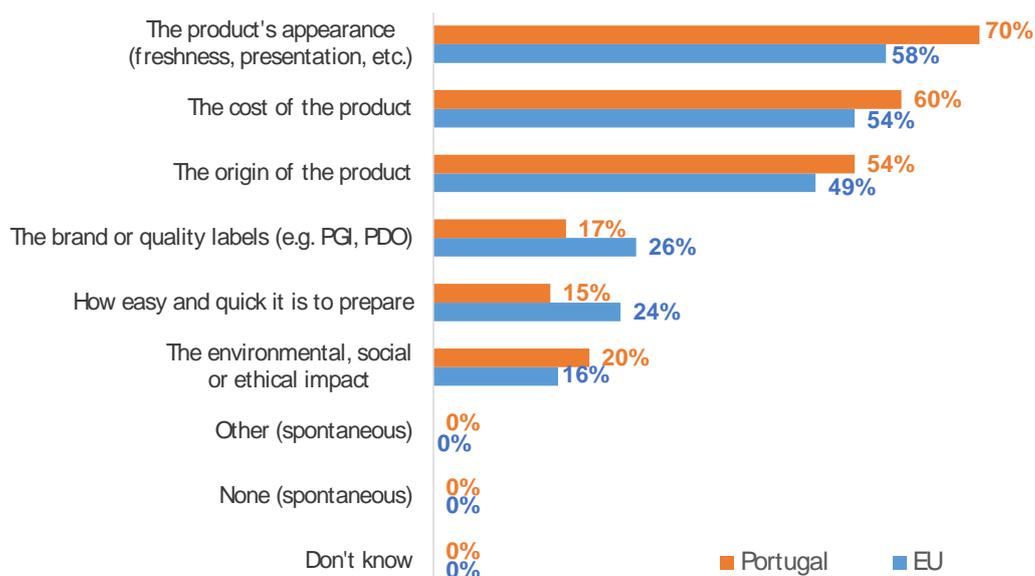
## CONSUMPTION

In 2022, apparent consumption was estimated at 54,54 kg per capita, a 4% decrease compared with 2021. Cod was by far the most consumed species (source: EUMOFA).

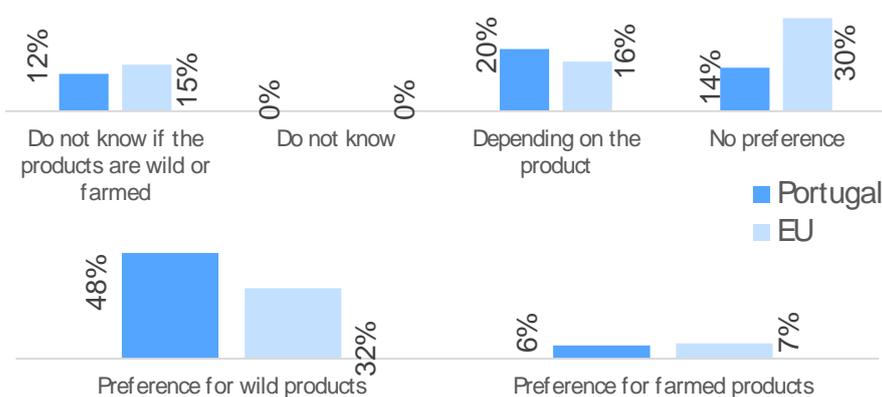
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 15-24 and over 55. In particular, within young people (15-24), regular consumers cover 74% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Fresh products and tinned products are the most consumed; loose fish is more frequently consumed (89%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

**54,54 kg**  
**per capita in live**  
**weight equivalent**  
(2022, source: EUMOFA)

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



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





## 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 Direcção Geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimos (DGRM) on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 56 main commercial species and 20 places of sale. Monthly data cover all species sold in Portuguese places of sale.

Both weekly and monthly 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, and through 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 10 main commercial species + the item "Others", aggregating all other species.

Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through simple tables and the bulk download facility. Retail prices from online shops are also available, as collected via price-scraper.