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CYPRUS IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Cyprus is a minor EU-27 producer of fishery and aquaculture products.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Cyprus	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	1,4	0,002%	0,04%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	7,9	0,006%	0,70%
Total	218.175	4.720	9,3	0,004%	0,20%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2022, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

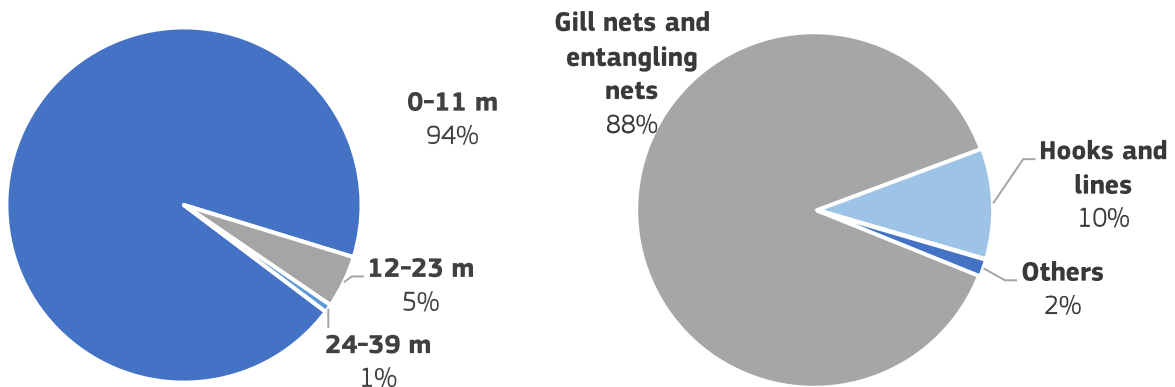
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)	Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)	
Number: 814	GT: 3.838	KW: 39.355	
TOTAL FTE: 793 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 77%	Jobs (FTE): 19%	Jobs (FTE): 4%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Cypriot fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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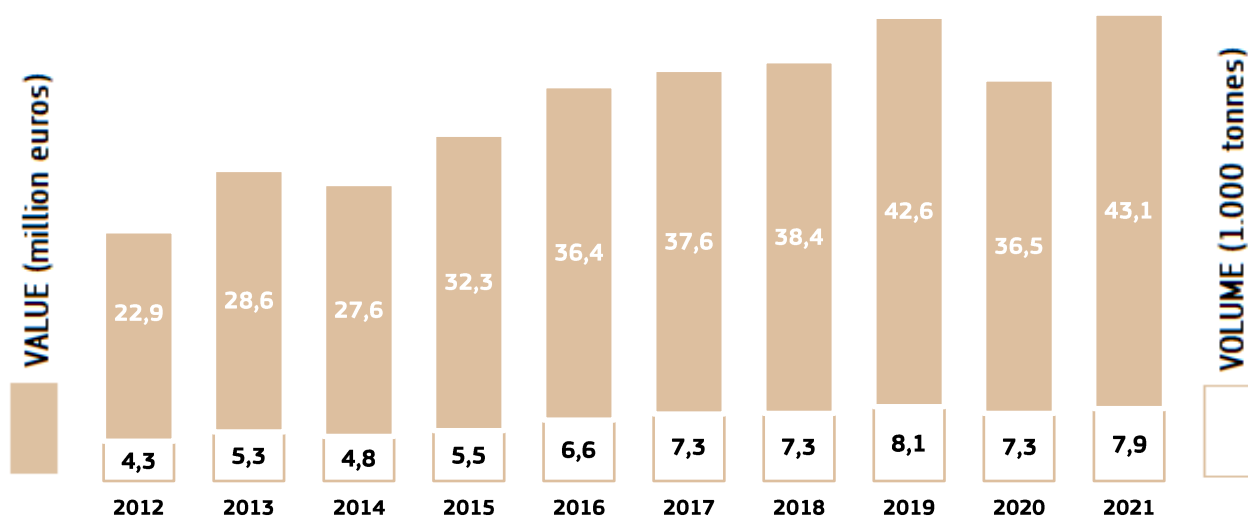
AQUACULTURE

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 Cyprus, in 2021, production occurred almost entirely in marine waters, mainly using cages and, in marginal percentage, in ponds. Negligible amounts of farmed production occurred in freshwater, in tanks and raceways.

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total 2021, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	26	58%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	18	40%
OTHERS	1	2%



Species	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	5,1	65%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	2,7	34%
OTHERS	0,1	1%



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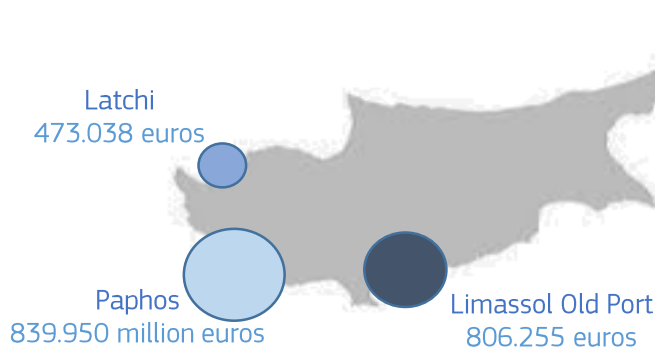
FIRST SALES

2022, 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 2022, total first sales in Cyprus places of sale amounted to 661 tonnes and 3,2 million euros.

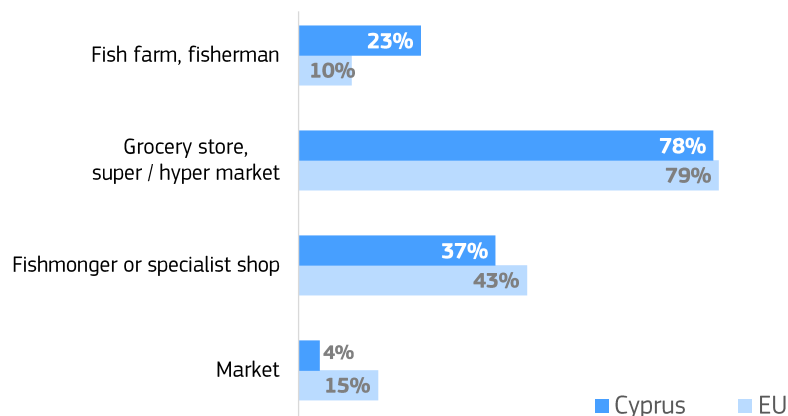
The top-3 places of sale covered 65% and 66% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Paphos	219	839.950	Albacore tuna, seabream, red mullet
Limassol Old Port	151	806.255	Seabream, red mullet, picarel
Latchi	58	473.038	Seabream, picarel, red mullet

DISTRIBUTION

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





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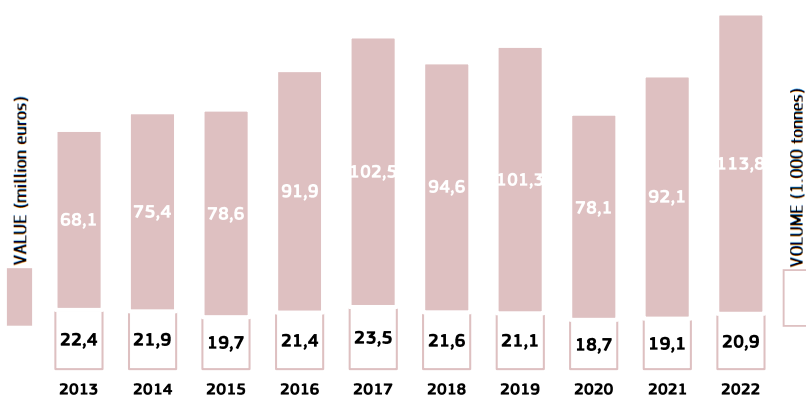
IMPORT – EXPORT

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

2022, million euros (nominal value)

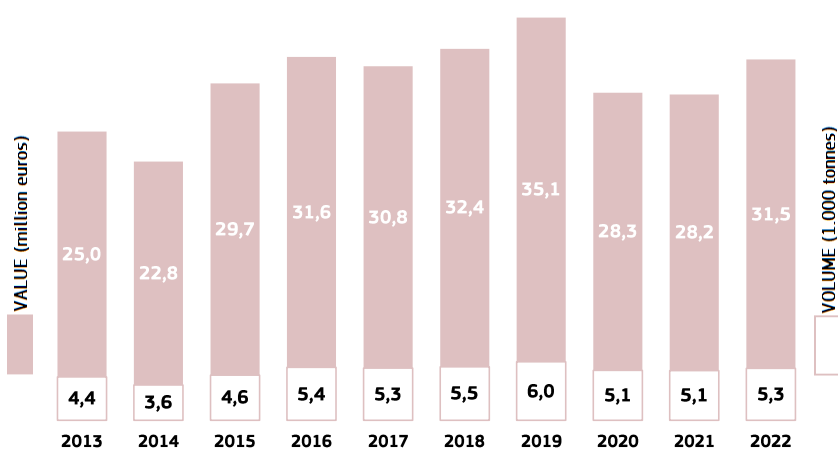


SALMON	23	18%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	11	8%
OCTOPUS	9	7%
SQUID	9	7%
SKIPJACK TUNA	6	4%
OTHERS	70	56%

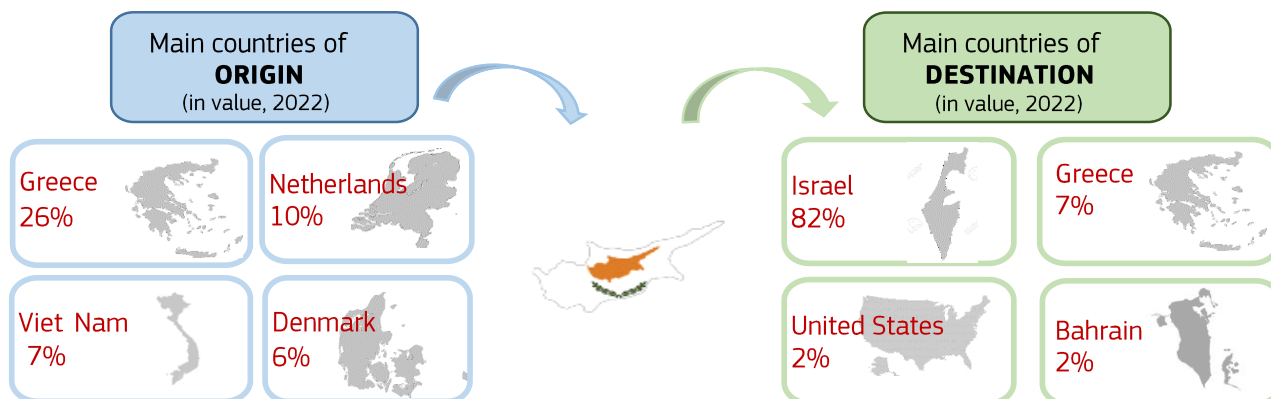
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2022, million euros (nominal value)



GILTHEAD SEABREAM	21,4	61,1%
SEABASS (MOSTLY EUROPEAN)	9,7	27,7%
FISHMEAL	1,0	2,7%
ALBACORE TUNA	0,6	1,6%
FISH OIL	0,2	0,7%
OTHERS	2,3	6,2%





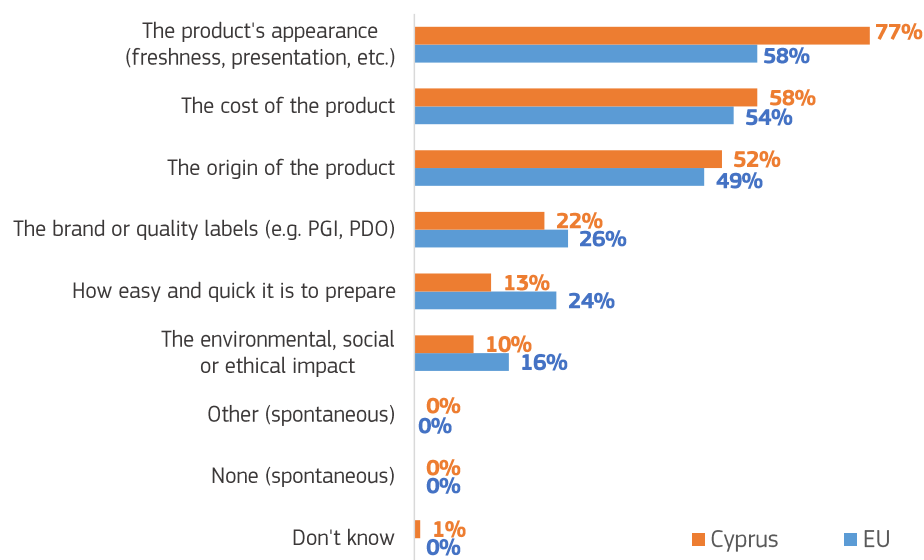
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CONSUMPTION

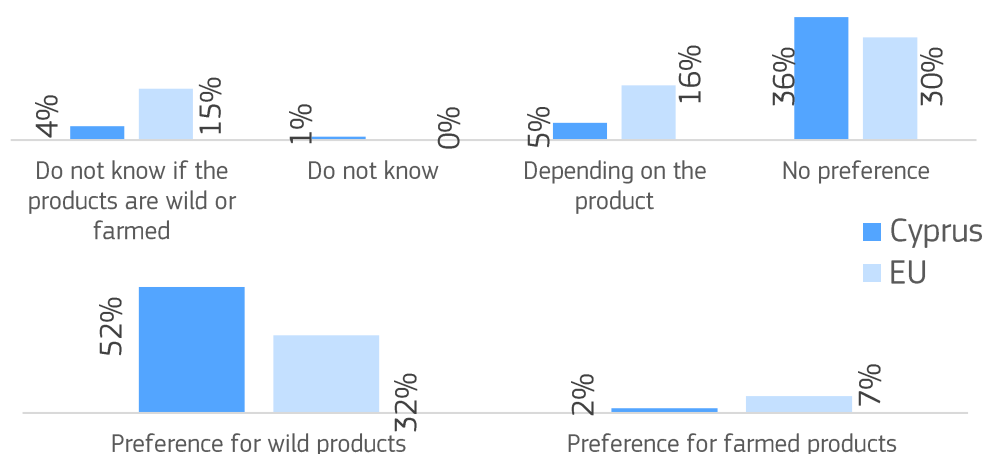
In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 27,94 kg per capita, a 4%–decrease compared with 2020. The most consumed species were freshwater catfish, squid, skipjack tuna, salmon and gilthead seabream (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age groups 25–39 and 40–54. Young people (15–24) are less inclined to consume fish in Cyprus, as well as at EU-28 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 77% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Cypriots mainly consume fresh products and tinned products; loose fish is more frequently consumed (76%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, “EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products”, 2017).

27,94kg
per capita in live
weight equivalent
(2021, 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

Volumes and values are collected from the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research on a monthly basis, and cover all species sold in Cypriot places of sale.

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

Data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through a dedicated advanced table and the bulk download facility.

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