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CYPRUS IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2022, 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	92.050	3.466	1,3	0,001%	0,04%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	7,6	0,006%	0,70%
Total	222.936	4.554	8,9	0,004%	0,19%

FISHING FLEET

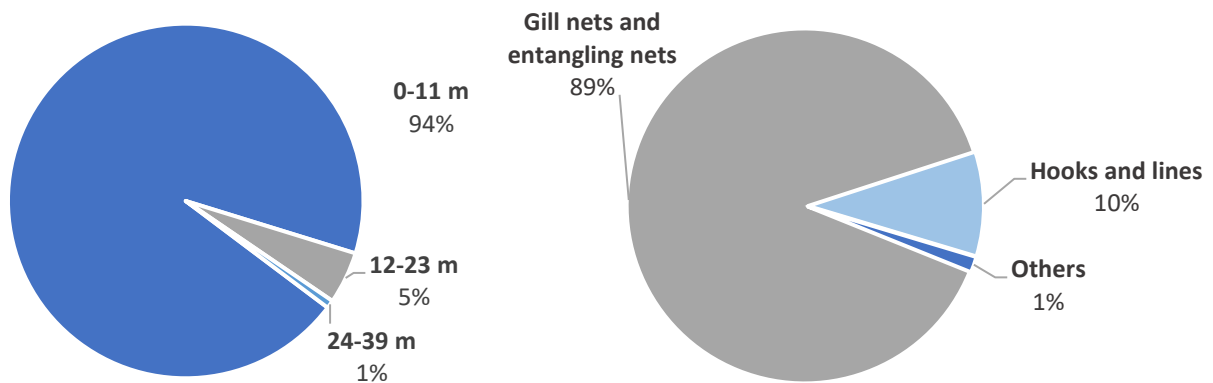
Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 818	GT: 3.893	KW: 39.958	
TOTAL FTE: 750 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 78%	Jobs (FTE): 19%	Jobs (FTE): 3%	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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LANDINGS

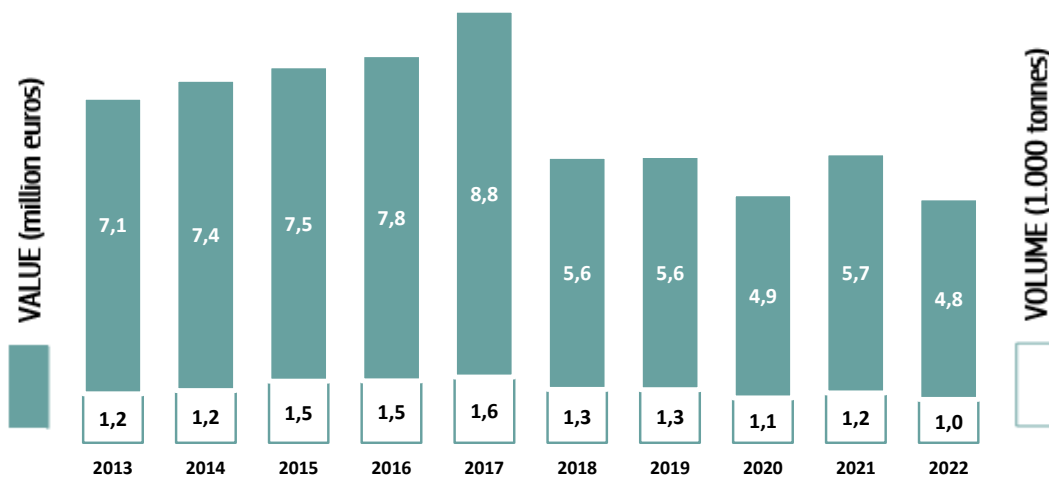
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 data are reported in net weight and value.

Landings in Cyprus consist of fresh whole/gutted products entirely destined for human consumption.

There are 18 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
SEABREAM (MOSTLY BOGUE)	1,13	21%	0,45	43%
ALBACORE TUNA	1,07	20%	0,14	13%
PICAREL	0,44	8%	0,10	10%
RED MULLET	0,40	8%	0,02	2%
SWORDFISH	0,15	3%	0,02	2%
OTHERS	2,15	40%	0,31	30%



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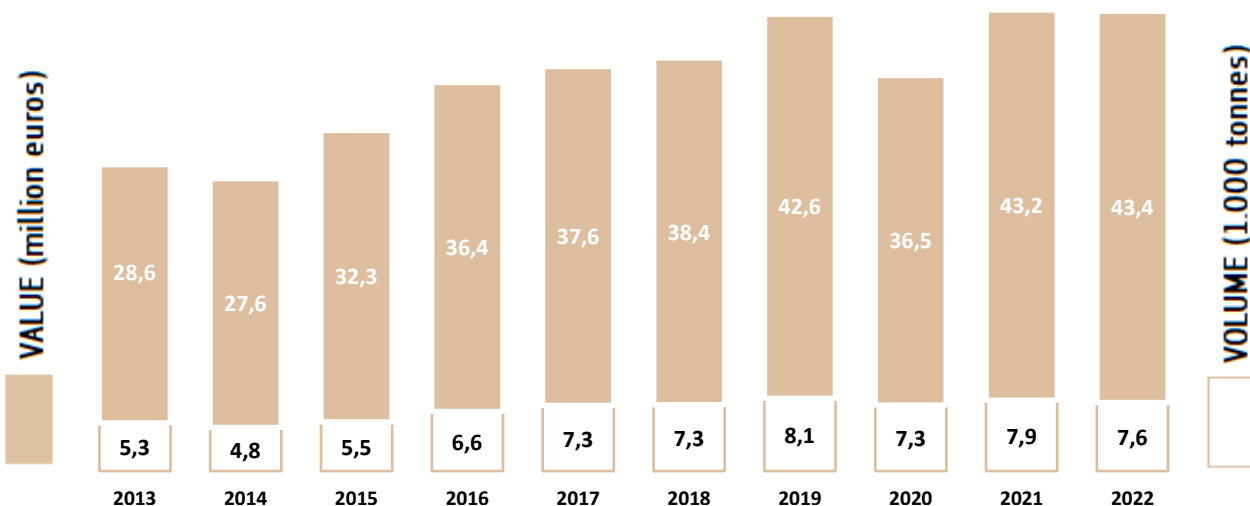
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

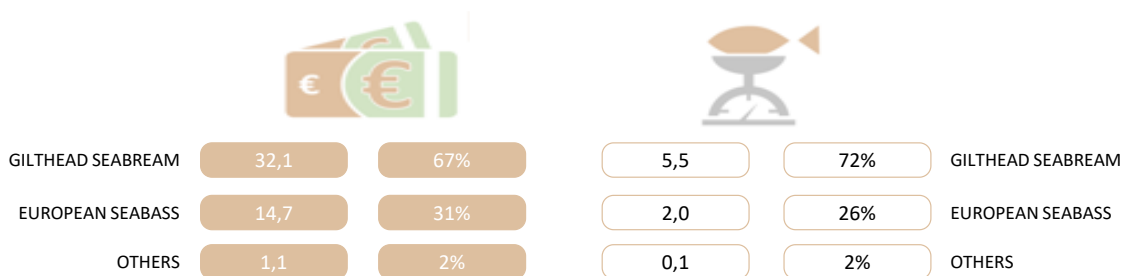
Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In Cyprus, in 2022, 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
2022, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes





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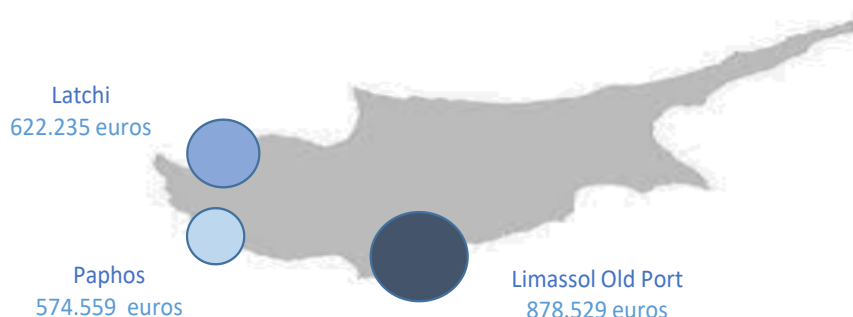
FIRST SALES

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 in Cyprus places of sale amounted to 600 tonnes and 3,2 million euros.

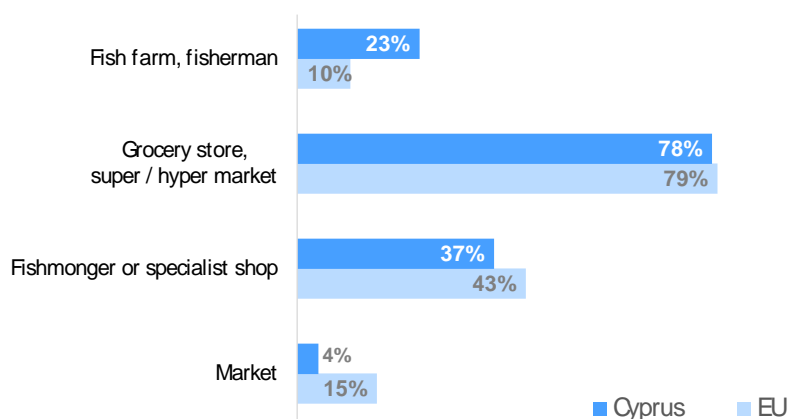
The top-3 places of sale covered 63% and 65% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Limassol Old Port	148	878.529	Seabream, red mullet, albacore tuna
Latchi Port	125	622.235	Albacore tuna, seabream, picarel
Paphos Port	105	574.559	Albacore tuna, seabream, swordfish

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).

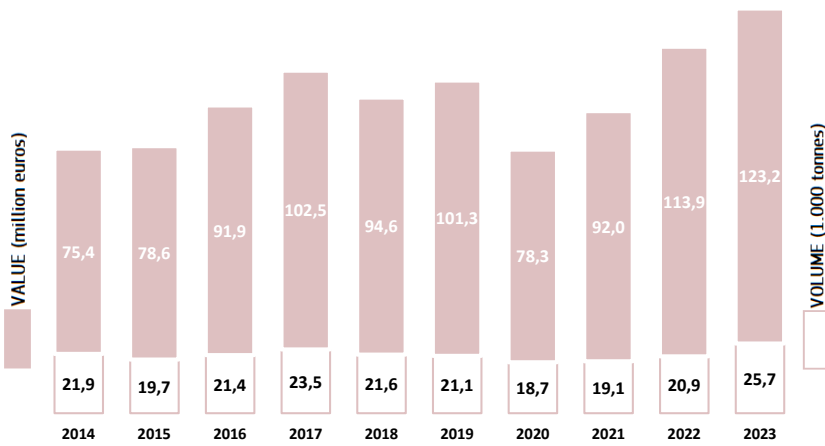
IMPORT

Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2023, million euros (nominal value)



SALMON	26	18%
SQUID	10	7%
FISHMEAL	9	6%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	8	6%
OCTOPUS	7	5%
OTHERS	84	58%



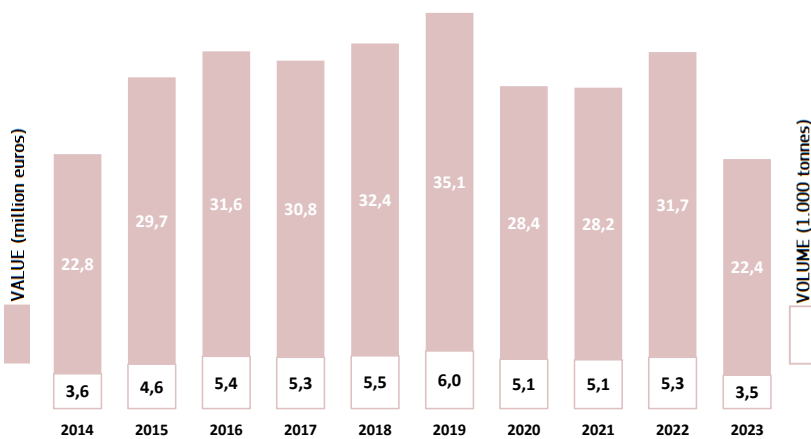
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

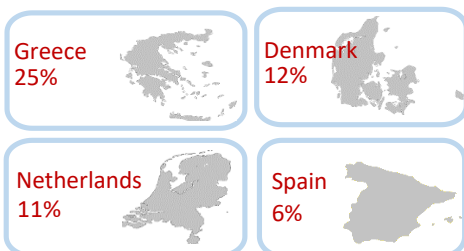
2023, million euros (nominal value)



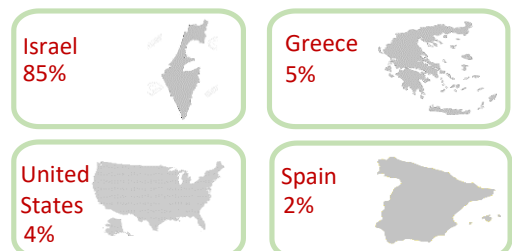
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	13,1	51%
SEABASS (MOSTLY EUROPEAN)	9,6	37%
FISHMEAL	0,6	2%
ALBACORE TUNA	0,6	2%
FISH OIL	0,2	1%
OTHERS	1,7	7%



Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2023)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2023)





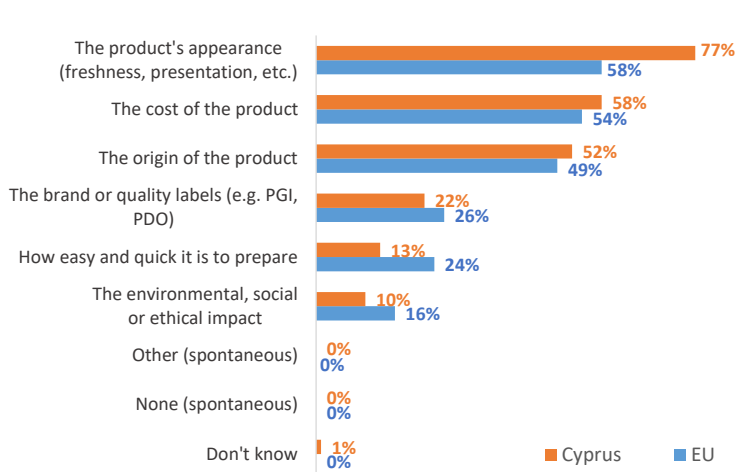
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CONSUMPTION

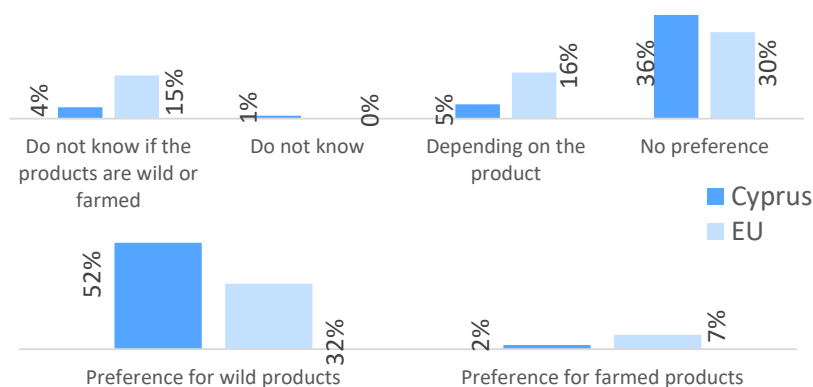
In 2022, apparent consumption was estimated at 27,75 kg per capita, a 1% decrease compared with 2021. The most consumed species were freshwater catfish, squid, skipjack tuna, salmon and gilthead seabream (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least 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).

27,75kg
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

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

No data available

CONSUMPTION

No data available