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MALTA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2022, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Malta is a minor EU-27 producer of fishery products, while it ranked 14th in the EU in terms of aquaculture production in 2022.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Malta	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.050	3.466	2,5	0,003%	0,07%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	18,1	0,014%	1,66%
Total	222.936	4.554	20,6	0,009%	0,45%

FISHING FLEET

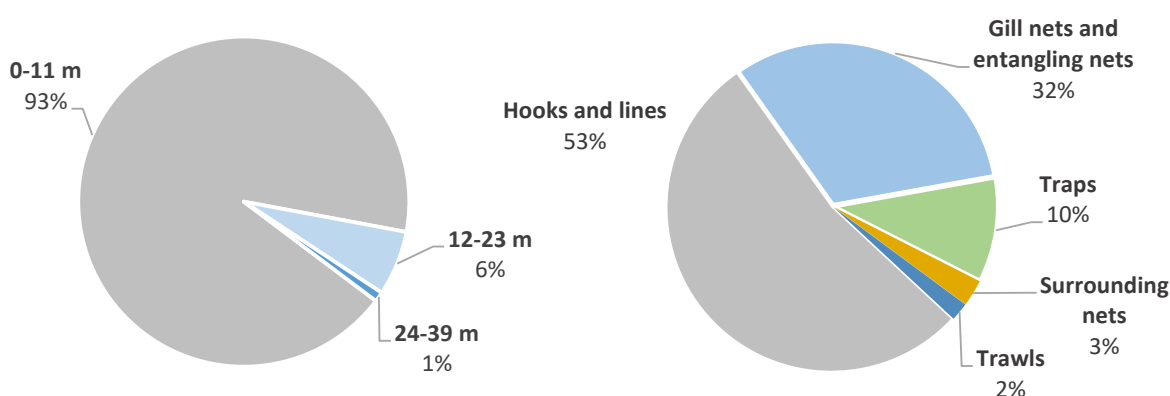
Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 832	GT: 6.495	KW: 69.050	
TOTAL FTE: 529 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 64%	Jobs (FTE): 27%	Jobs (FTE): 9%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Maltese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

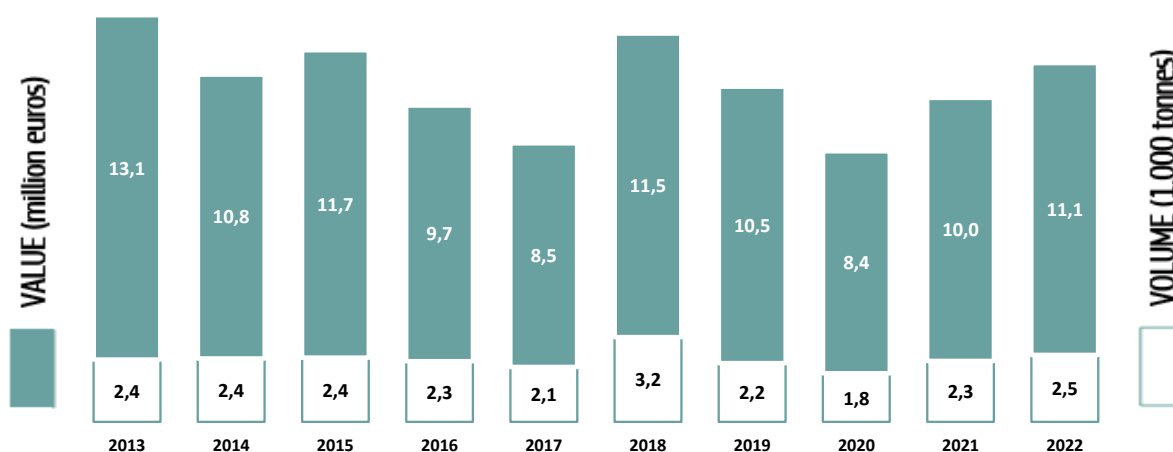
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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.

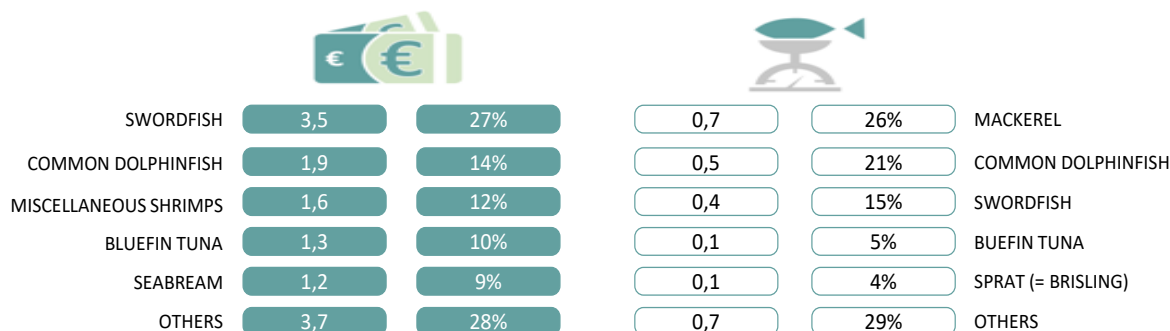
Landings in Malta only include fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 12 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

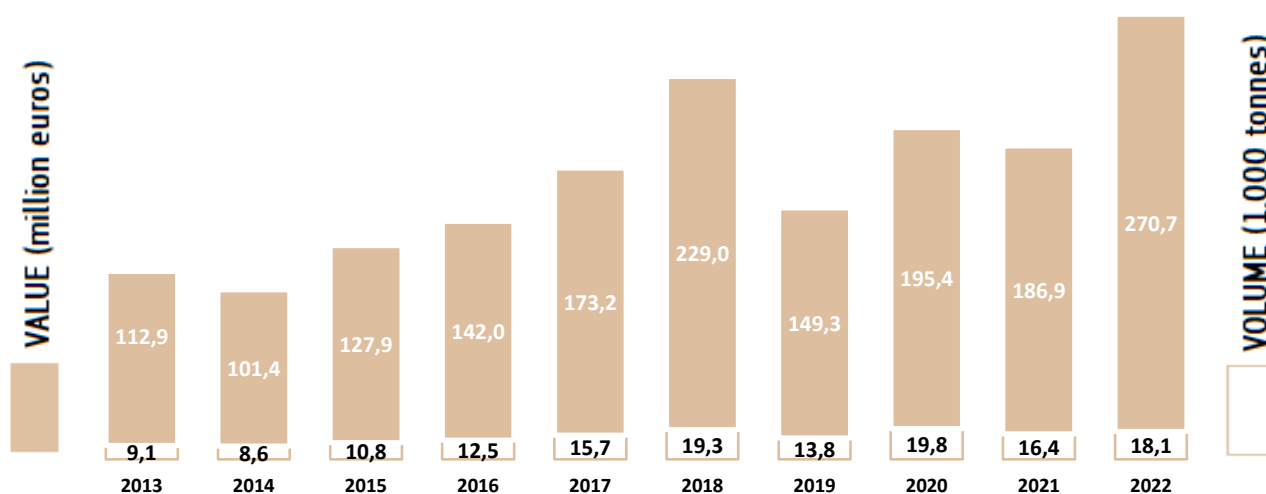
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

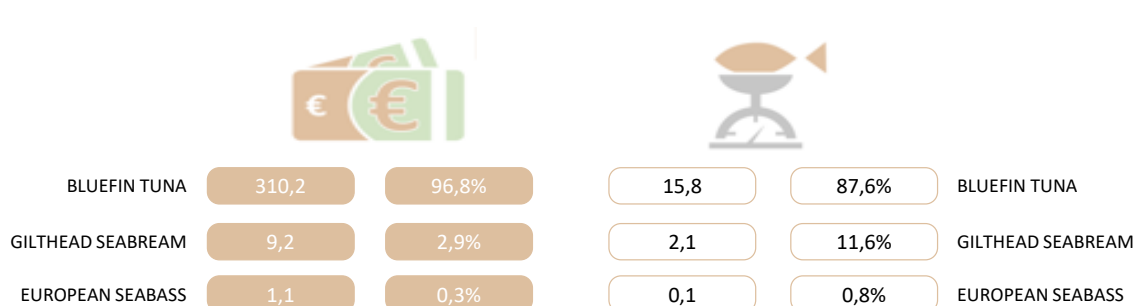
In Malta, aquaculture occurs in sea and brackish water. The following main production methods were used in 2022:

- 88% of production: in cages;
- 12% of production: in enclosures and pens.

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

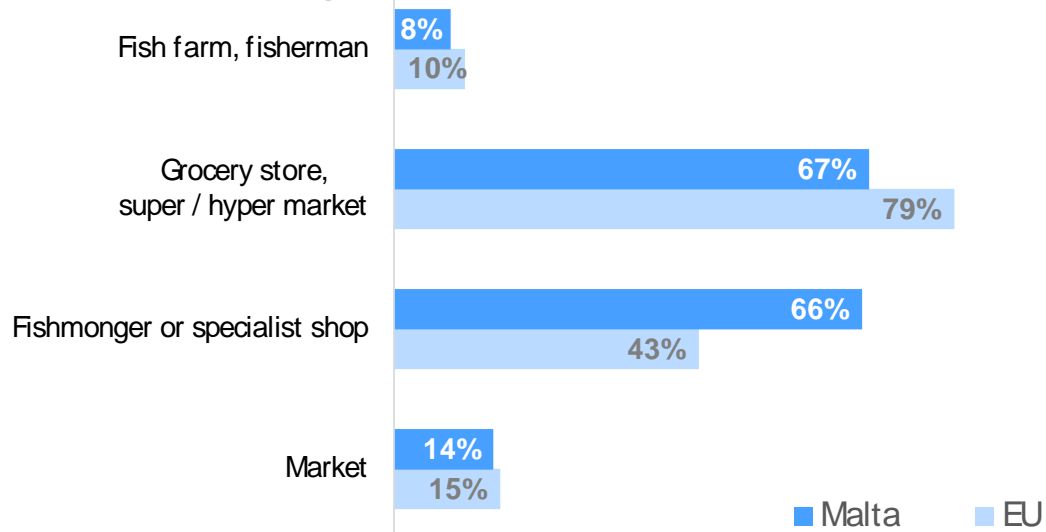




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DISTRIBUTION

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



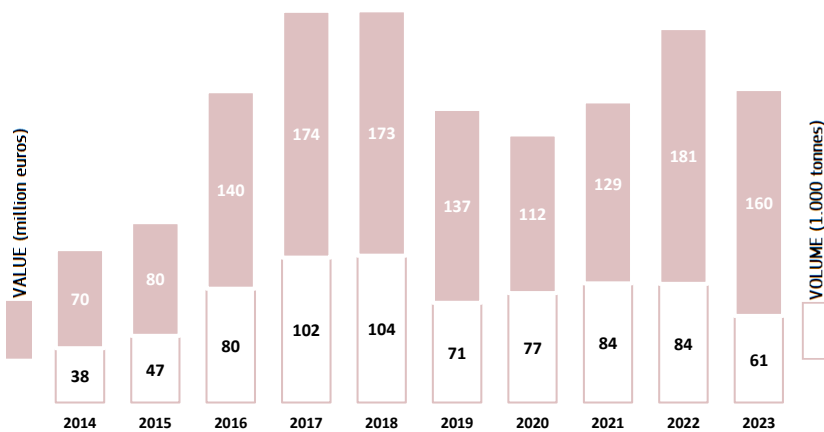


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

IMPORT

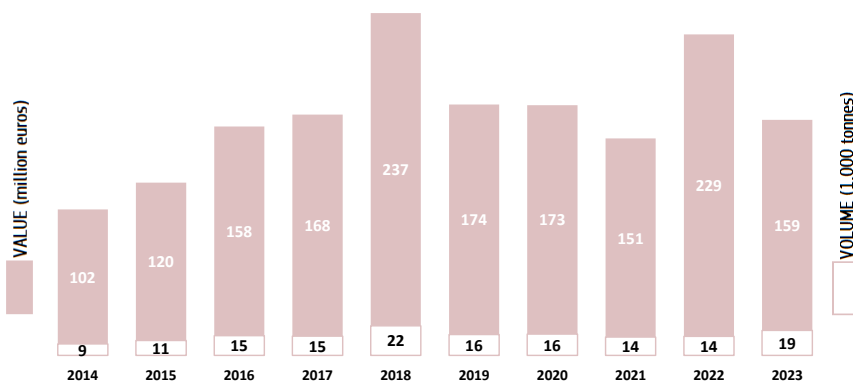


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

BLUEFIN TUNA	82	42%
HERRING	21	11%
SALMON	14	7%
MACKEREL	12	6%
SKIPJACK TUNA	10	5%
OTHERS	58	29%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

TUNA (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	94	47%
BLUEFIN TUNA	52	26%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	7	4%
OTHERS	46	23%

Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2023)

Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2023)



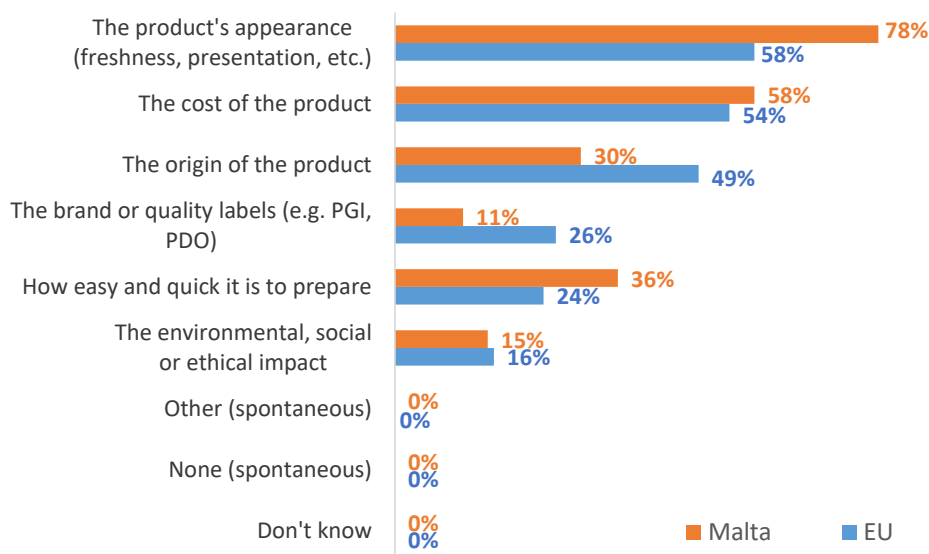


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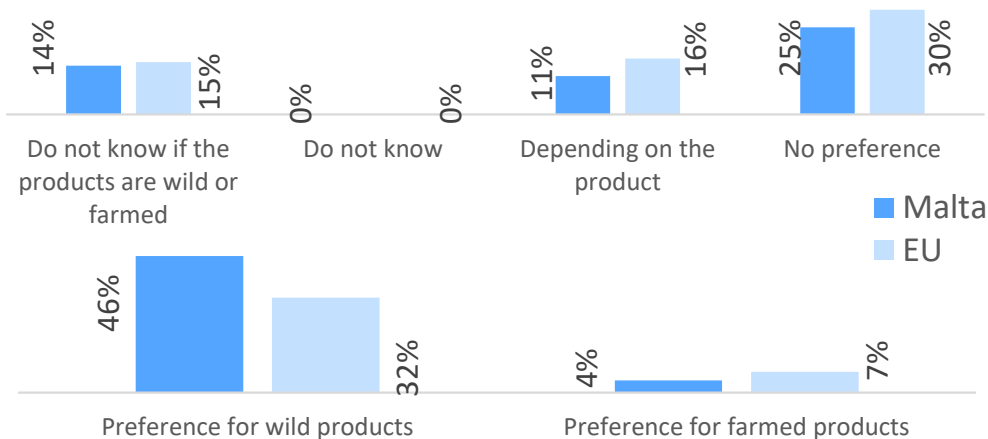
CONSUMPTION

Given the significant relevance of imports of frozen fish likely used directly as fish feed in the Maltese bluefin tuna fattening industry, available data and information for Malta do not allow to produce precise estimates. However, annual per capita apparent consumption can be estimated between 30-40 kg LWE.

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.

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PROCESSING

No data available

CONSUMPTION

No data available