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POLAND IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2022, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2022, Poland was the EU's 8th largest producer of fishery products and the 5th largest in terms of aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Poland	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.050	3.466	148	0,16%	4%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	42	0,03%	4%
Total	222.936	4.554	190	0,09%	4%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

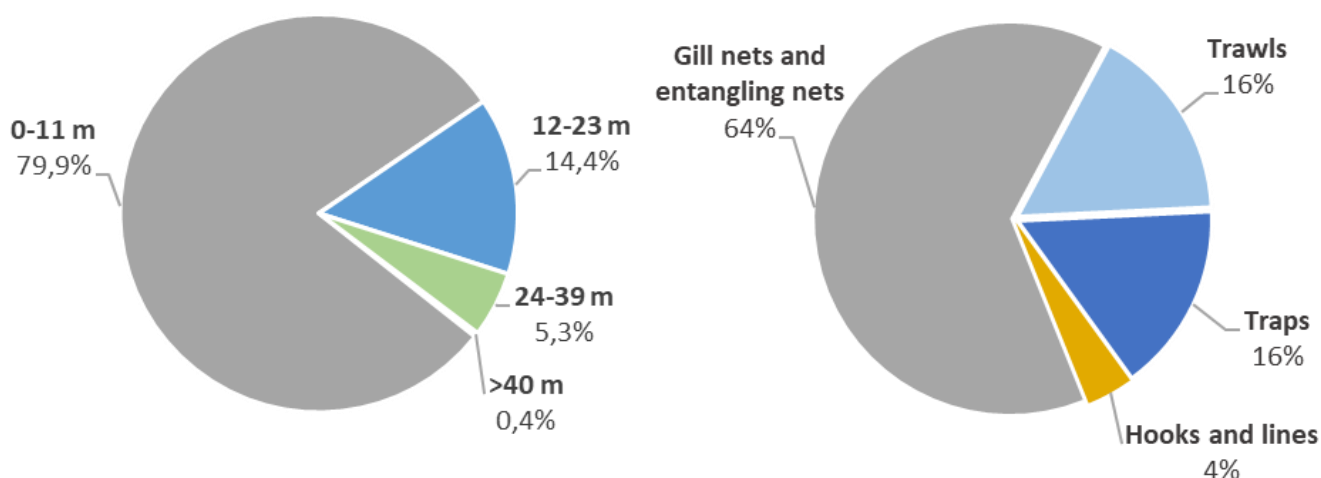
Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 824	GT: 35.476	KW: 83.871	
TOTAL FTE: 1.967 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 66%	Jobs (FTE): 23%	Jobs (FTE): 11%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Polish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

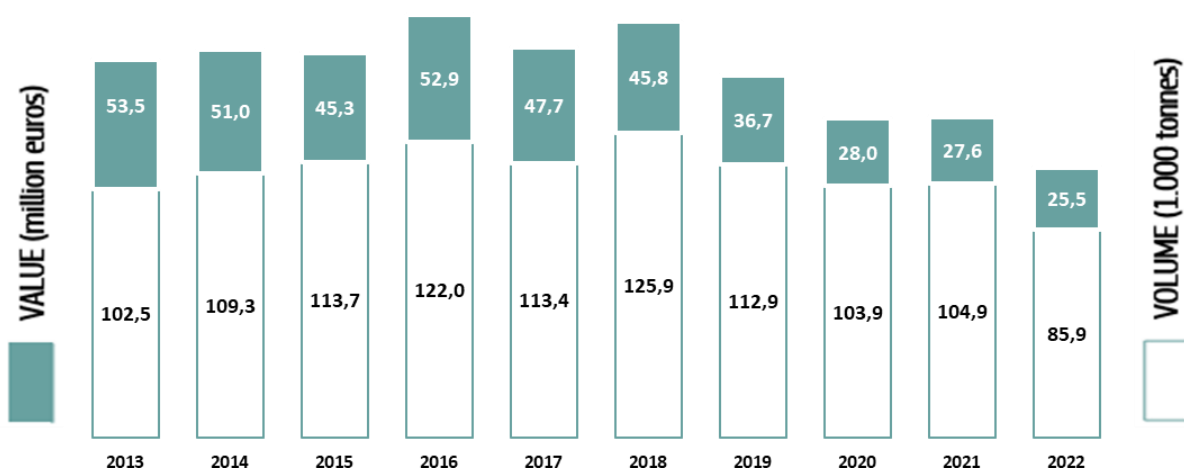
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given Member State. The landings also 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 Poland consist mainly of fresh whole/gutted products. In 2022, most of them were destined for human consumption (96%). Smaller quantities included products intended for animal feed and industrial uses (4%), while no details are available for the residual share.

There are 71 fishing ports registered in Poland (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
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	13	43%	55	63%
HERRING	7	23%	16	19%
EUROPEAN FLOUNDER	3	10%	9	11%
EEL	1	5%	1	1%
EUROPEAN PERCH	1	5%	1	1%
OTHERS	4	14%	4	5%



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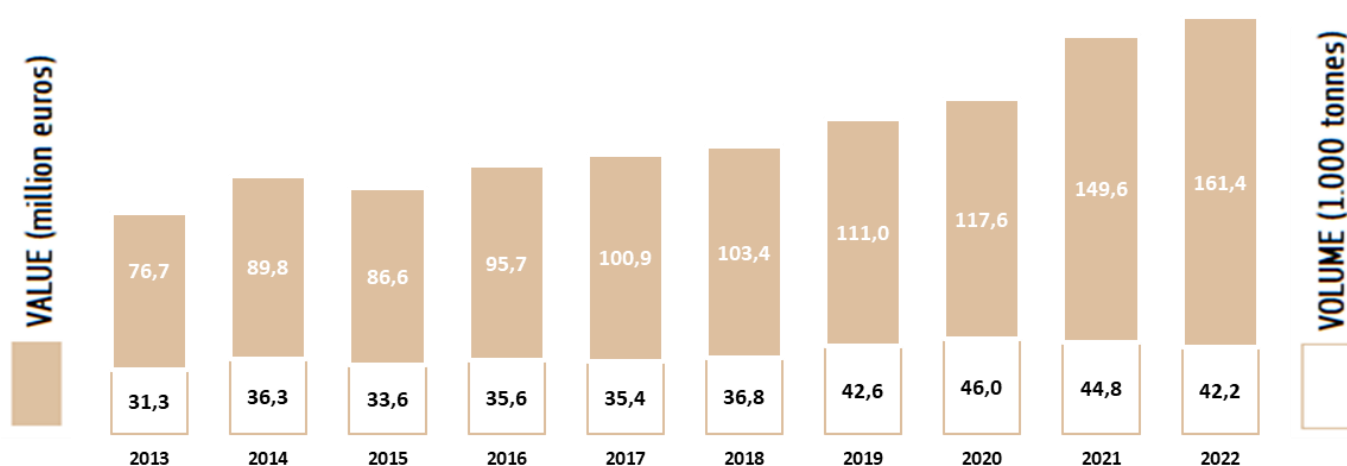
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO 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.

Aquaculture activity in Poland is limited to freshwater farming.

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

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
TROUT	89,0	47,8%	20,9	49,6%
CARP	80,6	43,4%	18,0	42,7%
FRESHWATER CATFISH	1,8	1,0%	0,5	1,2%
PIKE	1,5	0,8%	0,2	0,5%
OTHERS	13,0	7,0%	2,5	6,0%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Poland, **17 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized. 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.

Of the 17 POs, 12 operate in the fishery sector and 5 in aquaculture.

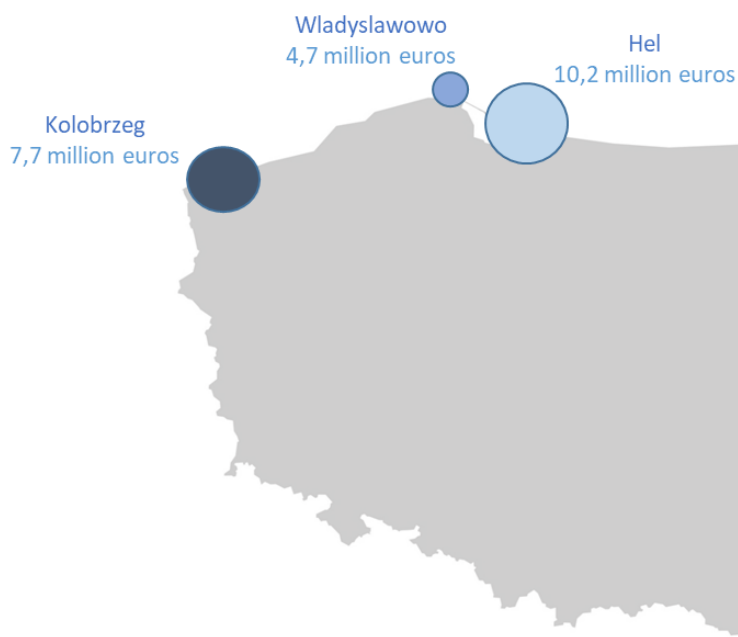
FIRST SALES

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.

The majority of marine catches in Poland are sold to registered buyers. In 2024, total first sales in Polish places of sale amounted to 59.585 tonnes and 30 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 85% and 76% 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)
Hel	26.274	10,2	Sprat (=brisling), herring, European flounder
Kolobrzeg	13.831	7,7	Sprat (=brisling), herring, European flounder
Wladyslawowo	10.460	4,7	Sprat (=brisling), herring, European flounder



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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 Poland, there are wholesalers and one wholesale market, namely Metro (source: Eurofish).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 18.856 persons were employed in the Polish fish processing industry in 2022. The sector recorded a value added of 524 million euros, covering 3,7% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2023, the main products sold were "Smoked Pacific, Atlantic and Danube salmon (including fillets, excluding heads, tails and maws)" and "Prepared or preserved fish (excluding whole or in pieces and prepared meals and dishes)" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

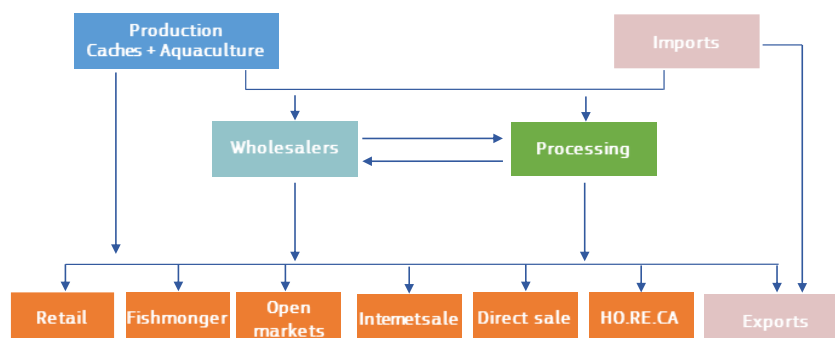
316 companies

Net turnover: 4,9 billion euros

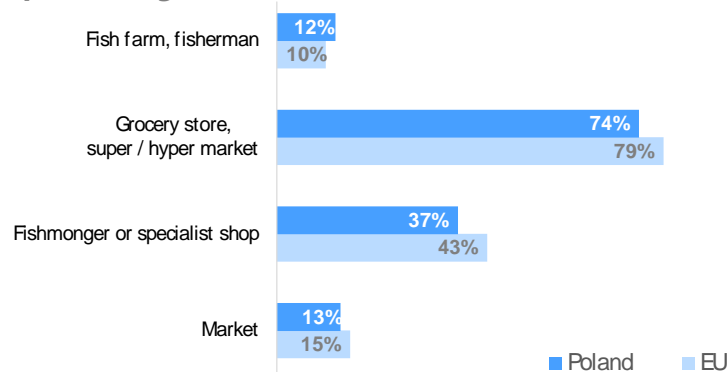
(2023, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Poland (source: Eurofish):



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



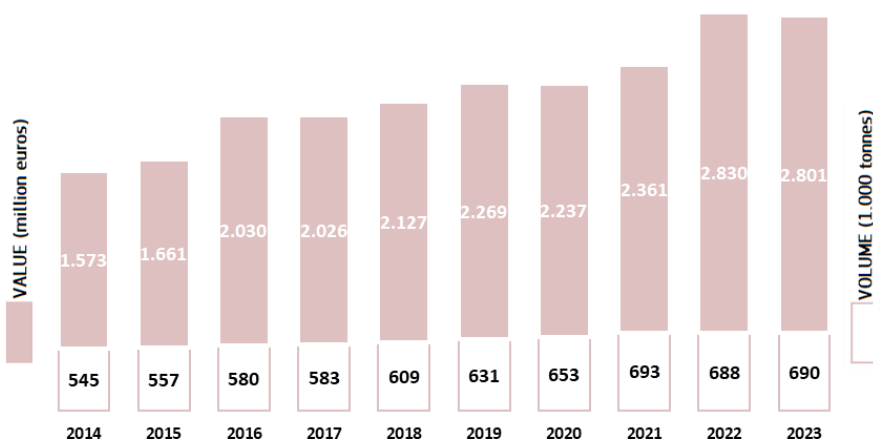


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

IMPORT

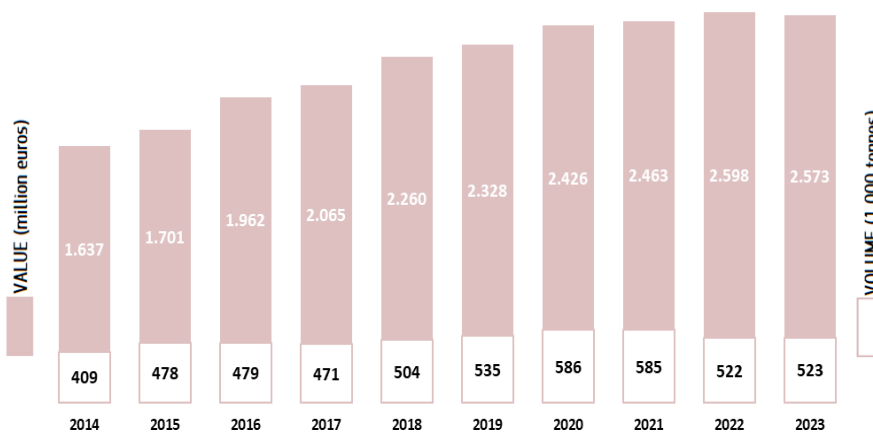


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
SALMON	1805	54%
COD	196	6%
HERRING	181	6%
ALASKA POLLOCK	171	5%
MACKEREL	92	3%
OTHERS	871	26%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
SALMON	1989	59%
HERRING	178	5%
COD	167	5%
TROUT	115	3%
MACKEREL	68	2%
OTHERS	867	26%

Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2023)

Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2023)





CONSUMPTION

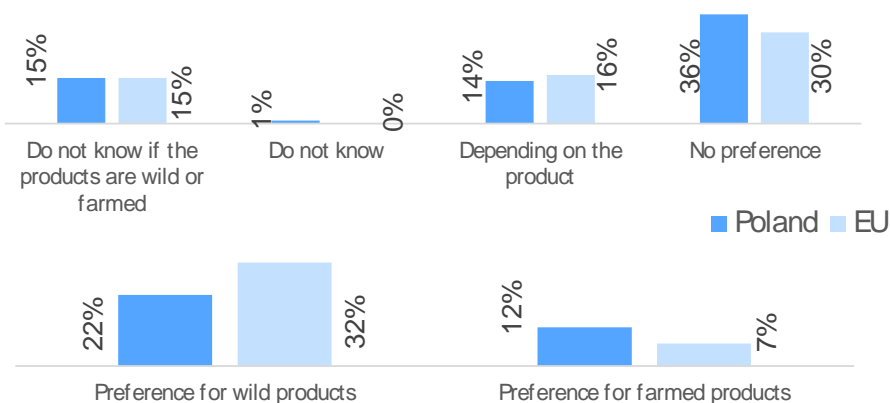
In 2022, apparent consumption was estimated at 13,68 kg per capita, a remarkable 4% decrease compared with 2021. The most consumed species were herring and Alaska pollock, as well as sprat, mackerel, Atlantic horse mackerel and cod (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Poland, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 67% of the total, the same percentage observed at EU level (UK included). Poles consume especially frozen and fresh products; loose fish (74%) is more frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

13,68 kg
per capita in live weight equivalent
 (2022, source: Institute of Agricultural and Food
 Economics - National Research Institute)

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 advanced tables, and through the bulk download facility.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with FAO data. They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through advanced tables, and through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Ministry of Maritime Economy and Inland Navigation on a weekly and monthly basis. Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 8 main commercial species and 5 places of sale. Monthly data cover all species sold in all Polish places of sale. Both 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 table and the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

Prices are collected from the Fish Market Development Association on a weekly basis. Data cover sales from Makro Cash & Carry of a selection of 20 main commercial species. Data are accessible through simple tables, as well as through 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.

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 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 4 main commercial species, + the item "Others", aggregating all other species. Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through tables and the bulk download facility. Retail prices from online shops are also available, collected via price-scrapers.