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ROMANIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2022, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Romania is a minor EU producer of fishery products. As for aquaculture production, in 2022 it ranked 17th among EU-27 producing countries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Romania	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.050	3.466	6	0,01%	0,2%
Aquaculture	130.885	1.089	11	0,01%	1,0%
Total	222.936	4.554	17	0,01%	0,4%

FISHING FLEET

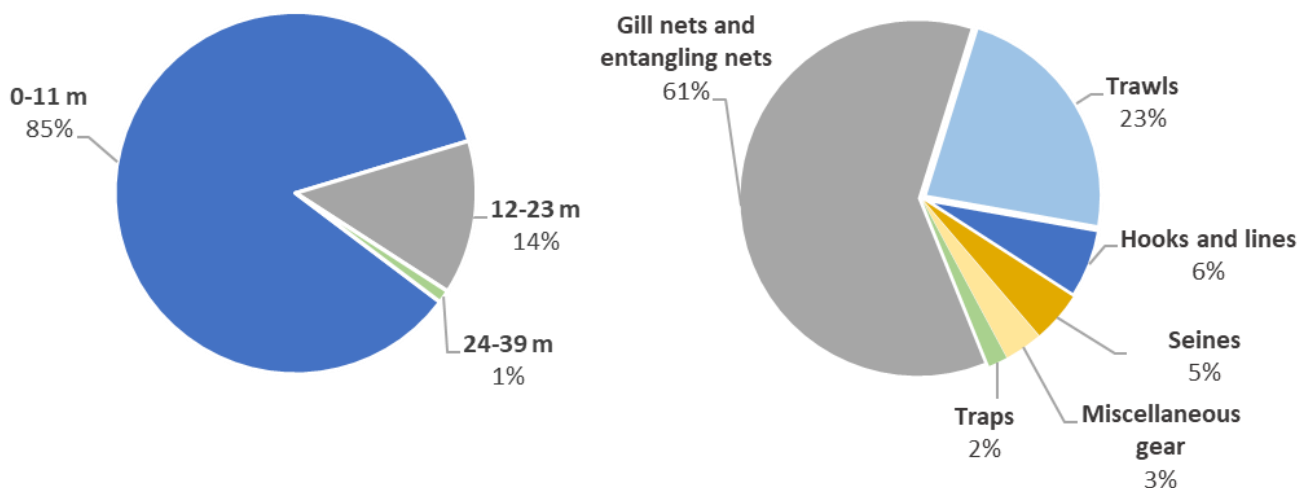
Fleet: 2023, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2022, source: JRC

Vessels (2023)	Capacity (2023)	Power (2023)	
Number: 174	GT: 1.634	KW: 6.349	
TOTAL FTE: 54 (2022, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 45%	Jobs (FTE): 54%	Jobs (FTE): 1%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Romanian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





LANDINGS

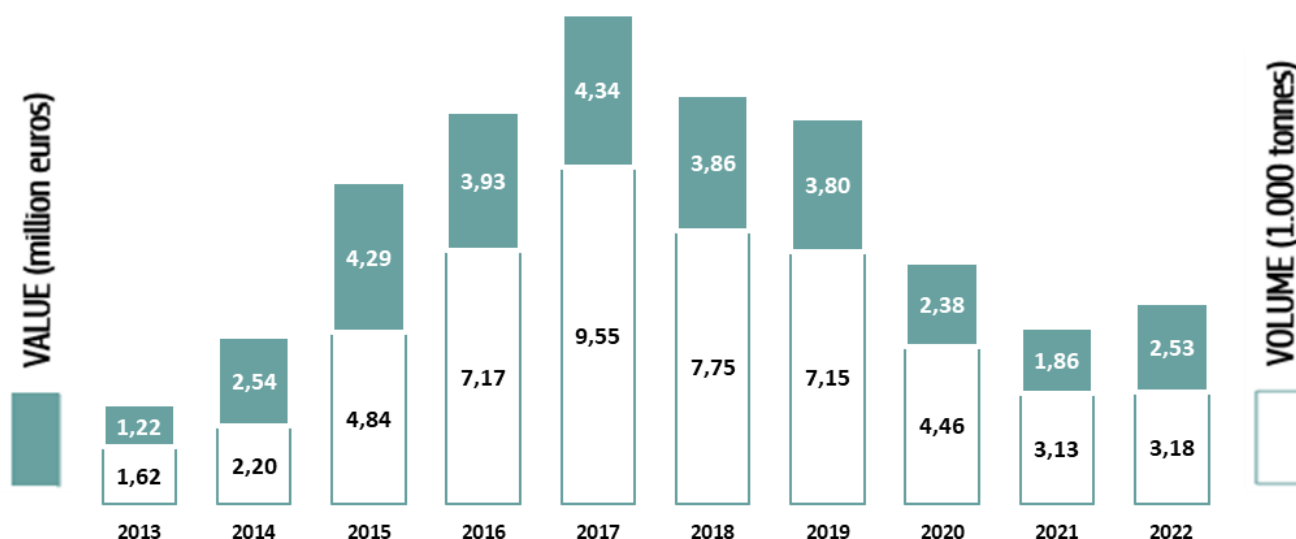
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 Romania only include fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 2 fishing ports registered in Romania (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
THOMAS' RAPA WHELK	1,64	47,6%
TURBOT	0,69	20,0%
MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.	0,62	18,1%
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	0,07	1,9%
RED MULLET	0,06	1,8%
OTHERS	0,36	10,6%



Species	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
THOMAS' RAPA WHELK	2,45	77,2%
MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.	0,45	14,0%
TURBOT	0,08	2,4%
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	0,06	1,9%
ANCHOVY	0,03	1,0%
OTHERS	0,11	3,5%



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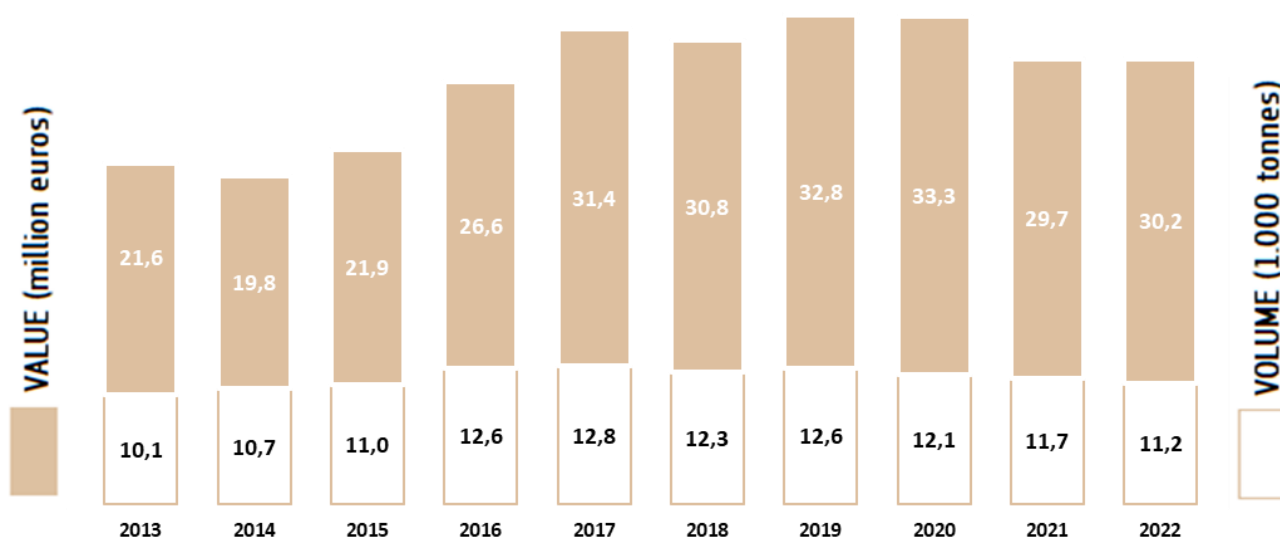
AQUACULTURE

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.

According to Eurostat, the aquaculture activity in Romania is limited to freshwater farming. Production consists in its entirety in ponds.

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
CARP	21,5	52%	7,5	67%
TROUT	16,4	40%	3,1	28%
FRESHWATER CATFISH	0,6	1%	0,1	1%
OTHERS	2,8	7%	0,5	4%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Romania, **10 producer organisations (POs)** and **1 association of 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 10 POs, 8 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture. The association of POs operates in the fishery sector.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.348 persons were employed in the Romanian fish processing industry in 2022. The sector recorded a value added of 15,7 million euros, covering 0,6% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2023, the main products sold were "Prepared or preserved fish (excluding whole or in pieces and prepared meals and dishes)" and "Crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates and seaweed, otherwise prepared or preserved" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

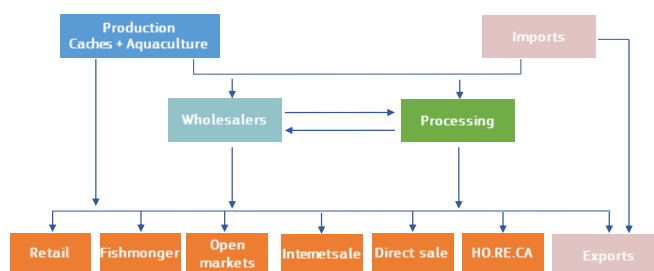
41 companies

Net turnover: 186,7 million euros

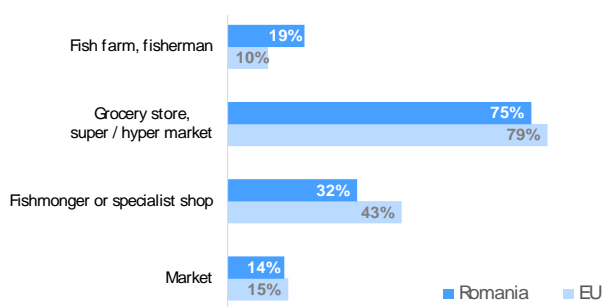
(2023, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

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



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



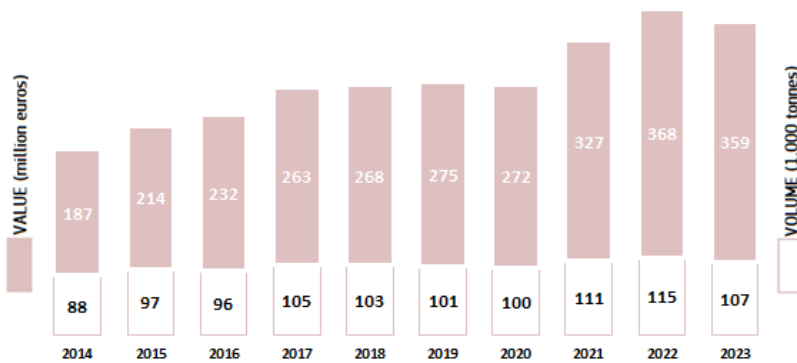


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

IMPORT

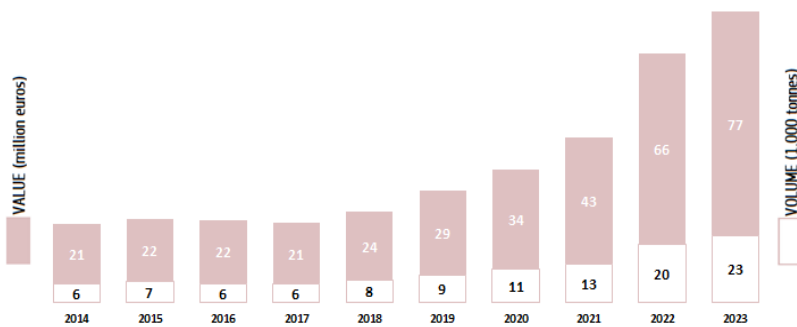


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	99	21%
MACKEREL	44	9%
SKIPJACK TUNA	39	8%
TROUT	24	5%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	21	5%
OTHERS	239	52%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2023, million euros (nominal value)

FISH SOUPS AND PREPARATIONS (ALSO INCLUDING VEGETABLES AND MEAT)	71	60%
SALMON	12	10%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	6	5%
TUNA (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	4	3%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	3	3%
OTHERS	22	19%

Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2023)

Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2023)



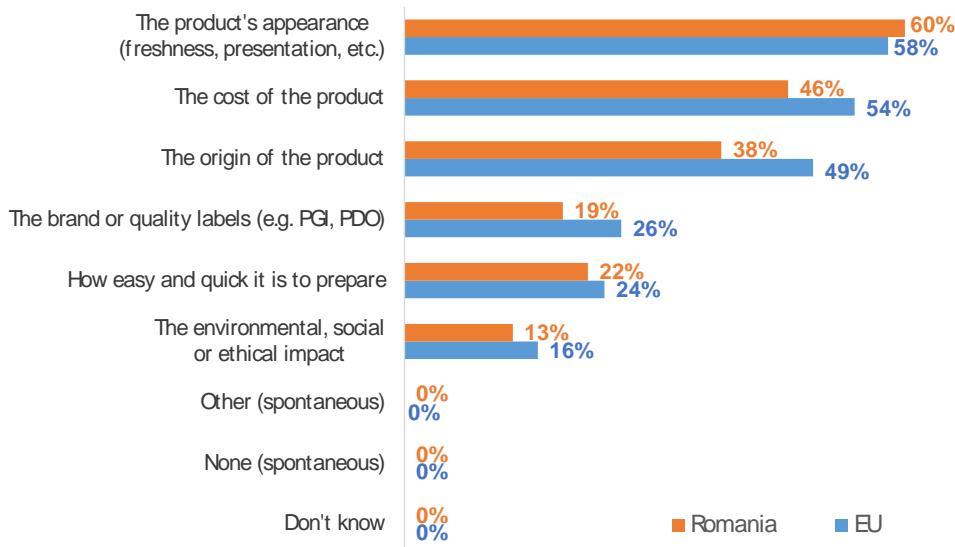


CONSUMPTION

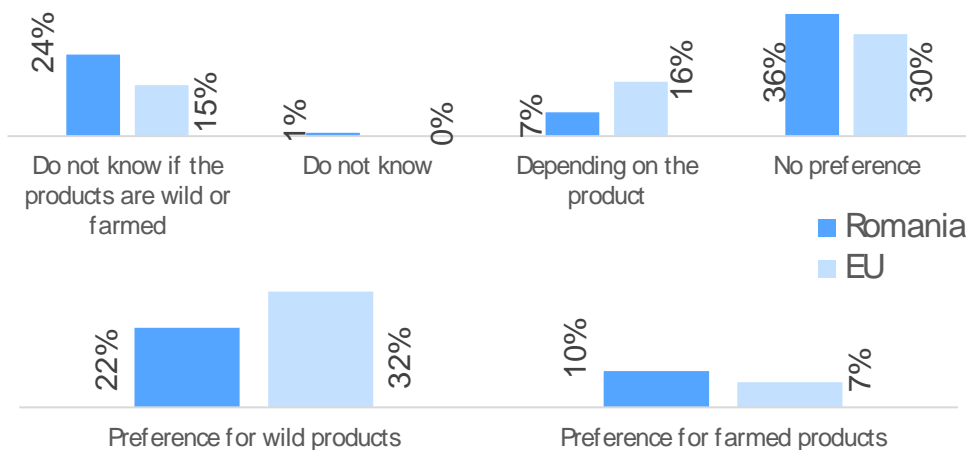
In 2022, apparent consumption was estimated at 8,49 kg per capita, a moderate increase compared with 2021 (+5%). The most consumed species were mackerel, carp and herring (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and 25-39. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Romania, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 59% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Romanians consume especially fresh and frozen products; loose fish (63%) is less frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

8,49 kg
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

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

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. 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

Retail prices from online shops are available, as collected via price-scraper.