Spain

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SPAIN IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2021, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2021, Spain was the largest EU producer of both aquaculture products and fishery production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Spain	% world	% EU-27
Catches	92.164	3.591	757,9	0,8%	21%
Aquaculture	126.011	1.129	276,6	0,2%	24%
Total	**218.175**	**4.720**	**1.034,5**	**0,5%**	**22%**

FISHING FLEET

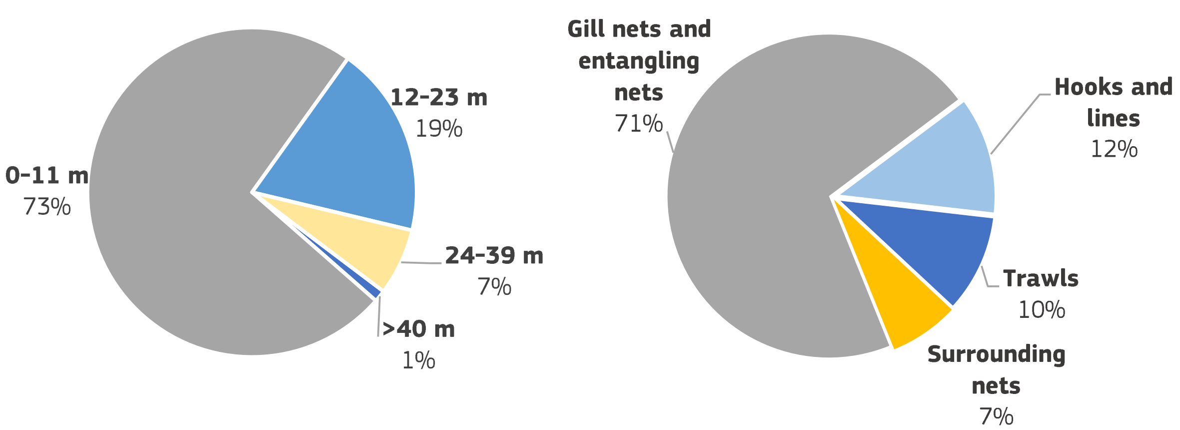
Fleet: 2022, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat   Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2022)		Capacity (2022)	Power (2022)
Number: 8.650		GT: 317.920	KW: 755.270
TOTAL FTE: 24.522 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	**12-23 m**	**24-39 m**	**>40 m**
Jobs (FTE): 22%	Jobs (FTE): 31%	Jobs (FTE): 30%	Jobs (FTE): 17%

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

The Spanish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



LANDINGS

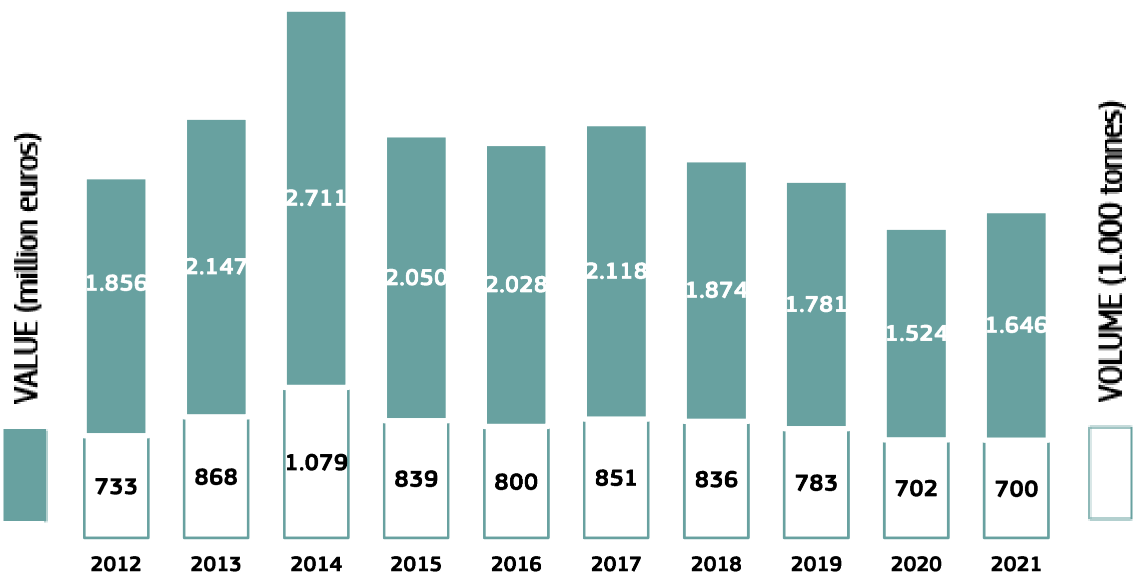
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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.

In 2021, 53% of landings in Spain included frozen products, mainly whole/gutted , and almost 47% included fresh products (mainly whole/gutted as well). The remaining quota included salted, smoked and cooked products. As for destination use, they were almost entirely for human consumption, with a small portion being destined for industrial uses.

There are 332 fishing ports registered in Spain (source: EU Master Data Register, 25 September 2023).

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



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2021, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

Species	Value (million euros)	%	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	%	Species
HAKE	262	14,7%	141	20,1%	SKIPJACK TUNA
SKIPJACK TUNA	202	11,4%	100	14,3%	HAKE
YELLOWFIN TUNA	154	8,7%	65	9,3%	YELLOWFIN TUNA
SWORDFISH	108	6,1%	50	7,1%	MACKEREL
ANCHOVY	84	4,7%	41	5,8%	ANCHOVY
OTHERS	969	54,4%	303	43,4%	OTHERS

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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 2021, 93% of Spanish production occurred in marine waters, while the remaining 7% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 74% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 14% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters;
- 10% of production: tanks and raceways, 7% in freshwater and 3% in sea and brackish waters;
- 1% of production: in ponds in sea and brackish waters and a slight portion in freshwater (0,2%);

The rest (1%) was farmed on bottom and in recirculation systems mainly in sea and brackish water.

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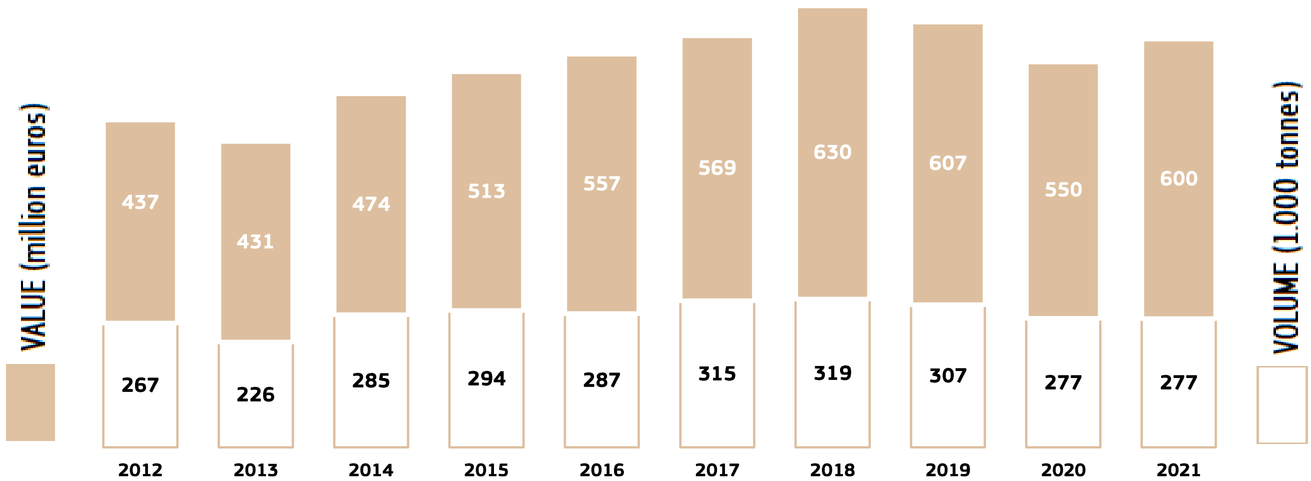

Main commercial species farmed and % of total

2021, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

	Value	%	Volume	%	
EUROPEAN SEABASS	153	23,6%	203	73,5%	MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.
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TURBOT	70	10,8%	18	6,5%	TROUT
TROUT	62	9,5%	9	3,1%	TURBOT
CLAM	16	8,5%	2	0,6%	CLAM
OTHERS	210	32,4%	22	8,0%	OTHERS

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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 11-07-2023, source: DG MARE, link

In Spain, **37 producer organisations (POs)** and **2 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.

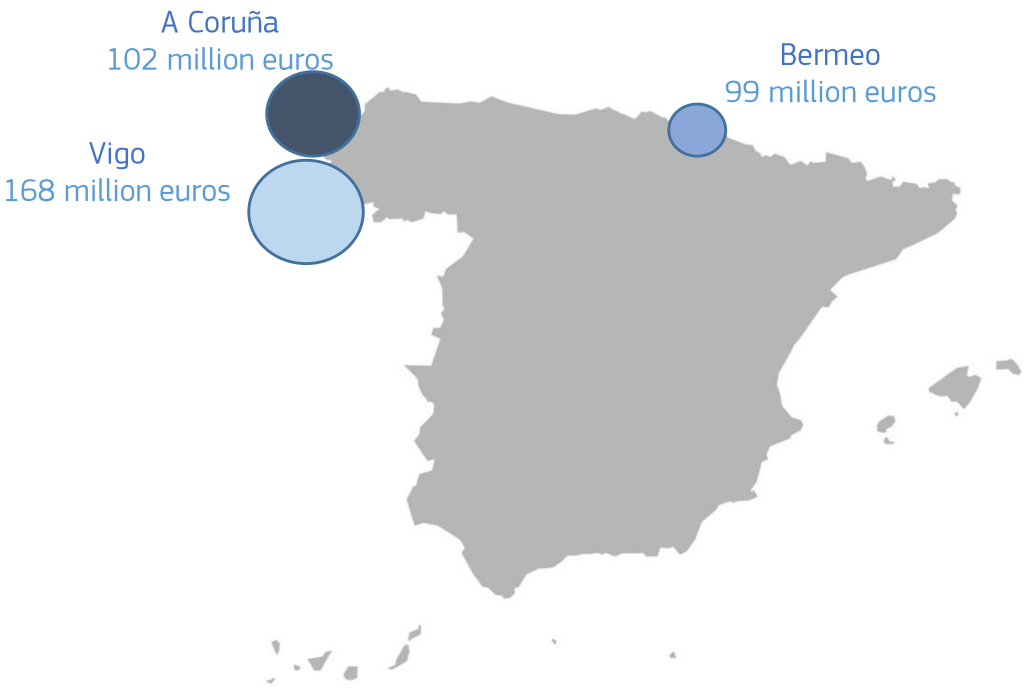
Of the 37 POs, 35 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture. Both of the associations of POs in the fishery sector.

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 Spain, 209 places of sale were operating in 2022, of which 104 operating in the Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast, 74 in the Mediterranean sea and 31 in outermost regions. In 2022, total first sales amounted to 456.473 tonnes and 1,59 billion euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 26% and 23% 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)
Vigo	38.463	168	Swordfish, monk, megrim
A Coruña	38.036	102	Swordfish, yellowfin tuna, hake
Bermeo	41.359	99	Yellowfin tuna, skipjack tuna, bigeye tuna

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.

The wholesale distribution in Spain is mainly structured through the Food Units of the Mercasa network: 24 wholesale markets, out of which 20 include a fish wholesale market. In 2021, total sales of these 20 markets amounted to 599.934 tonnes, for a value of 4,33 billion euros. The most important fish wholesale markets are Mercabarna (185.883 tonnes for a value of 1,50 billion euros) and Mercamadrid (151.424 tonnes for a value of 1,10 billion euros). (source: Mercasa Informe Anual 2021).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 24.089 persons were employed in the Spanish fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 1,13 billion euros, covering 5,9% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2022, the main products sold were “Prepared or preserved tuna, skipjack and Atlantic bonito, whole or in pieces (excl. minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” and “Molluscs (scallops, mussels, cuttle fish, squid and octopus), frozen, dried, salted or in brine” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

616 companies
Sales: 6,87 billion euros
(2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

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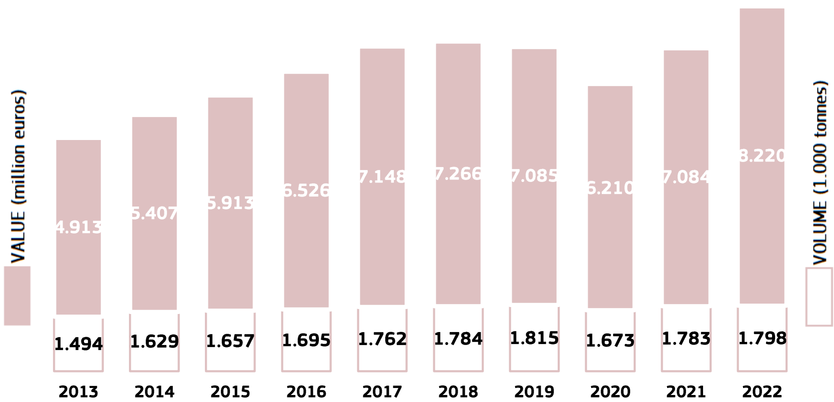
IMPORT – EXPORT

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

IMPORT

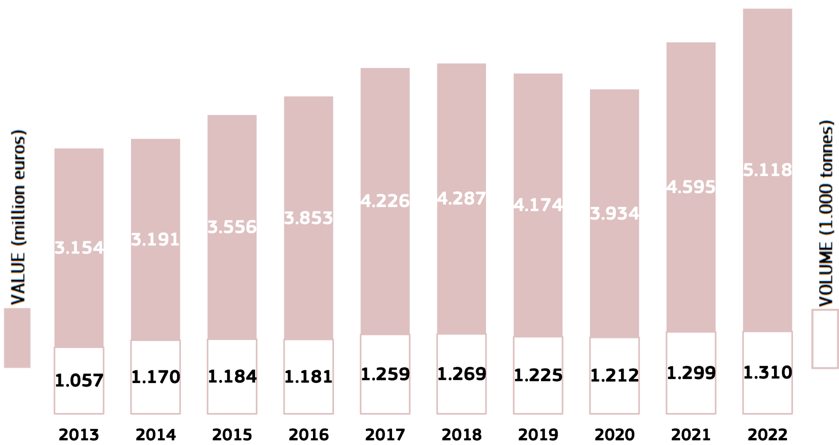


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2022, million euros (nominal value)

TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	1386	15%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	1285	14%
SALMON	965	10%
SQUID	831	9%
OCTOPUS	754	8%
OTHERS	4054	44%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2022, million euros (nominal value)

TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	1436	25%
OCTOPUS	528	9%
SQUID	528	9%
SHRIMPS (MOSTLY WARMWATER)	444	8%
HAKE	272	5%
OTHERS	2562	44%

Main countries of **ORIGIN** (in value, 2022)

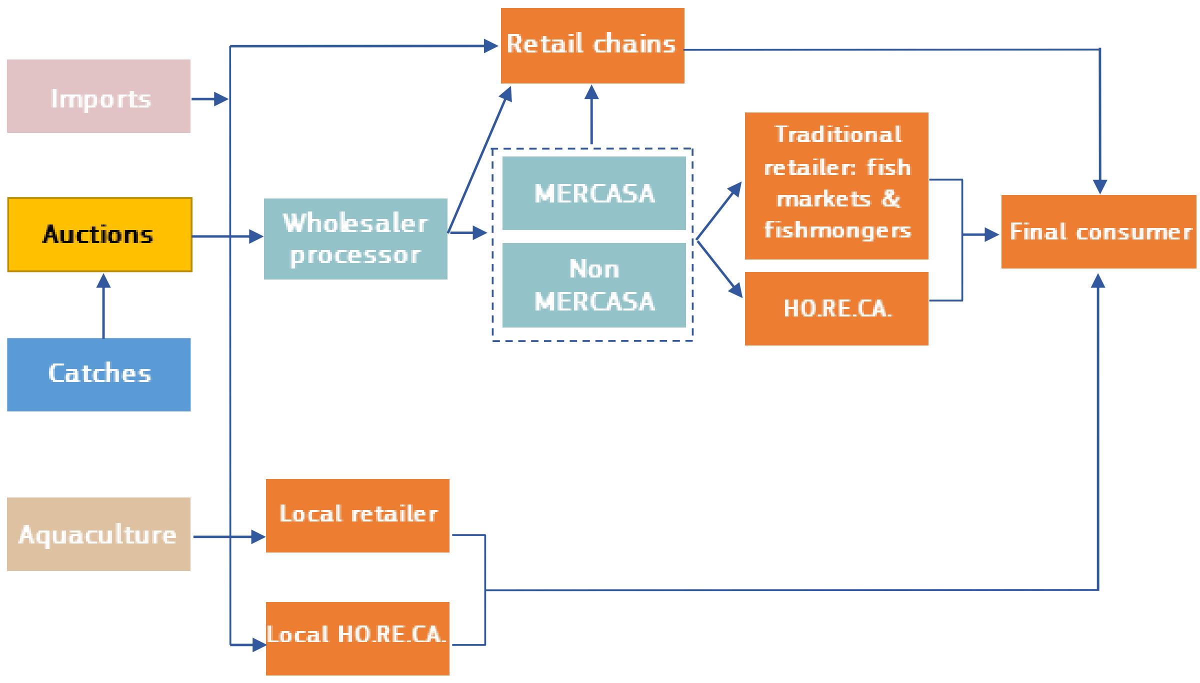
- Morocco 10%
- Ecuador 8%
- Sweden 7%
- Portugal 7%

Main countries of **DESTINATION** (in value, 2022)

- Italy 30%
- Portugal 17%
- France 14%
- United States 4%

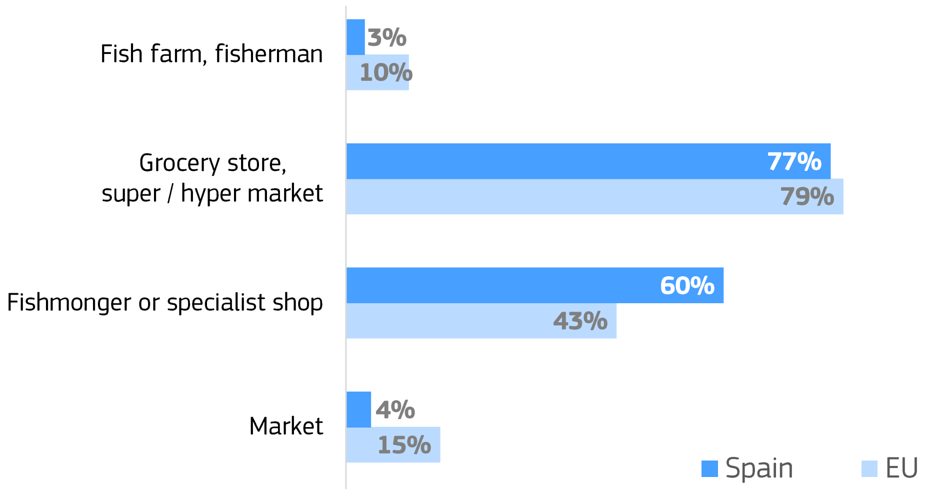
DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Spain (source: IDES, University of Cantabria):



MERCASA: Public owned network of food wholesale markets located in all provinces, providing infrastructures to private wholesalers.

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



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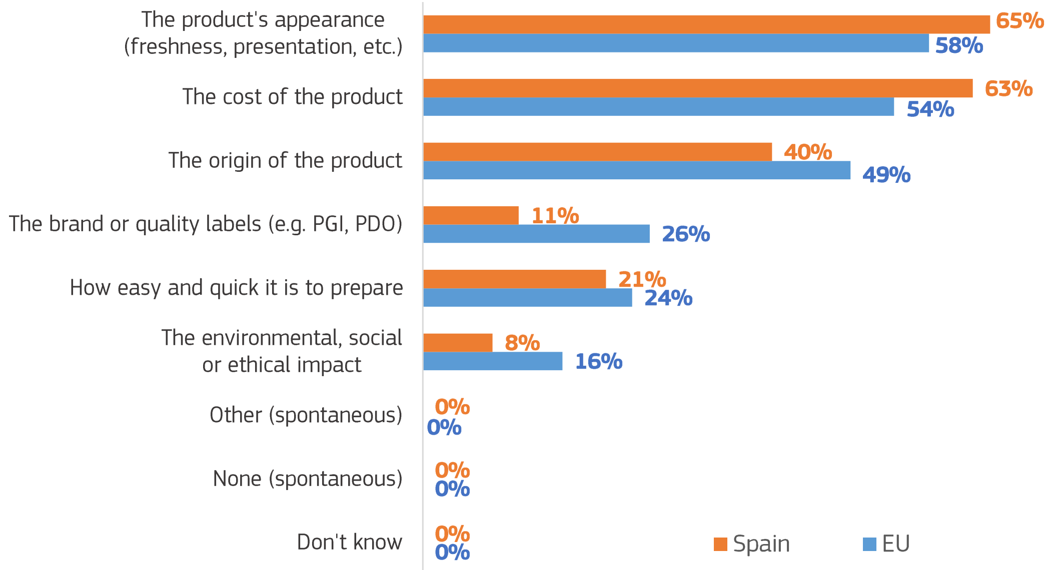
CONSUMPTION

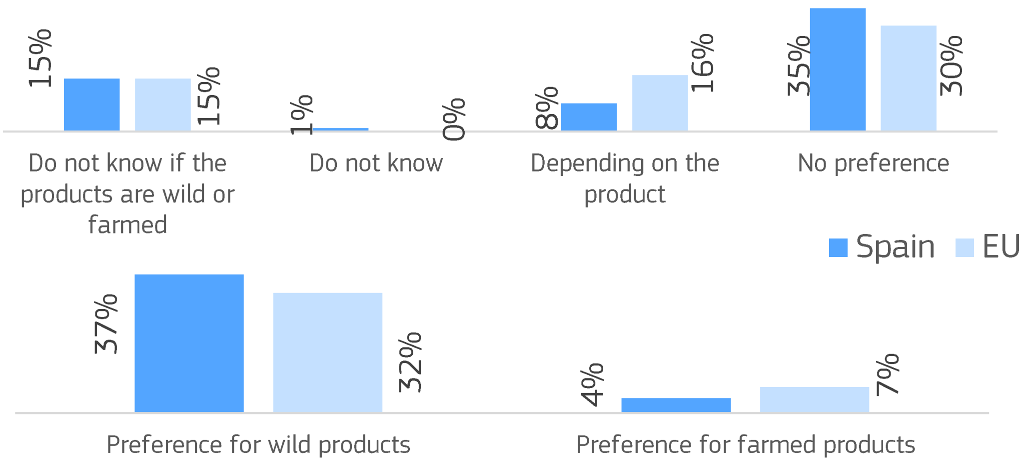
In 2021, apparent consumption was estimated at 42,98 kg per capita, a 3%-decrease compared with 2020. The most consumed species were hake, cod, yellowfin tuna, mussel and squid (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Spain, as well as at EU-28 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 86% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Spaniards consume especially fresh products and tinned products; loose fish is much more frequently consumed in Spain (92%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

42,98 kg
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 Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación (MAPA) on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 15 main commercial species and 27 places of sale (click here for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in Spanish 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 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

Volumes and values of household consumption of fresh fisheries and aquaculture products are collected from Europanel based on panel reporting. Data are monitored for 10 main commercial species + the item “Others”, aggregating all other species (click here for the full list).

Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through simple tables and the bulk download facility.

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