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CROATIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2020, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2020, Croatia ranked 14th among EU-27 countries for fishery production and 11th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Croatia	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.260	3.869	72	0,08%	2%
Aquaculture	122.573	1.088	22	0,02%	2%
Total	213.833	4.957	94	0,04%	2%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2021, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

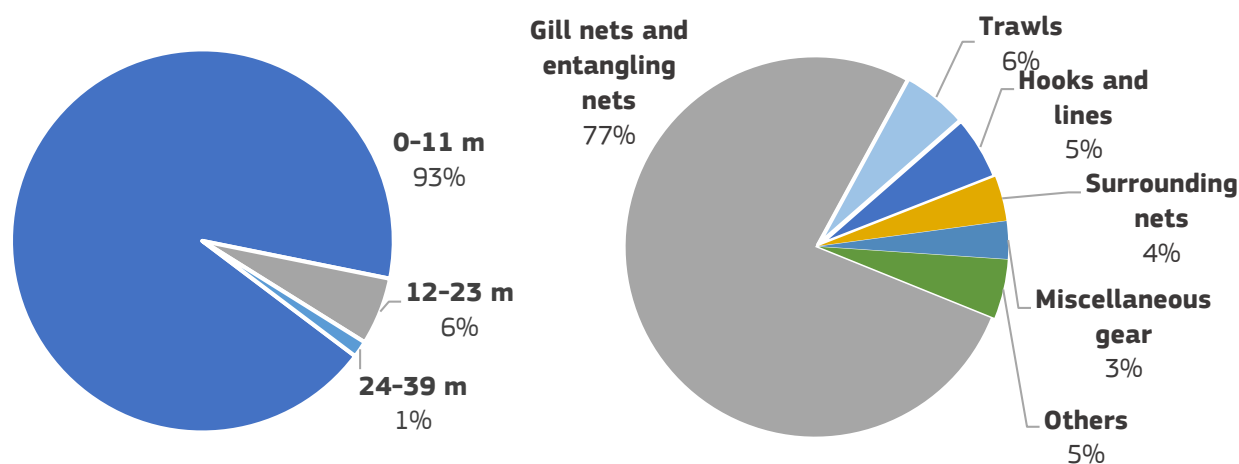
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2021)	Capacity (2021)	Power (2021)	
Number: 7.507	GT: 43.121	KW: 341.898	
TOTAL FTE: 3.146 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 58%	Jobs (FTE): 25%	Jobs (FTE): 17%	Jobs (FTE): %

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

The Croatian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

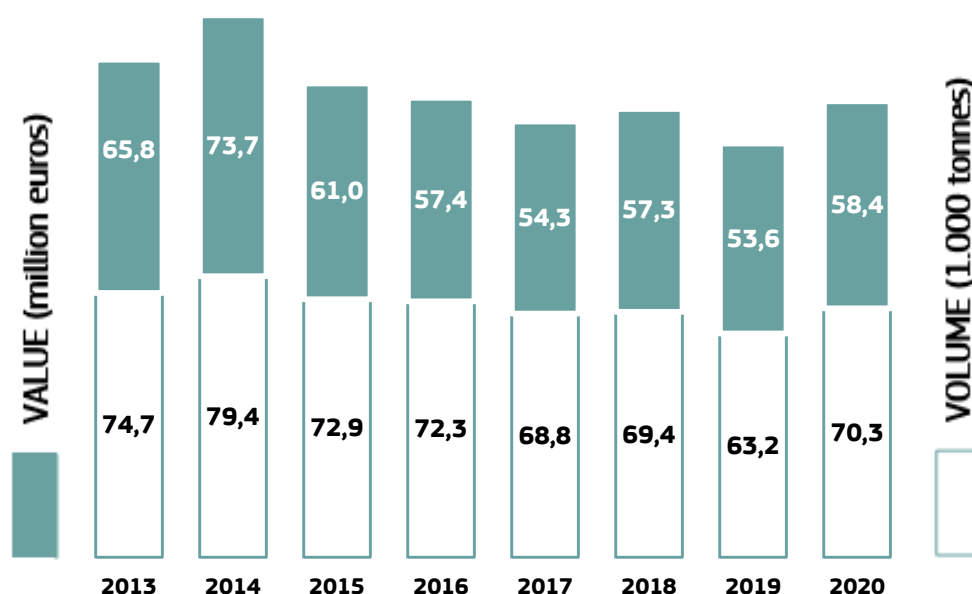
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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.

In 2020, all landings in Croatia consist of fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 374 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 13 June 2022).

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



Main commercial species landed and % of total 2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



SARDINE	22	36%
ANCHOVY	9	14%
HAKE	5	7%
NORWAY LOBSTER	3	5%
OCTOPUS	2	4%
OTHERS	21	34%



50	44%	SARDINE
10	26%	ANCHOVY
2	7%	MACKEREL
2	7%	HORSE MACKEREL (OTHER THAN ATLANTIC HORSE MACKEREL)
1	5%	HAKE
5	11%	OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

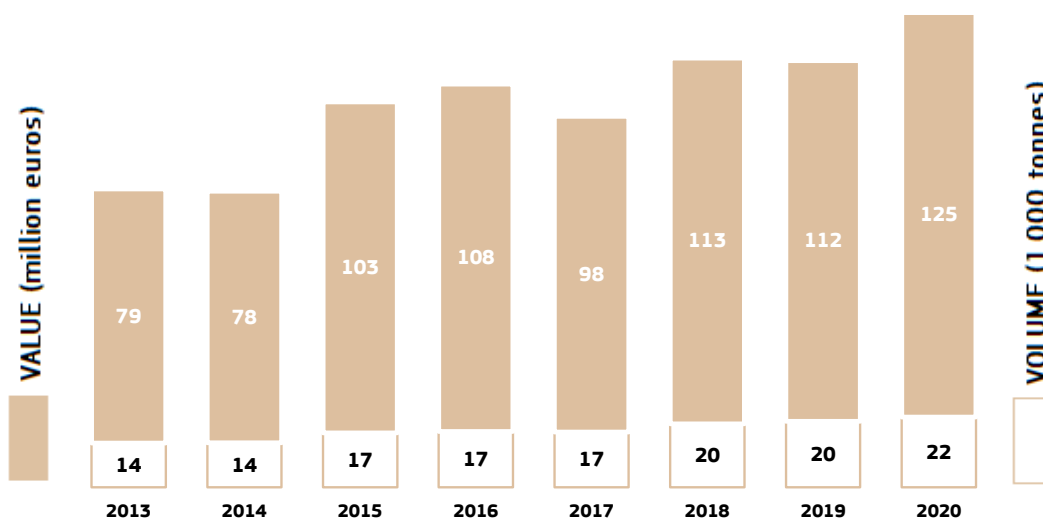
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 2020, more than 87% of Croatian production occurred in marine waters and the rest in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 85% of production: in cages in sea and brackish water;
- 11% of production: in ponds in freshwater;
- 2% of production: off bottom (in sea and brackish water)
- 2% of production: tanks and raceways (in freshwater).

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1.000 tonnes)	% of total
GUILTHEAD SEABREAM	46,2	35%	8,0	36%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	40,7	31%	6,8	31%
BLUEFIN TUNA	35,0	26%	3,2	15%
CARP	4,4	3%	2,5	11%
TROUT	1,5	1%	0,5	2%
OTHERS	4,1	3%	1,0	5%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 10-11-2022, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Croatia, **2 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, both operating in the fishery sector. 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.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.356 persons were employed in the Croatian fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 25,9 million euros, covering 2,5% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2020, the main products sold were “Frozen whole salt water fish” and “Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella, brisling and sprats, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

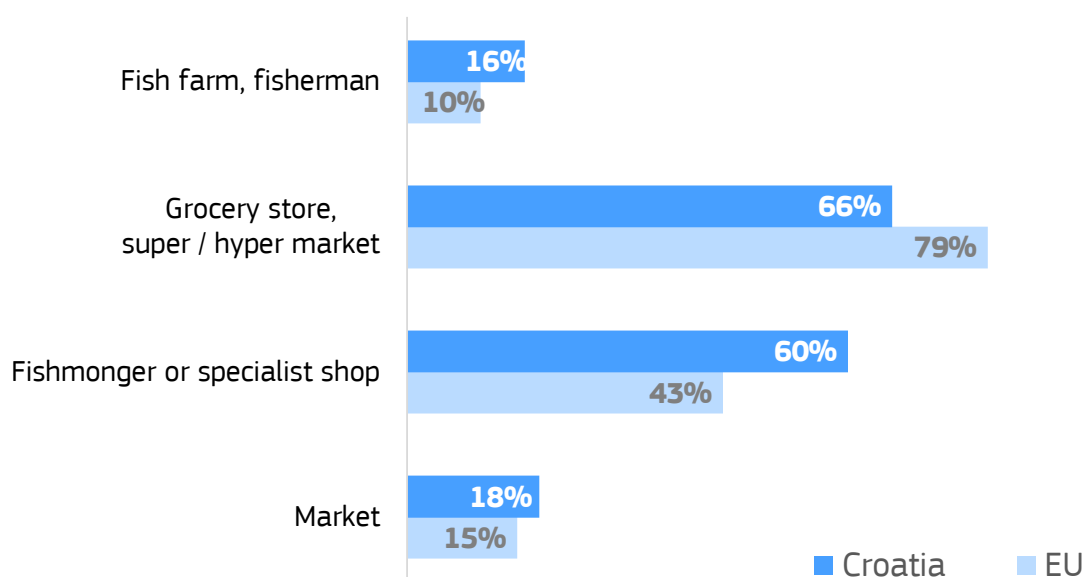
48 companies

Sales: 82,9 million euros

(2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

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



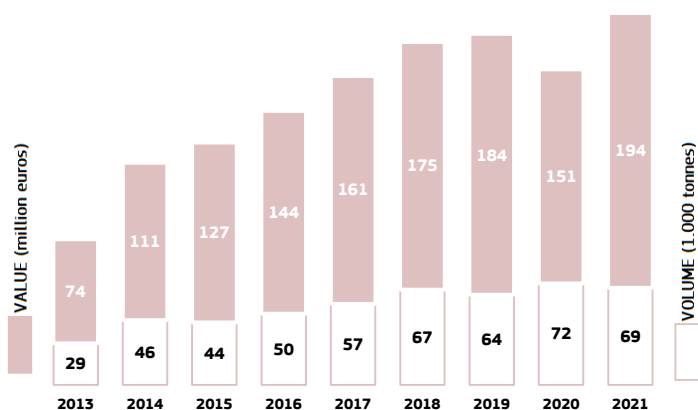


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IMPORT – EXPORT

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

IMPORT

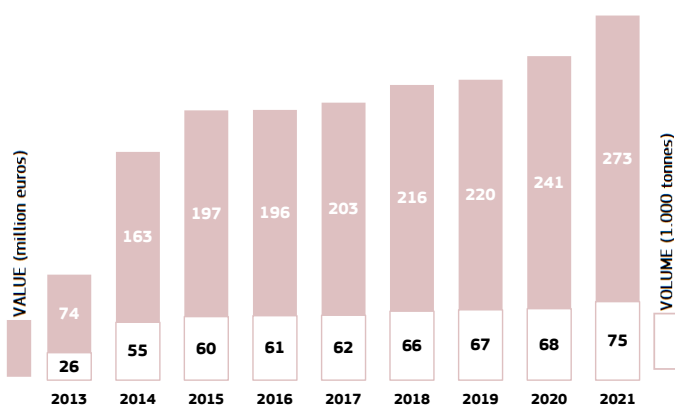


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2021, million euros (nominal value)

SQUID	35	16%
NON-FOOD USE PRODUCTS (OTHER THAN FISH OIL AND FISHMEAL)	19	9%
SKIPJACK TUNA	17	8%
SALMON	17	8%
TUNA	14	7%
OTHERS	110	52%

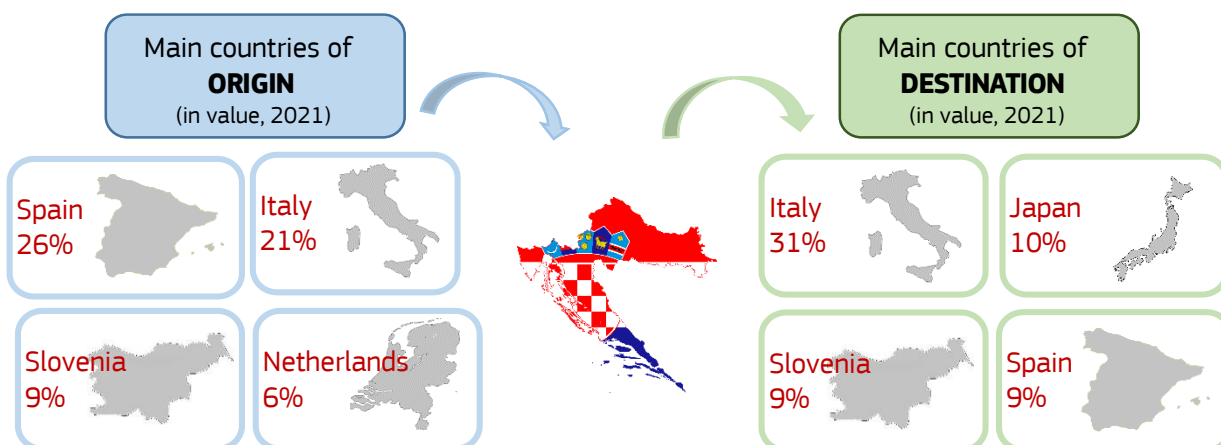
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2021, million euros (nominal value)

TUNA (MAINLY BLUEFIN)	50	17%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	42	14%
SARDINE	41	14%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	35	12%
ANCHOVY	32	11%
OTHERS	99	32%





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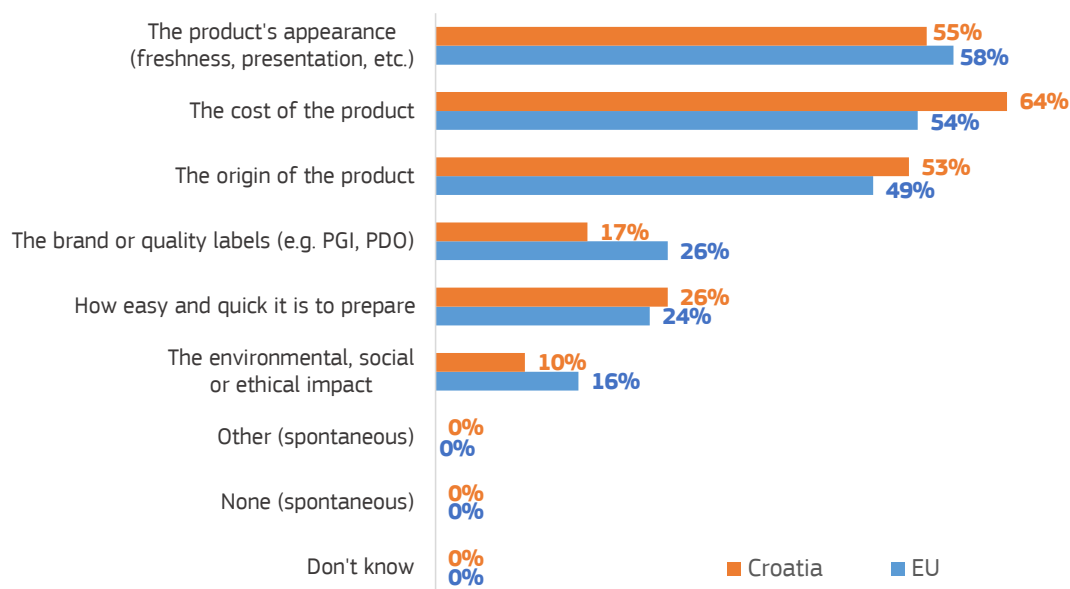
CONSUMPTION

In 2020, apparent consumption was estimated at 21,85 kg per capita, a 5% increase compared with 2019. The most consumed species were sardine, squid and hake (source: EUMOFA).

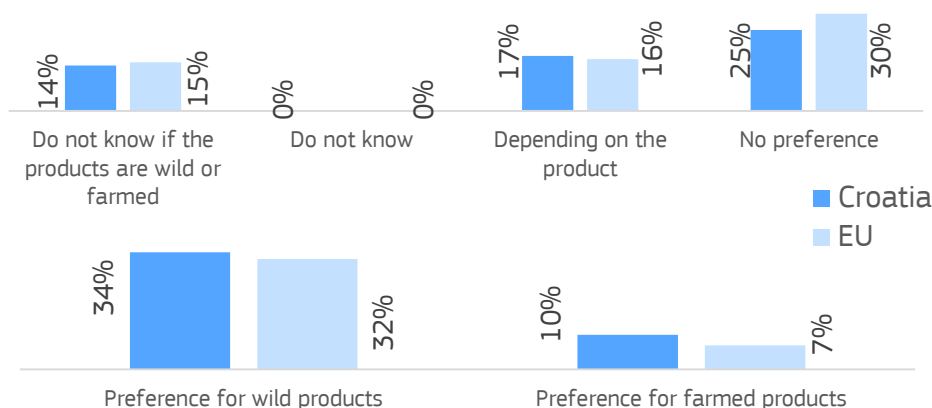
Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to the age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Croatia, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 63% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Fresh products are the most consumed; loose fish is slightly more consumed (69%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

21,85 kg
per capita in live
weight equivalent
(2020, 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

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

No data available