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DENMARK IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, Denmark was the EU's largest producer of fisheries products and the 9th largest as concerns aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Denmark	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	904	0,97%	17,21%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	35	0,03%	2,55%
Total	205.170	6.625	939	0,46%	14,17%

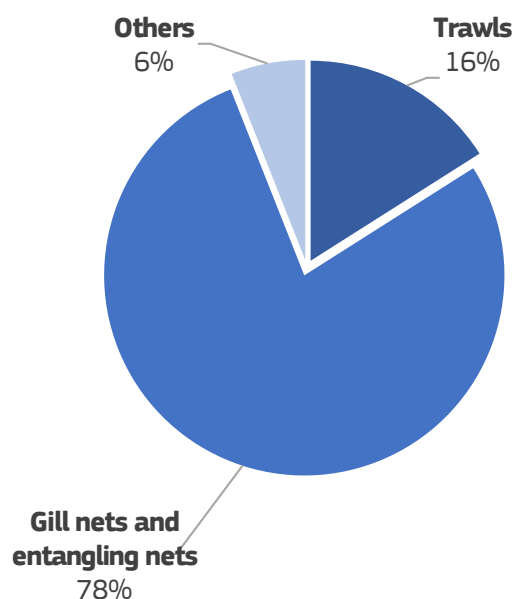
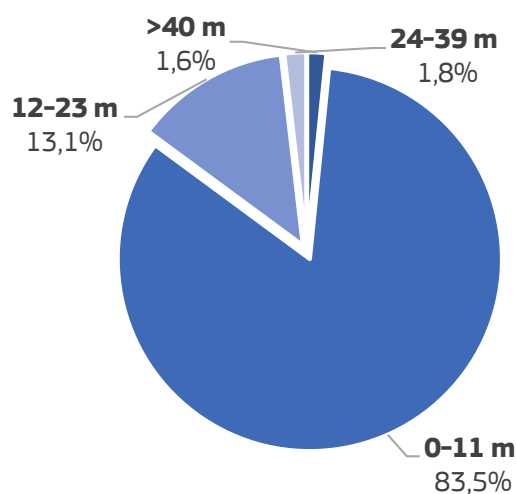
FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2018, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2017, source: JRC

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 2.122	Gross Tonnage: 74.426	Kilowatt: 214.197	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 1.644			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 14%	Jobs (FTE): 49%	Jobs (FTE): 20%	Jobs (FTE): 17%

The Danish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





LANDINGS

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and Statistics Denmark data

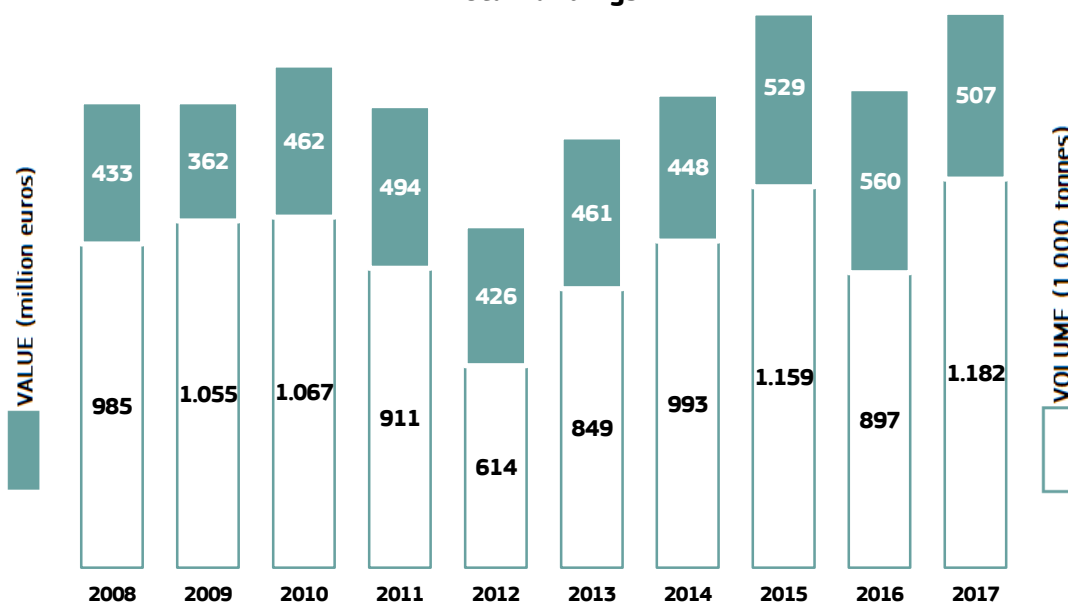
Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given EU Member State. They include aquatic plants and species not destined for human consumption. Landings are recorded in net weight and value, and concern landings made by vessels from EU Member States, Iceland and Norway.

A large share of landings in Denmark are destined to industrial uses (70,5% in 2017).

In 2017, 96% of landings in Denmark included fresh products.

There are 131 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register).

Total landings



Main commercial species landed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



HERRING	78	15%	402	34%	OTHER GROUND FISH
OTHER GROUND FISH	61	12%	240	20%	SPRAT (=BRISLING)
COD	53	10%	188	16%	HERRING
SPRAT (=BRISLING)	44	9%	178	15%	BLUE WHIING
EUROPEAN PLAICE	42	8%	41	4%	MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.
OTHERS	229	46%	133	11%	OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

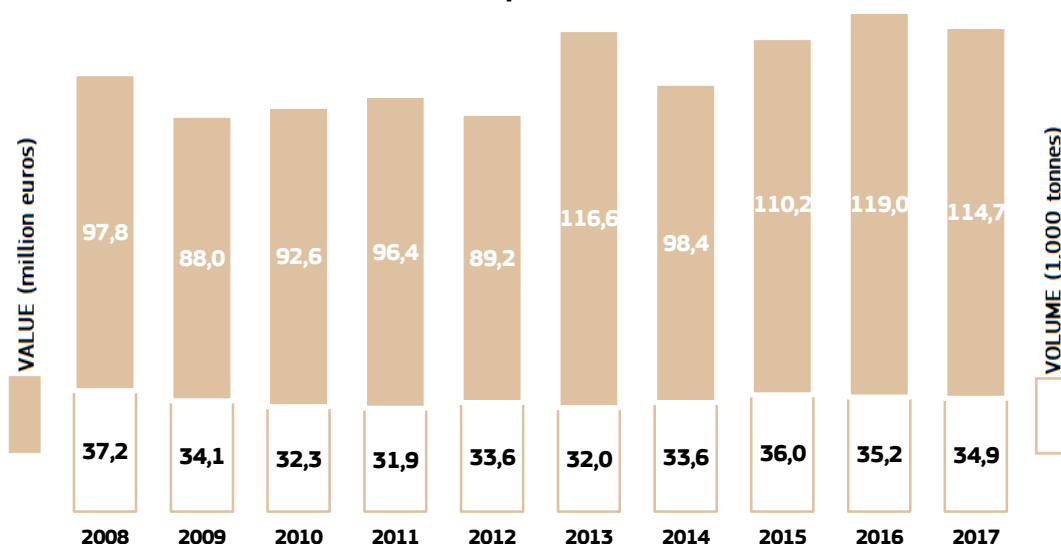
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (freshwater or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In 2017, around 60% of Danish production occurred in freshwater and the rest in marine waters. The following main production methods were used:

- Almost 40% of production: in recirculation systems, mostly in freshwater;
- One third of production: in cages in sea and brackish water;
- The rest was farmed in ponds, tanks and raceways, in freshwater.

Total production



Main commercial species farmed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total
TROUT	100,5	88%
EEL	5,9	5%
SALMON	3,9	3%
PIKE-PERCH	1,9	2%
OTHERS	2,5	2%



Species	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
TROUT	30,6	88%
MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.	2,4	7%
SALMON	0,8	2%
EEL	0,6	2%
OTHERS	0,5	1%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

2019, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In Denmark, **3 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, all 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.

FIRST SALES

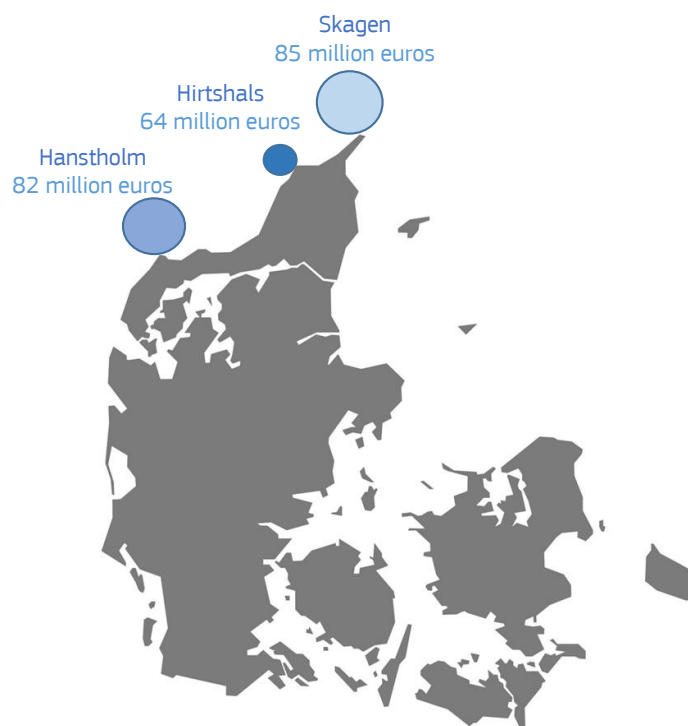
2019, source: EUMOFA

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 Denmark, there are nine fish auction centres, the largest in Hanstholm on the West coast. "Danske Fiskeauktioner" in Thyborøn is the second largest which sells on an Internet auction system the fish from the harbours of Thyborøn, Hvide Sande and Thorsminde.

In 2019, total first sales in Danish places of sale amounted to 250.510 tonnes and 344 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 71% and 67% 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)
Skagen	112.547	85	Herring, Norway lobster, mackerel
Hanstholm	33.466	82	Saithe (=coalfish), cod, hake
Hirtshals	31.124	64	Mackerel, Norway lobster, European plaice



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 Denmark, there is only one wholesale market involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products: "Københavns Fisketov". It is situated in the Northern harbour area of Copenhagen (Source: Eurofish).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 3.669 persons were employed in the Danish fish processing industry in 2016. The sector recorded a value added of 256,6 million euros, covering 6% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2018, the main products sold were "Flours, meals and pellets of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates, unfit for human consumption" and "Inedible fish products (incl. fish waste)" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

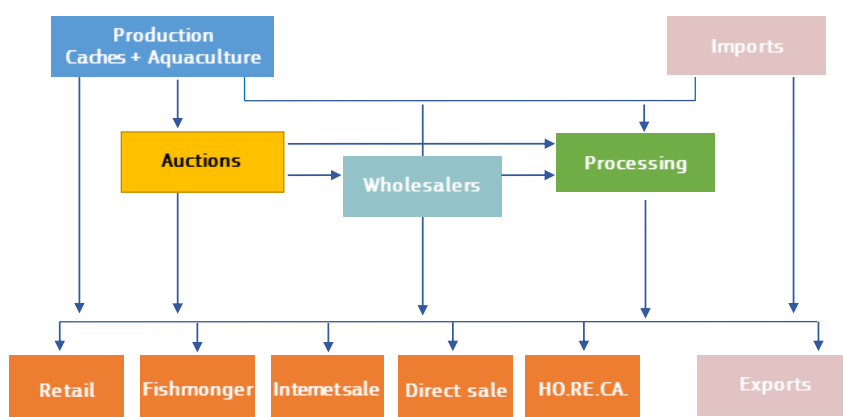
92 companies

Sales: EUR 2,64 million

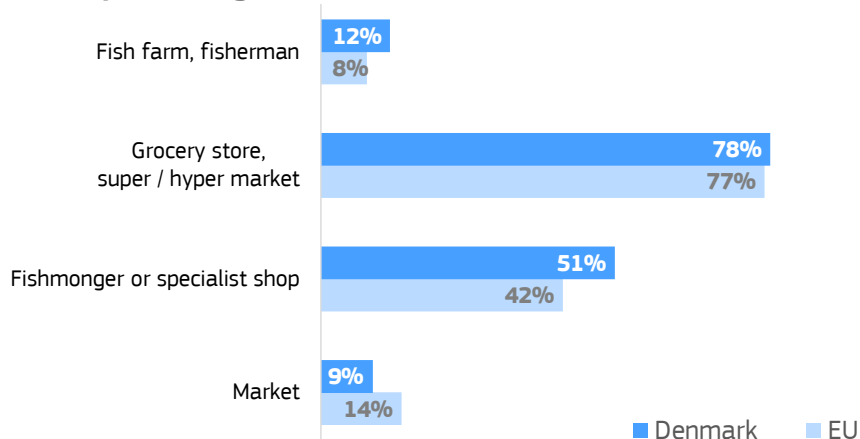
(2018, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

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



Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2018):



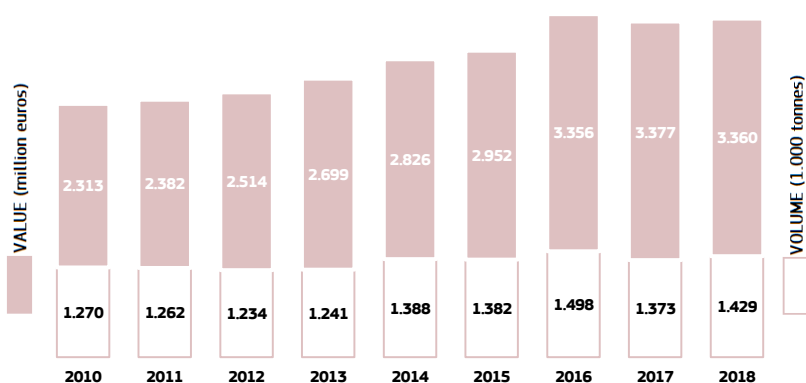


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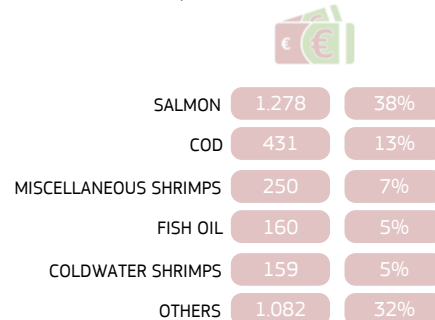
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Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

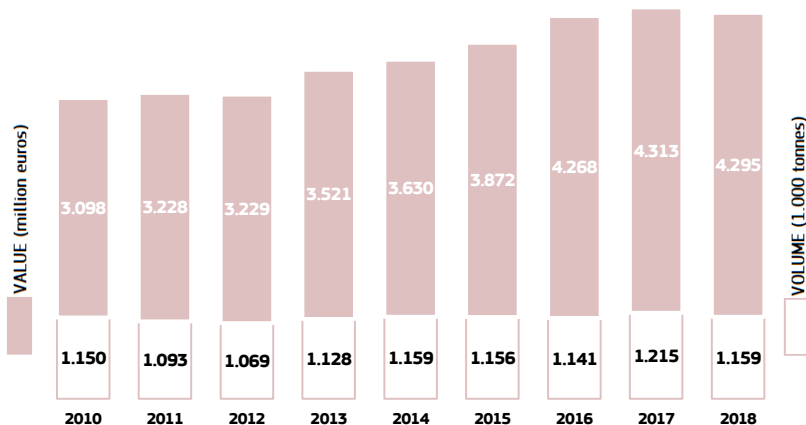
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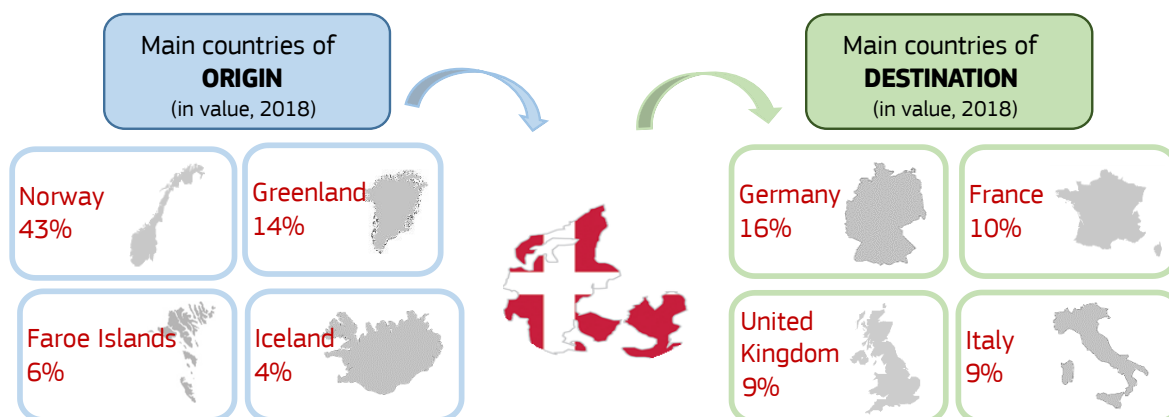
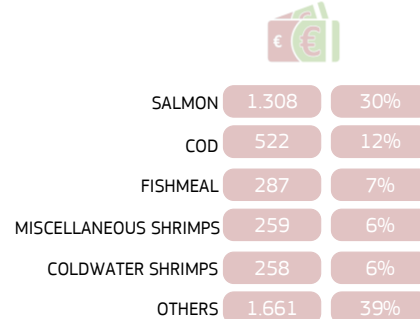
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports (2018, million euros)



EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports (2018, million euros)





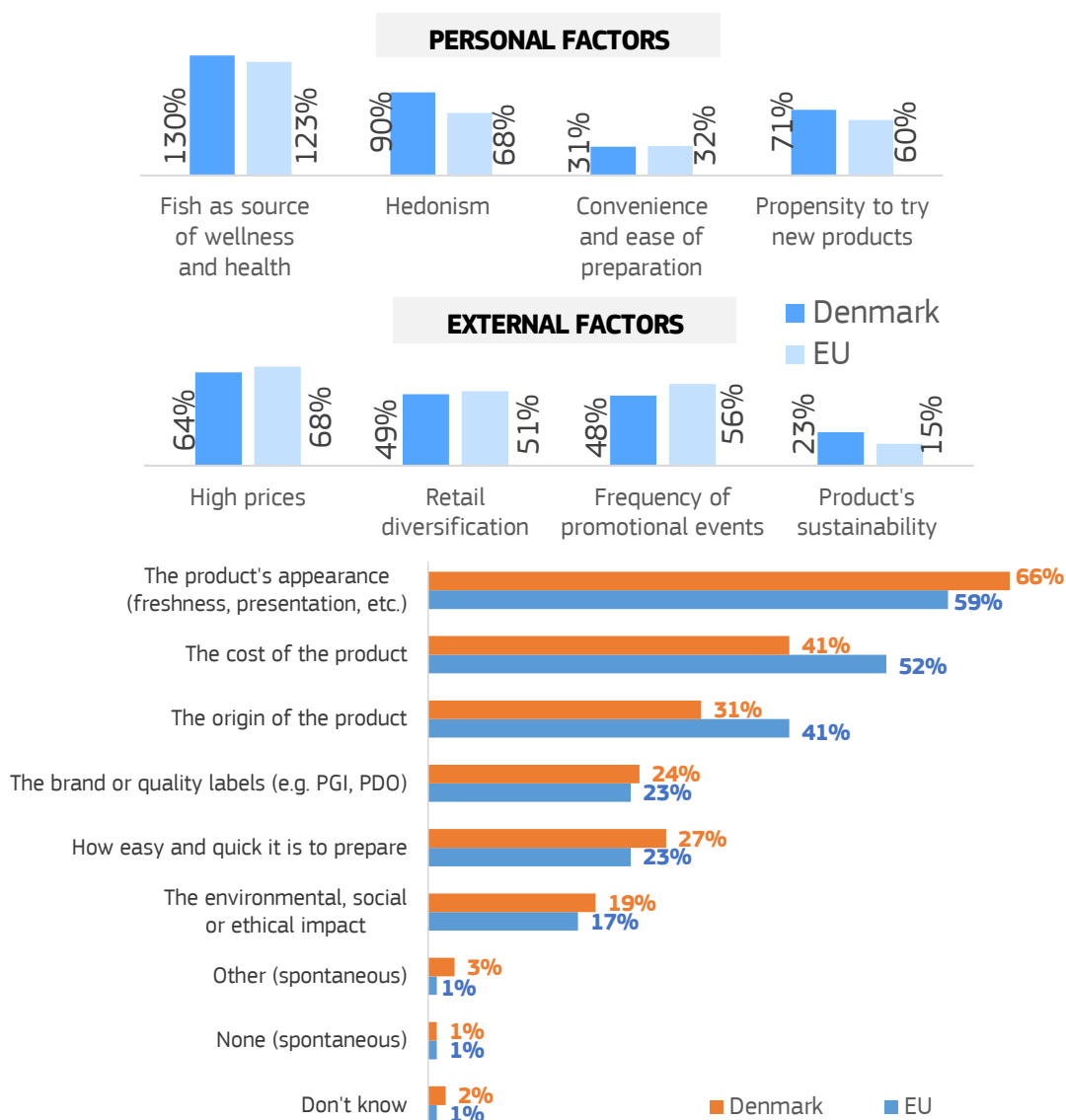
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 27 kg per capita, a 5,9% increase compared with 2016. The most consumed species were herring, salmon and mussel (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 Denmark, as well as at EU level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 82% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%). Danes consume especially tinned products and smoked products; loose fish (64%) is slightly less frequently consumed than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

27 kg
per capita
(2017, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (sources: up chart: EUMOFA, 2017; down chart: Eurobarometer, 2018)





THE COUNTRY IN EUMOFA



LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with Statistics Denmark.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Danish Fisheries Agency on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 16 main commercial species and 9 places of sale (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in Danish places of sale.

Both weekly and monthly data 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.

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.

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.

WHOLESALE

No data available

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 8 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. Moreover, average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, and through the bulk download facility.