



ITALY IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, Italy was the 4th largest EU country in terms of aquaculture production, while it ranked 10th in terms on fishery production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Italy	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	192	0,21%	3,66%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	156	0,14%	11,37%
Total	205.170	6.625	348	0,17%	5,25%

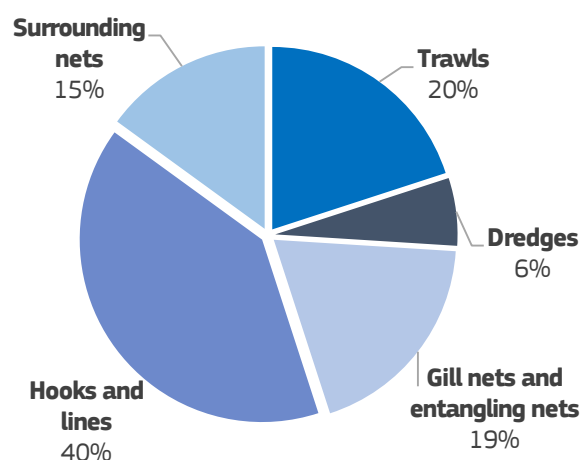
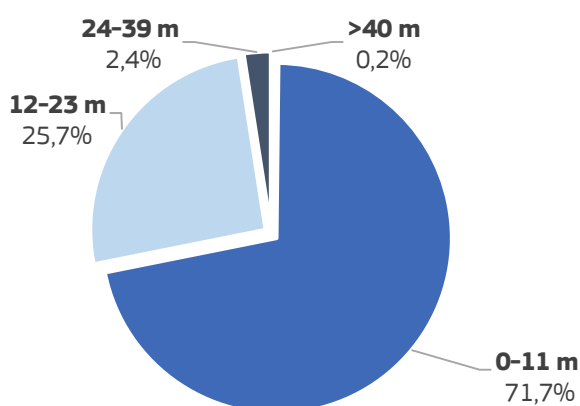
FISHING FLEET

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

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 12.059	Gross Tonnage: 146.260	Kilowatt: 930.406	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 20.268			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 44%	Jobs (FTE): 47%	Jobs (FTE): 8%	Jobs (FTE): 1%

The Italian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





AQUACULTURE

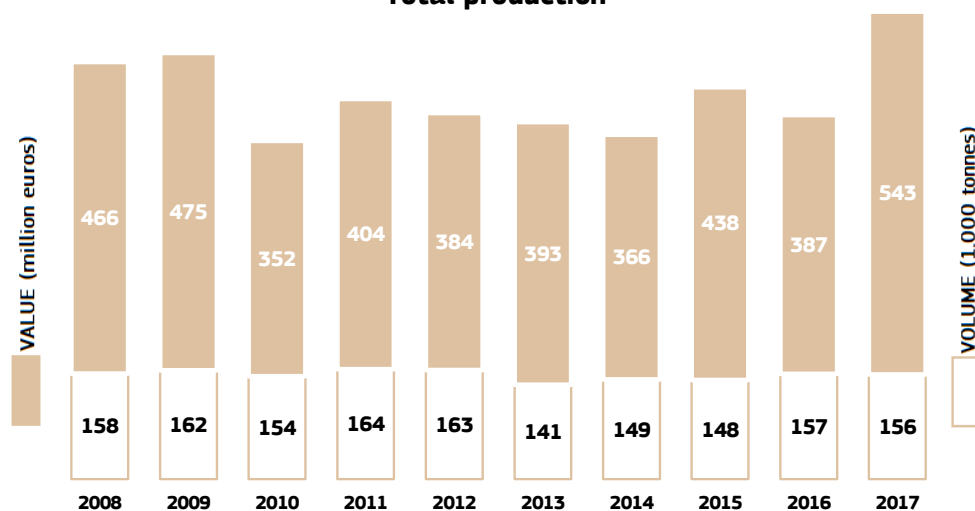
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data

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, 45% of Italian production occurred in marine waters, 28% in brackish water and 27% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 40% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish water;
- Almost 25% of production: in tanks and raceways, almost entirely in freshwater;
- 24% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 6% of production: in cages, almost entirely in sea and brackish water;
- 3% of production: in ponds in freshwater;
- 2% of production: in enclosures and pens in sea and brackish water;
- The rest was farmed in recirculation systems in freshwater.

Total production



Main commercial species farmed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
CLAM	224	41%	63	40%
TROUT	107	20%	37	24%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	56	11%	36	23%
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	56	10%	7	5%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	55	10%	7	4%
OTHERS	45	8%	6	4%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Italy, **38 producer organisations (POs)** and **2 associations 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 38 POs, 31 operate in the fishery sector, 6 in aquaculture and 1 is involved in both sectors. The two associations of POs operate in the fishery sector.

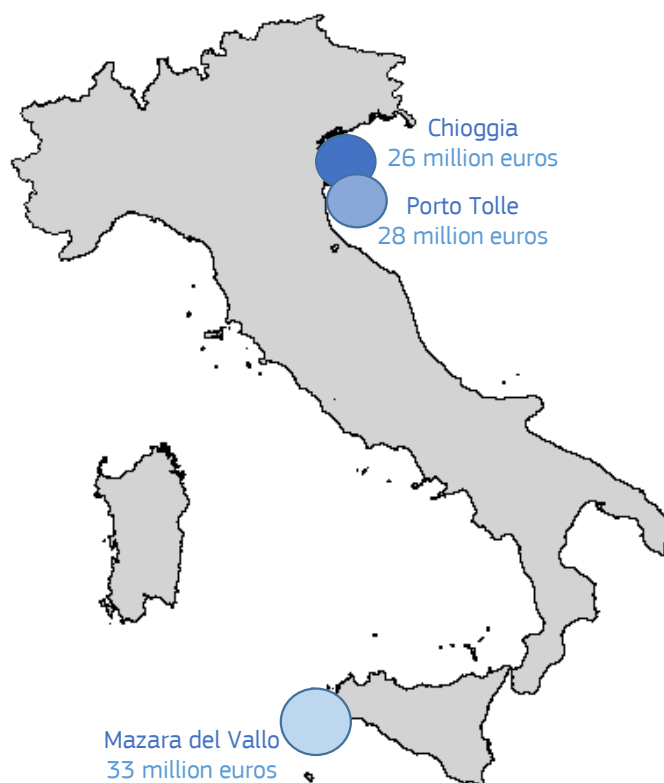
FIRST SALES

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 2019, total first sales in Italian places of sale amounted to 86.933 tonnes and 347 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 20% and 25% 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)
Mazara del Vallo	2.555	33	Miscellaneous shrimps, deep-water rose shrimps, Norway lobster
Porto Tolle	3.996	28	Anchovy, sardine, squillid
Chioggia	10.788	26	Clam, common sole, cuttlefish



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 Italy, there are two main wholesale market places involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products, namely Rome and Milan.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 5.536 persons were employed in the Italian fish processing industry in 2017. The sector recorded a value added of 381 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products. In 2018, 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)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

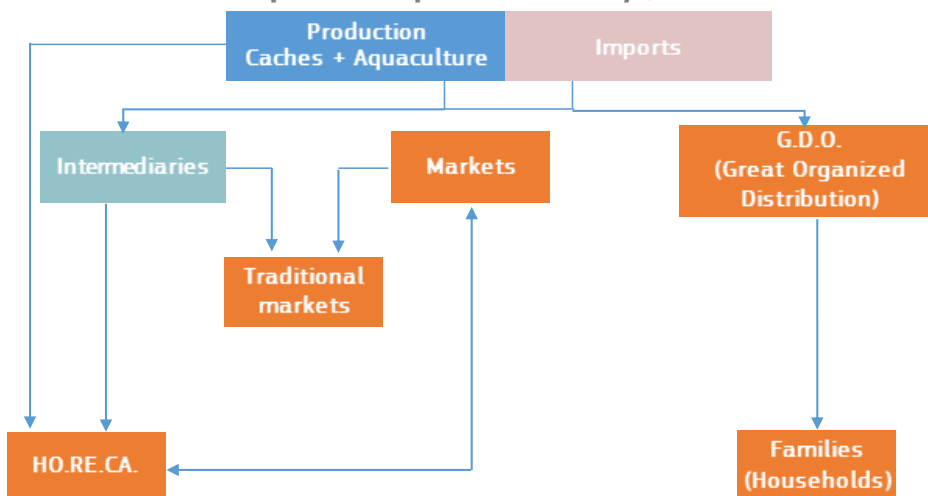
413 companies

Sales: 2,64 million euros

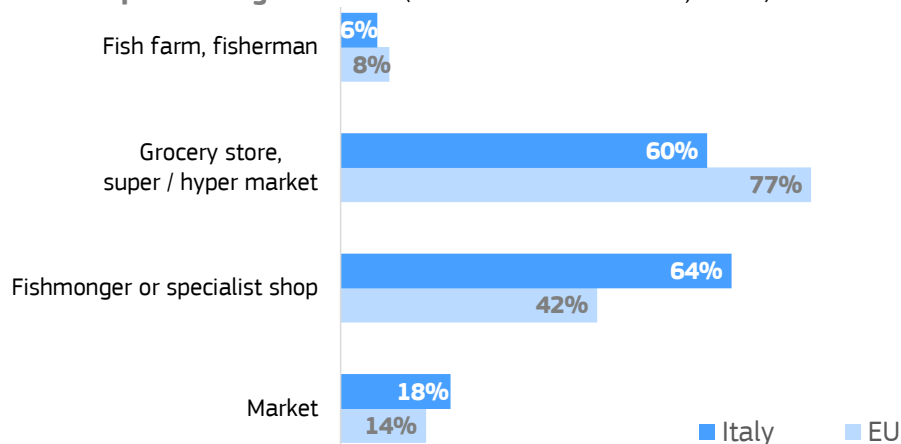
(2017, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Italy (source: Ministero delle Attività Produttive):



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



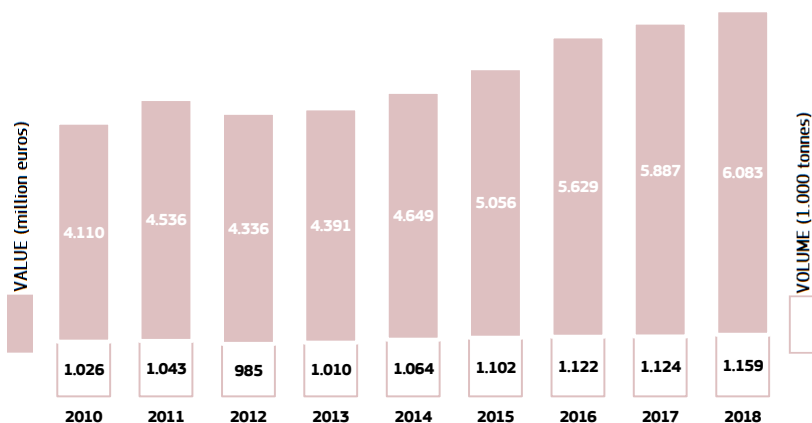


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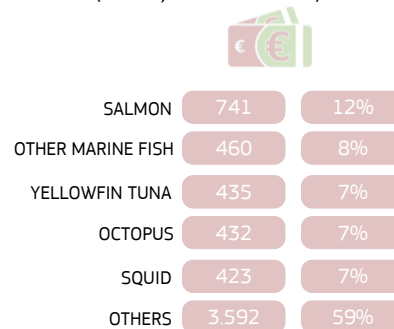
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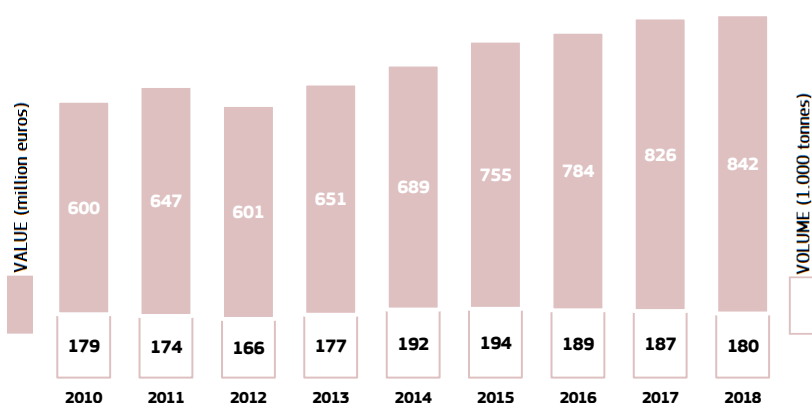
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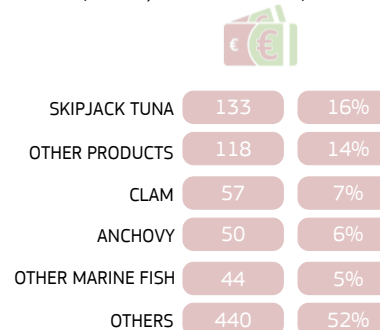
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports (2018, million euros)



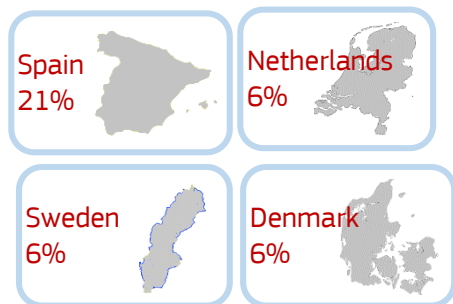
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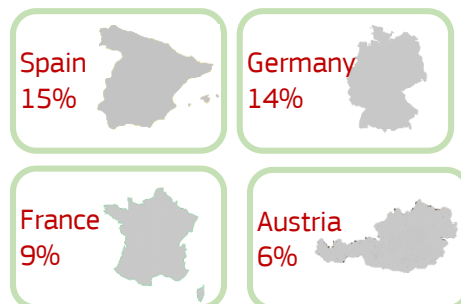
Main commercial species exported and % of total exports (2018, million euros)



Main countries of ORIGIN (in value, 2018)



Main countries of DESTINATION (in value, 2018)





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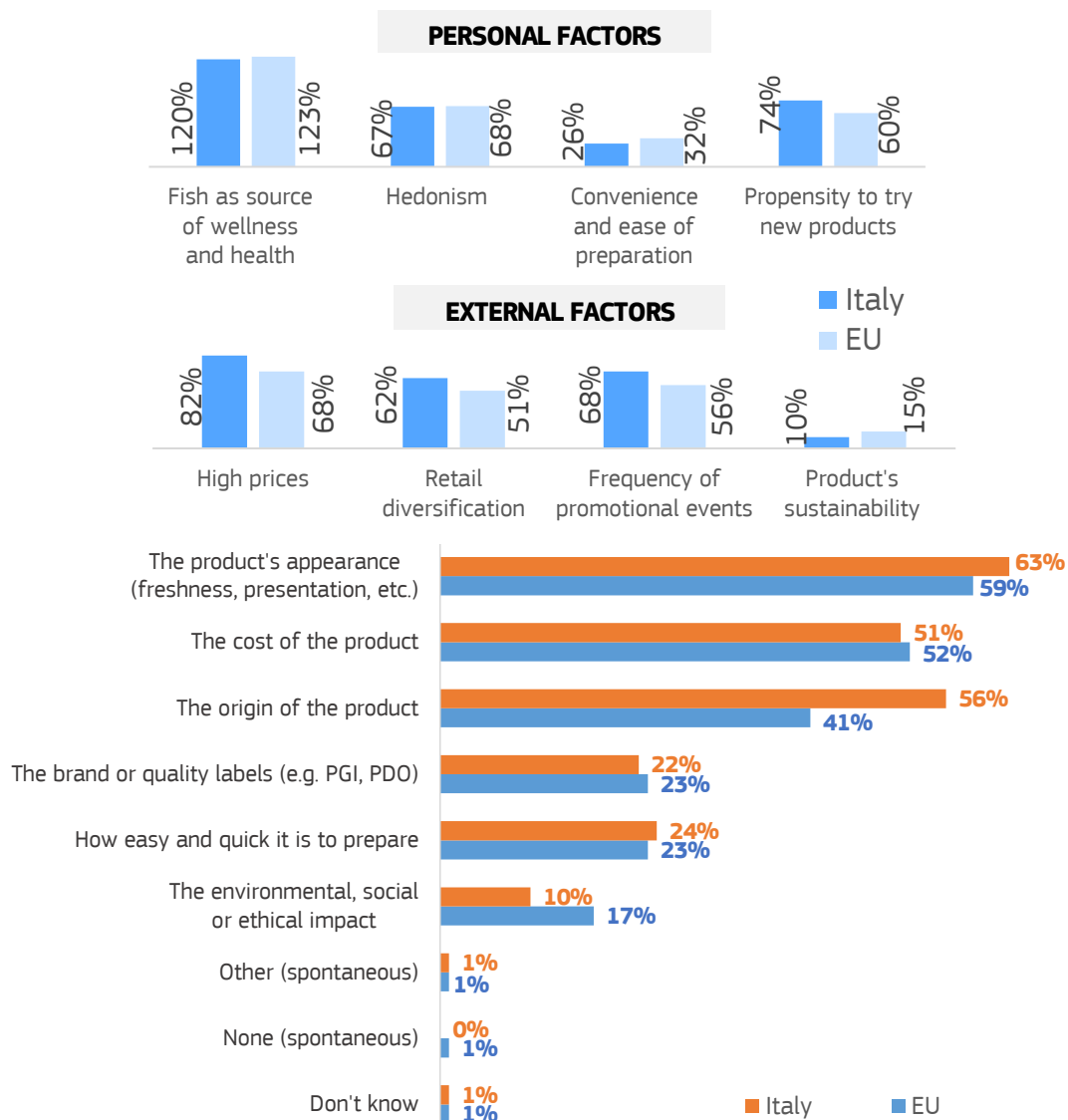
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 30,9 kg per capita, a slight decrease compared with 2016 (-0,6%). The most consumed species were yellowfin tuna, squid, salmon, mussel, skipjack tuna and cod (source: EUMOFA).

Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 25-39 and 40-54. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to eat fish frequently in Italy, as well as at EU level. In this category, regular consumers cover 66% of the total, which is slightly lower than at EU level (67%). Italians mainly consume fresh fish; loose fish is much more frequently consumed (84%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, “EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products”, 2017).

30,9 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.

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 MIPAAF on a monthly basis, and cover all species sold in Italian places of sale.

Data are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. 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 11 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.