



SPAIN IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2017, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2017, Spain was the EU's largest producer of aquaculture products and the second for fishery production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Spain	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.204	5.253	902	0,97%	17,17%
Aquaculture	111.966	1.372	315	0,28%	22,96%
Total	205.170	6.625	1.217	0,59%	18,37%

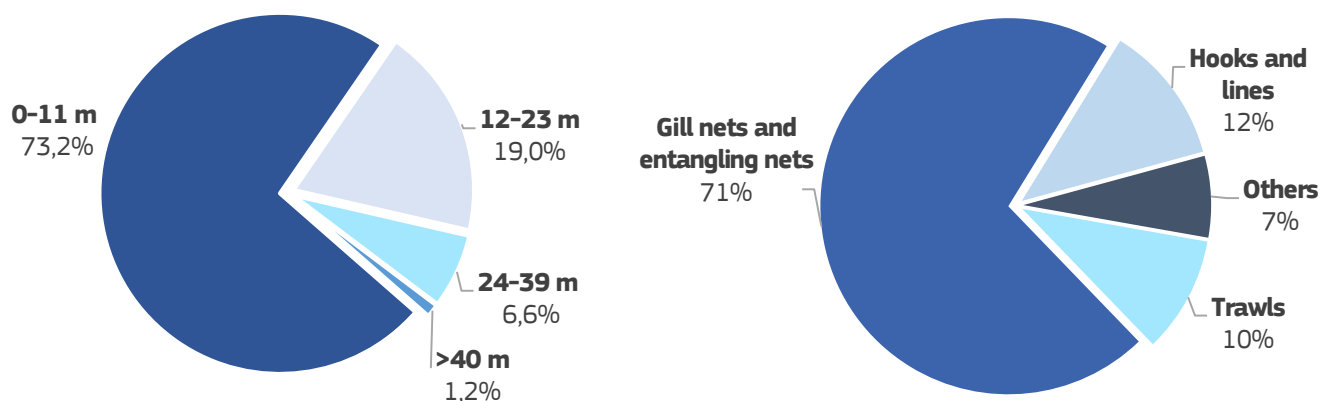
FISHING FLEET

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

Vessels (2018)	Capacity (2018)	Power (2018)	
Number: 8.976	Gross Tonnage: 331.778	Kilowatt: 778.914	
TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE), 2017: 29.203			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 28%	Jobs (FTE): 30%	Jobs (FTE): 29%	Jobs (FTE): 13%

The Spanish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





LANDINGS

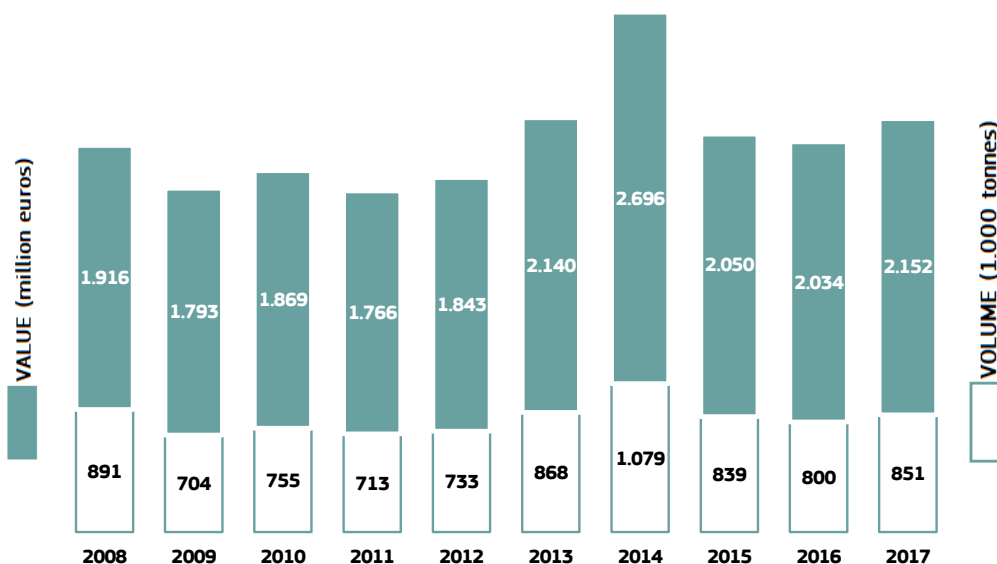
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given 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.

In 2017, 51% of landings in Spain included fresh products, 48% included frozen products and 1% included salted, smoked and cooked products. As for destination use, they were almost entirely for human consumption, the rest being destined for industrial uses.

There are 340 fishing ports registered in Spain (source: EU Master Data Register).

Total landings



Main commercial species landed and % of total

(2017, million euros and 1.000 tonnes)



YELLOWFIN TUNA	275	13%	147	17%	SKIPJACK TUNA
HAKE	224	10%	101	12%	MACKEREL
BIGEYE TUNA	164	8%	73	9%	HAKE
SKIPJACK TUNA	152	7%	66	8%	YELLOWFIN TUNA
SWORDFISH	110	5%	51	6%	ANCHOVY
OTHERS	1,227	57%	413	48%	OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

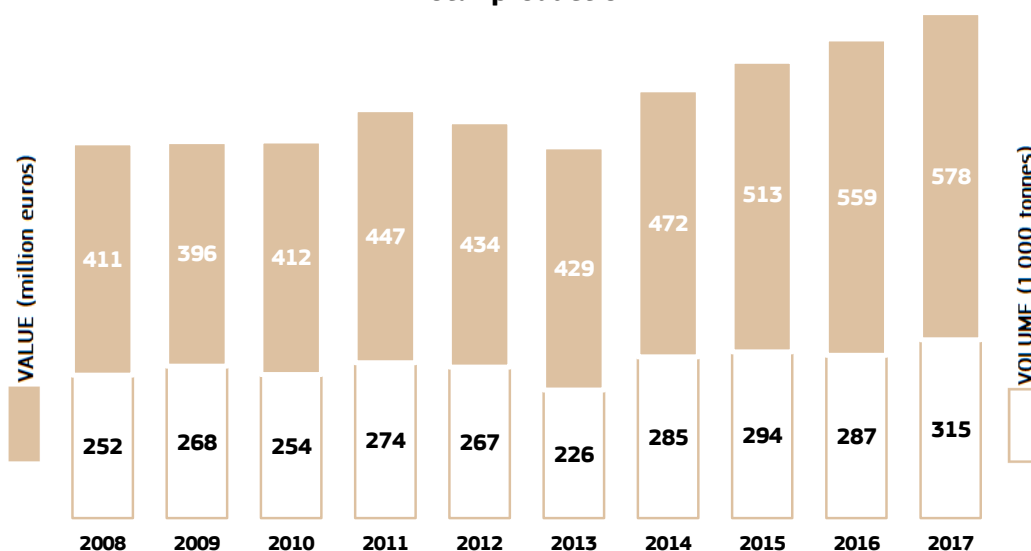
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (freshwater or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In 2017, 94% of Spanish production occurred in marine waters, 5% in freshwater and 1% in brackish waters. The following main production methods were used:

- 77% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 13% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters;
- 8% of production: tanks and raceways, both in freshwater and in sea and brackish waters;
- 1% of production: in ponds, almost entirely in sea and brackish waters
- 1% of production: other methods (mainly on bottom and in recirculation systems), mostly in sea and brackish waters.

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
MUSSEL MYTILUS SPP.	130	22%	242	77%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	119	21%	18	6%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	89	15%	17	5%
BLUEFIN TUNA	79	14%	17	5%
TURBOT	59	10%	9	3%
OTHERS	102	18%	12	4%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Spain, **33 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 33 POs, 27 operate in the fishery sector and 6 in aquaculture. The association of POs operates in the fishery sector.

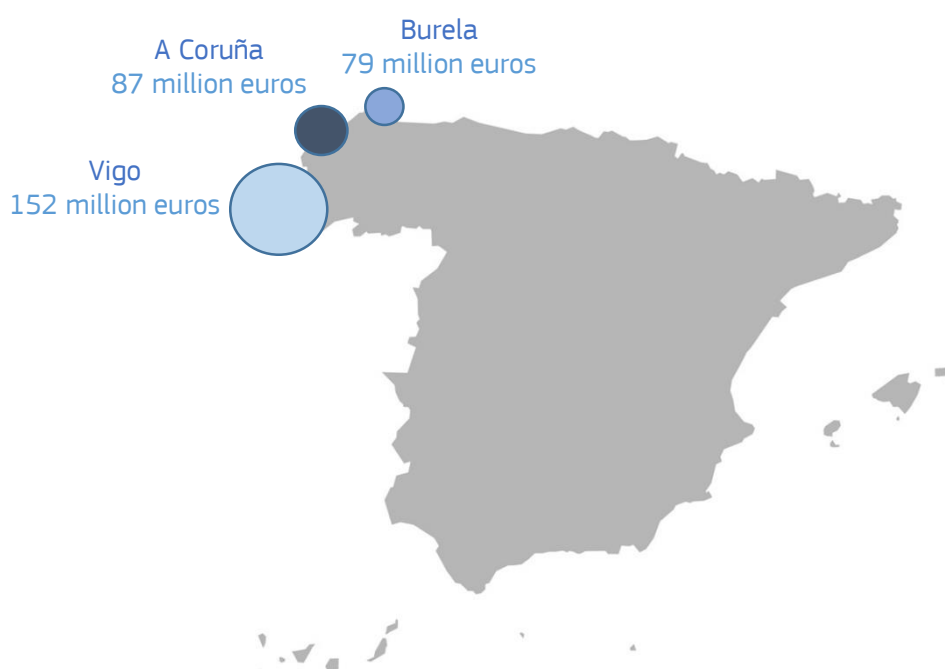
FIRST SALES

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 Spain, 201 places of sale were operating in 2019, of which 101 in the Bay of Biscay and Iberian Coast, 72 in the Mediterranean Sea and 28 in outermost regions. Total first sales amounted to 476.789 tonnes and 1,41 billion euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 22% 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	47.464	152	Monk, swordfish, megrim
A Coruña	37.213	87	Hake, monk, Atlantic horse mackerel
Burela	21.974	79	Hake, swordfish, albacore tuna

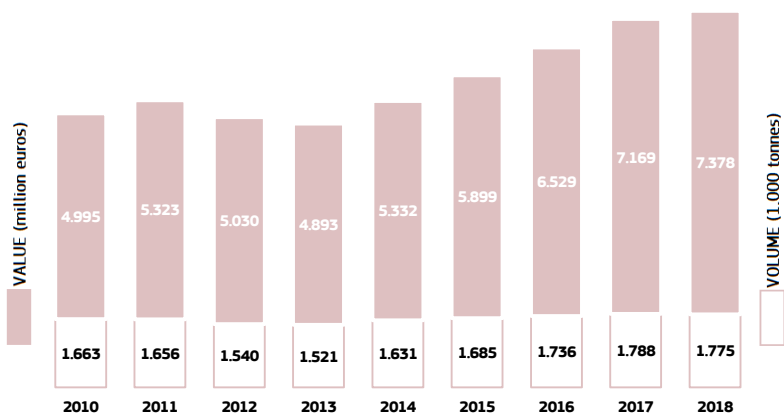


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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

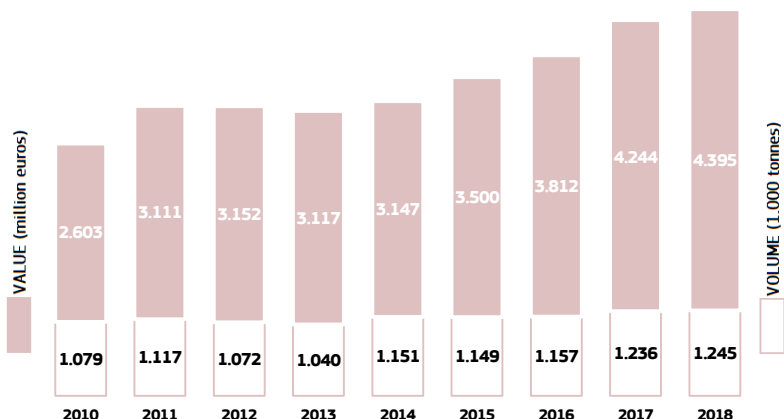
IMPORT



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

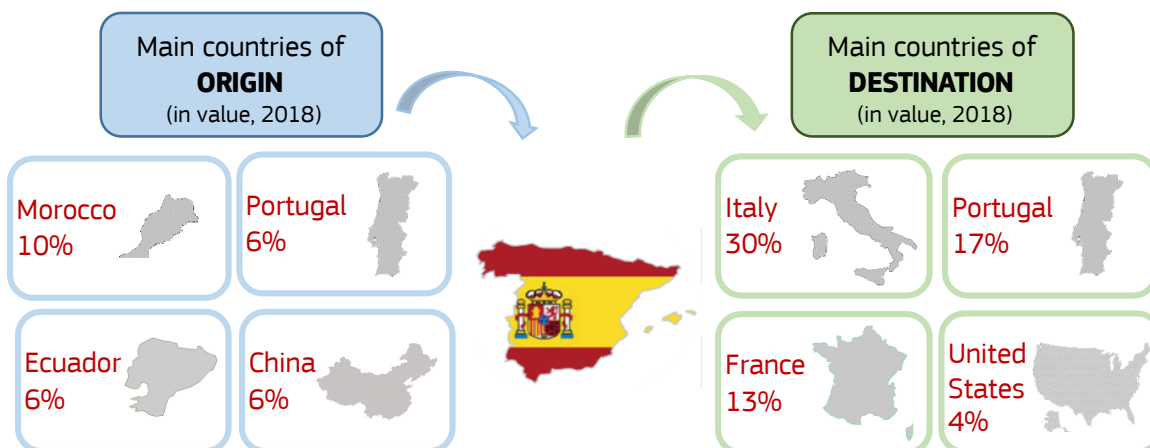
OCTOPUS	670	9%
SQUID	603	8%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	537	7%
HAKE	495	7%
SALMON	465	6%
OTHERS	4,608	63%

EXPORT



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

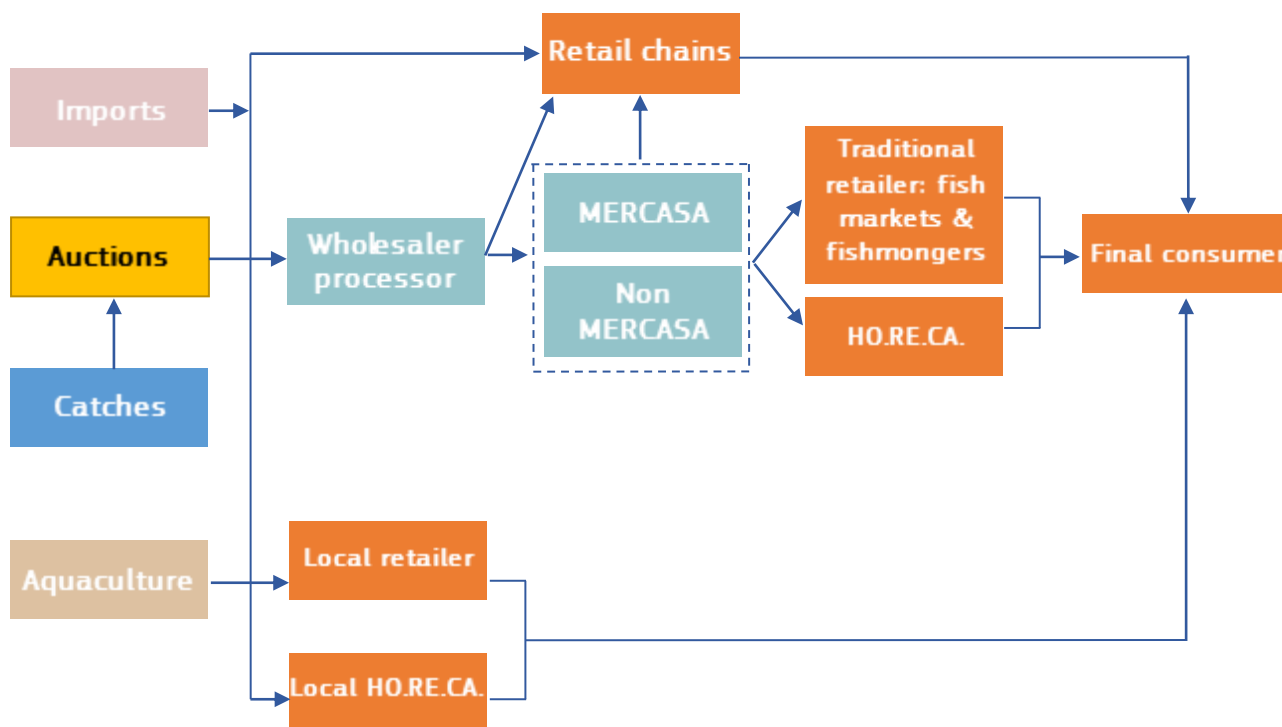
SKIPJACK TUNA	503	11%
OCTOPUS	402	9%
MISCELLANEOUS TUNA	320	7%
SQUID	313	7%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	293	7%
OTHERS	2,564	59%





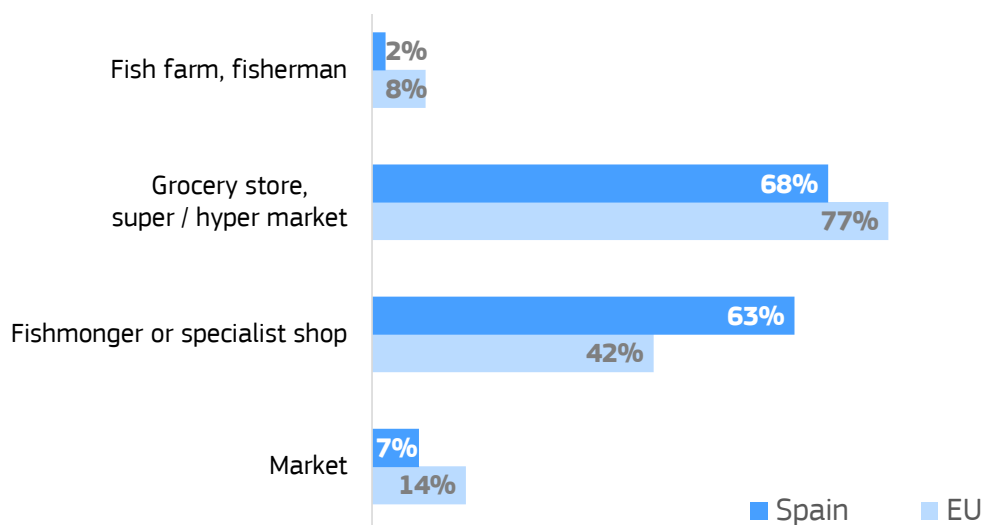
DISTRIBUTION

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, 2018):





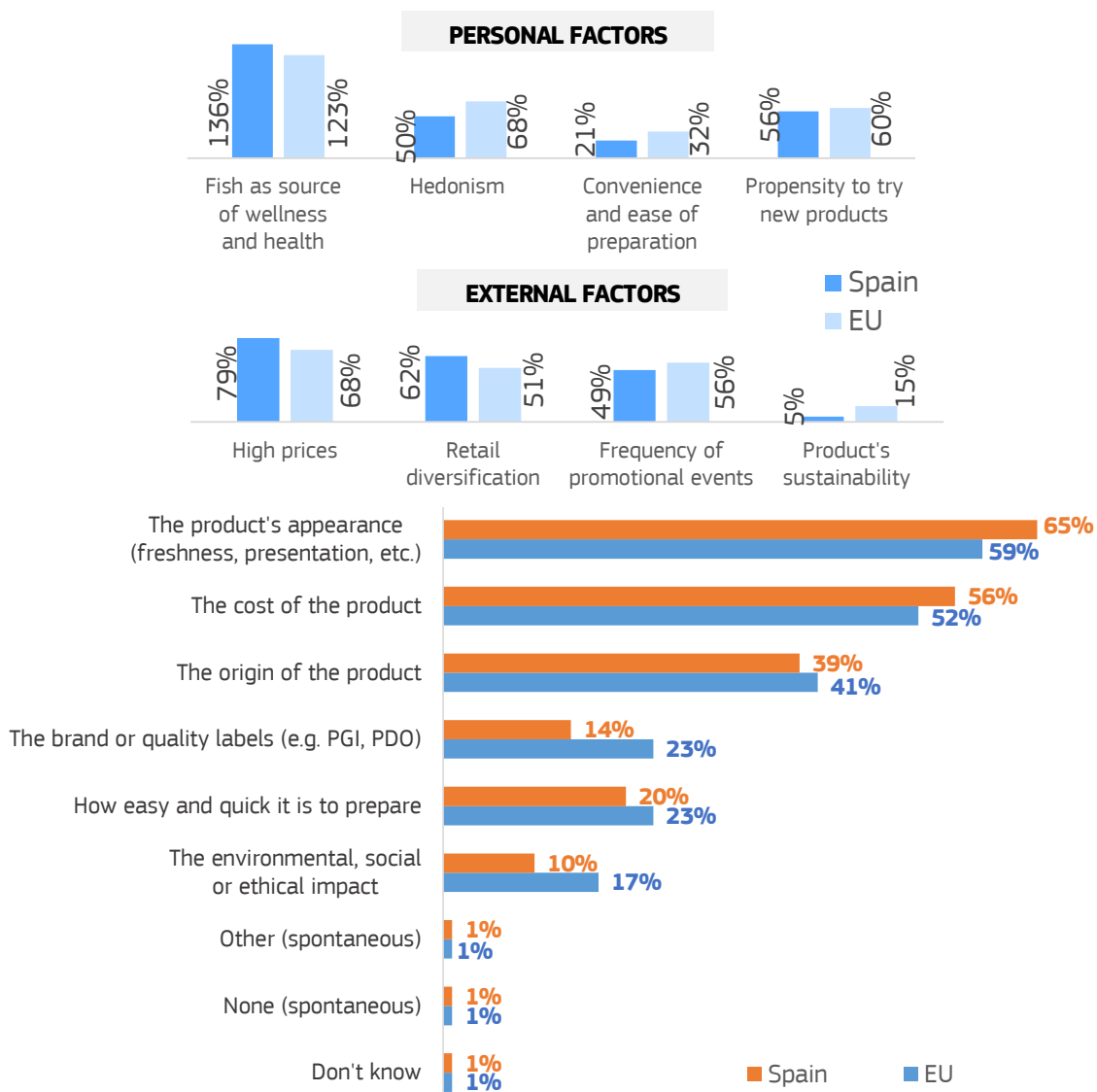
CONSUMPTION

In 2017, apparent consumption was estimated at 45,6 kg per capita, a slight increase compared with 2016 (+0,4%). 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 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 86% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%). Spaniards consume especially fresh products and tinned products; loose fish is much more frequently consumed in Spain (92%) than at EU level (68%) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

45,6 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 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.

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.

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