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FRANCE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2019, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2019, France was EU's 3rd largest producer of aquaculture products and 4th largest for fishery production (UK included).

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	France	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.519	4.824	526	0,6%	10,9%
Aquaculture	120.104	1.367	194	0,2%	14,2%
Total	213.623	6.191	721	0,3%	11,6%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2019, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

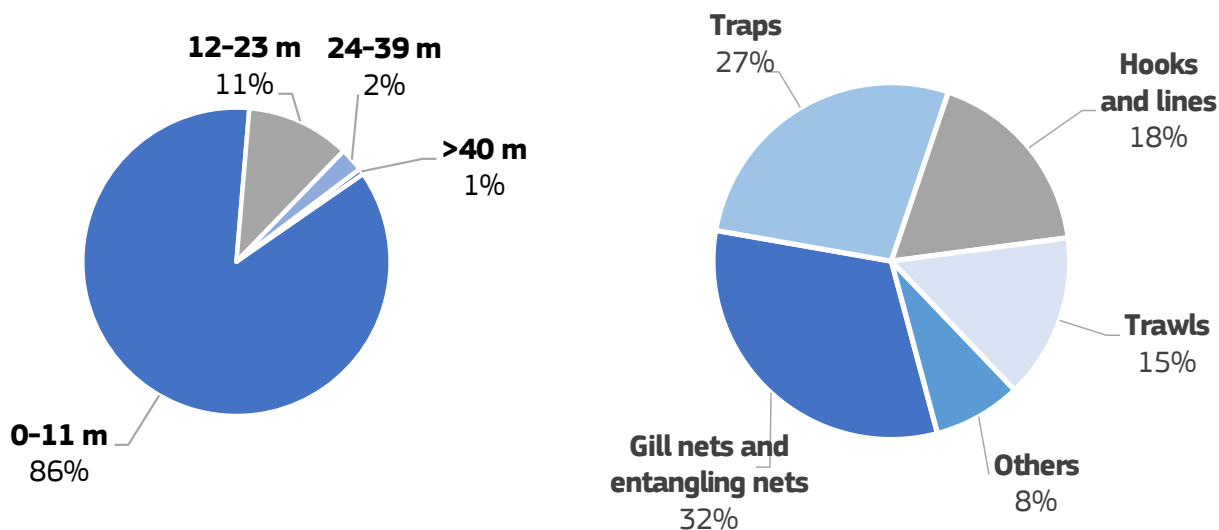
Employment: 2018, source: JRC

Vessels (2019)	Capacity (2019)	Power (2019)	
Number: 6.246	GT: 172.483	KW: 956.683	
TOTAL FTE: 7.817 (2018, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 42%	Jobs (FTE): 30%	Jobs (FTE): 16%	Jobs (FTE): 11%

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

The French fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

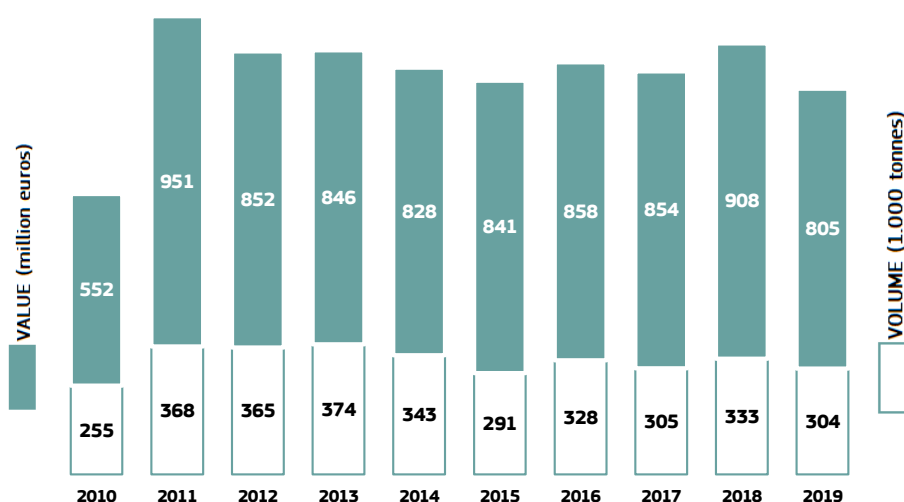
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 2019, French landings include almost entirely fresh products destined for human consumption (smaller quantities include waste, animal feed, bait and products destined for industrial uses).

There are 447 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 25 November 2021).

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



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2019, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
SCALLOP	90	11%	51	17%
COMMON SOLE	68	8%	35	11%
MONK	60	7%	24	8%
SQUID	41	5%	15	5%
HAKE	40	5%	12	4%
OTHERS	534	64%	167	55%

SEAWEED AND OTHER ALGAE

SCALLOP

SARDINE

OTHER MOLLUSCS AND
AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

HAKE

OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

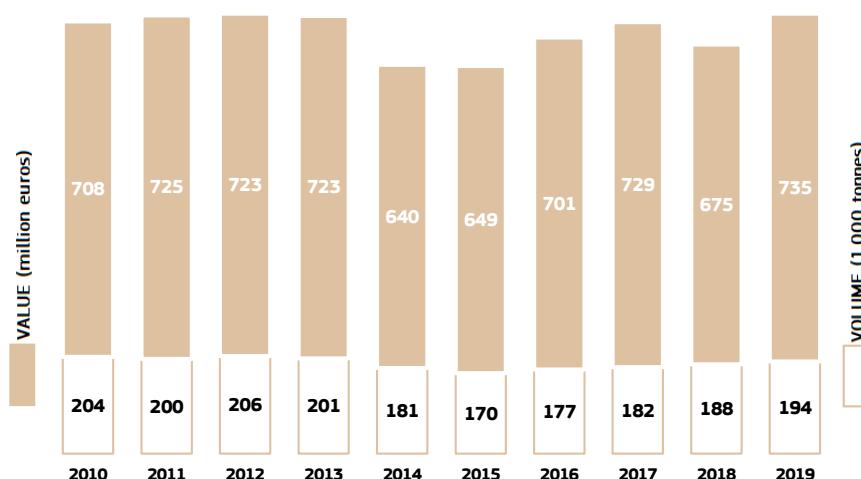
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat, FAO and FEAP data.

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 2019, 80 % of the French production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and 20% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 67% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 15% of production: tanks and raceways in freshwater;
- 5% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 4% of production: on cages in sea and brackish water (slight portion in freshwater);
- 3% of production: in ponds, almost entirely in freshwater (slight portion in sea and brackish water);
- The rest was farmed using other methods for which no detail is available.

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2019, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
OYSTER	398	52%	86	45%
MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.	134	18%	60	31%
TROUT	130	17%	35	18%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	21	3%	2	1%
GILT HEAD SEABREAM	19	2%	2	1%
OTHERS	57	8%	8	4%



PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 15-12-2021, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

In France, **17 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 17 POs, 15 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture. The two associations of POs operate in the fishery sector.

FIRST SALES 2021, source: EUMOFA

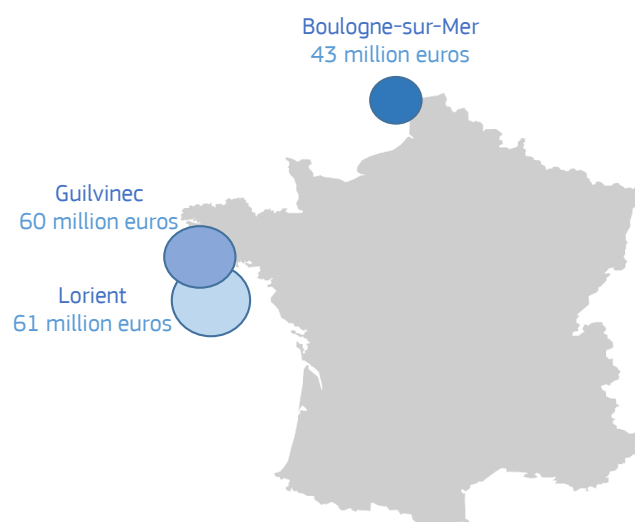
First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

In France, there are 35 auction markets: they are responsible for gathering and transmitting sales notes to FranceAgriMer, thanks to the RIC (Réseau Inter-Criées: Auction markets network). Of these:

- 17 are in the Bay of Biscay and Iberian coast
- 13 are in the Celtic sea
- 4 are in the Mediterranean
- 1 is in the North sea

In 2021, total first sales in these auctions amounted to 165.865 tonnes and 623 million euros.

The top-3 auctions covered 29% and 26% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 auctions	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Lorient	15.922	61	Norway lobster, ling, monk
Guilvinec	13.574	60	Monk, Norway lobster, megrim
Boulogne-sur-Mer	18.130	43	Squid, mackerel, scallop



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 France, 11 wholesale market places (“marchés d’intérêt national” or MIN) are involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products. About 100 fish wholesaling companies operate on these markets, out of which 42 are situated in the market of Paris-Rungis.



In 2019, Rungis sold 90.374 tonnes of fisheries and aquaculture products for a value of 889 million euros (source: <https://www.rungisinternational.com>). The “Réseau des nouvelles des marchés” (RNM) publishes daily, weekly and monthly price quotations on the wholesale market of Rungis (www.rnm.franceagrimer.fr).

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 12.915 persons were employed in the French fish processing industry in 2019. The sector recorded a value added of 778 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2020, the main products sold were “Prepared meals and dishes based on fish, crustaceans and molluscs” and “Fresh or chilled fish fillets and other fish meat without bones” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

333 companies

Sales: 4,8 billion euros

(2019, source: Eurostat - SBS)



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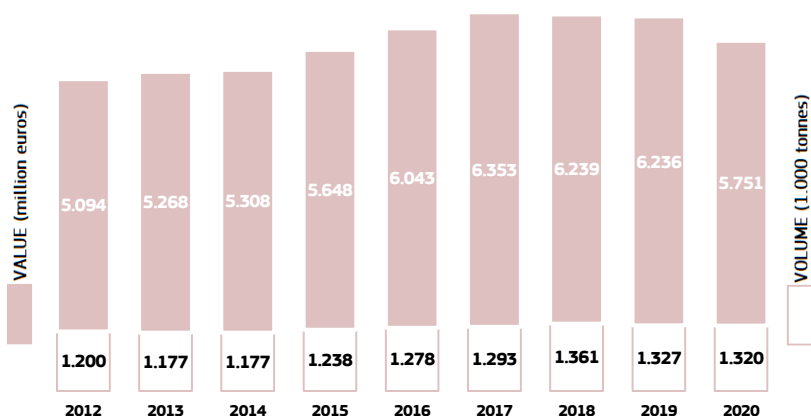
IMPORT – EXPORT

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

2020, million euros (nominal value)

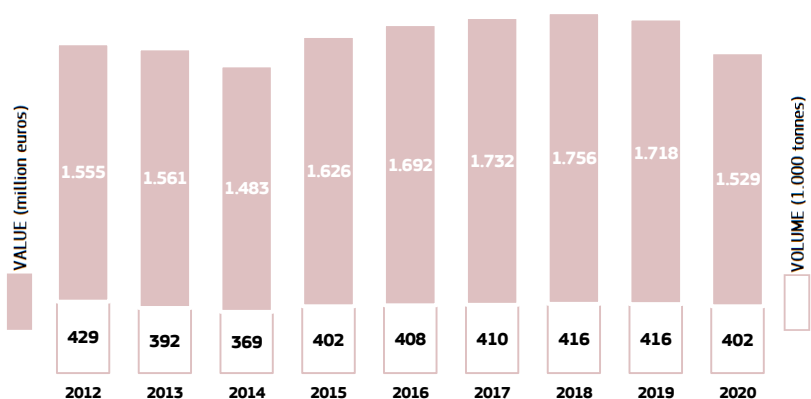


SALMON	1,312	22%
WARMWATER SHRIMP	575	9%
COD	544	9%
OTHER MARINE FISH	303	5%
YELLOWFIN TUNA	265	4%
OTHERS	3,073	51%

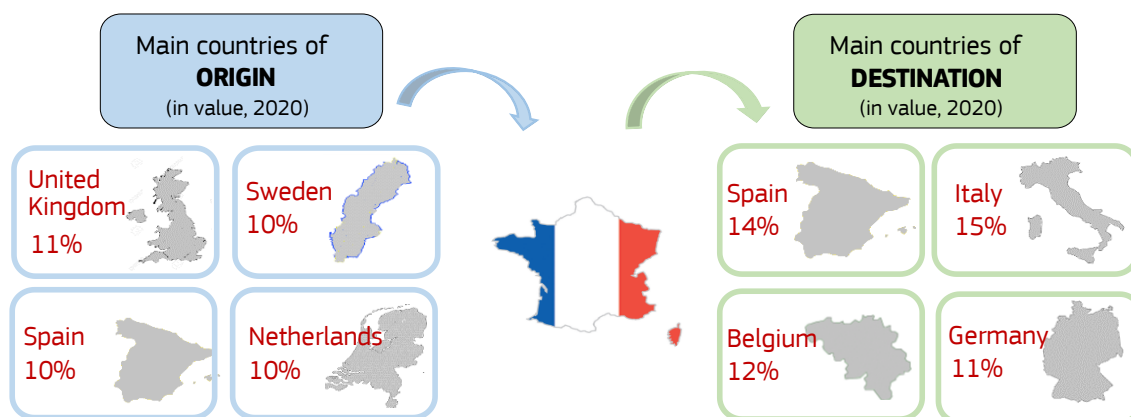
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2020, million euros (nominal value)



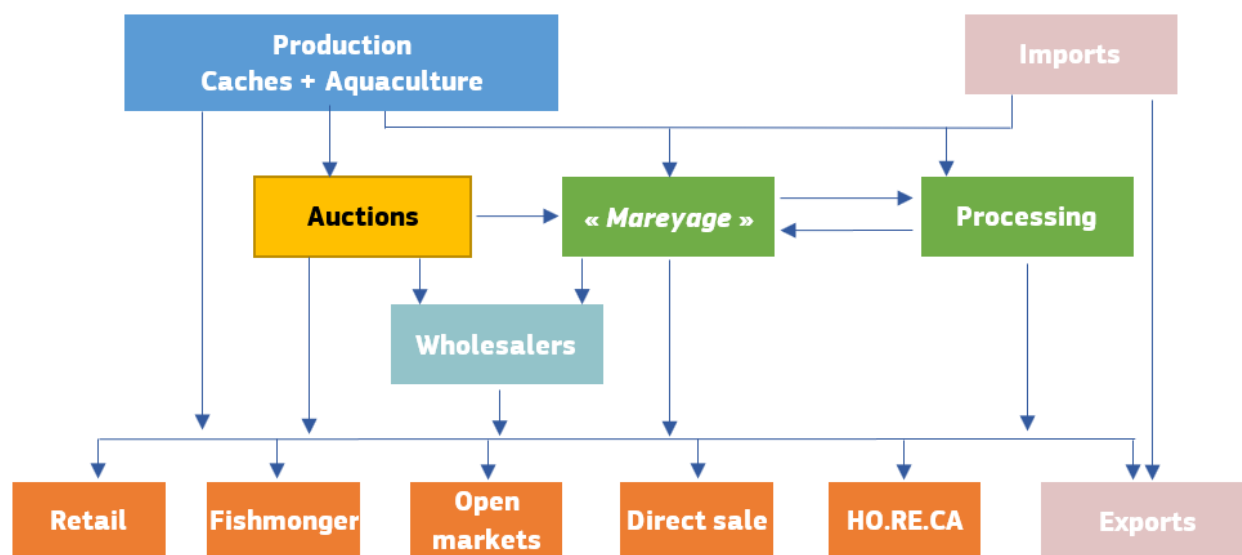
OTHER PRODUCTS	180	11%
SALMON	176	10%
OTHER MARINE FISH	128	8%
OYSTER	79	5%
WARMWATER SHRIMP	73	5%
OTHERS	979	61%





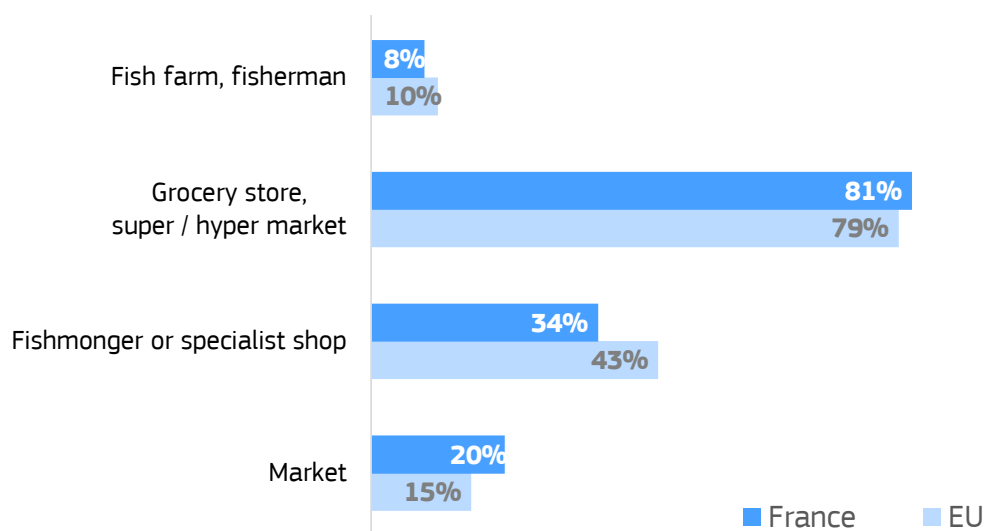
DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in France (source: FranceAgriMer):



“Mareyage” plays an essential role in the promotion of fishery products, representing the link between upstream and downstream of the seafood industry. It consists in buying fish from the coasts, preparing them (sorting, removing viscera or heads, cutting fillets), packaging them, transporting them and reselling them to a wholesaler or retail trader (fishmonger, restaurant, supermarket).

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





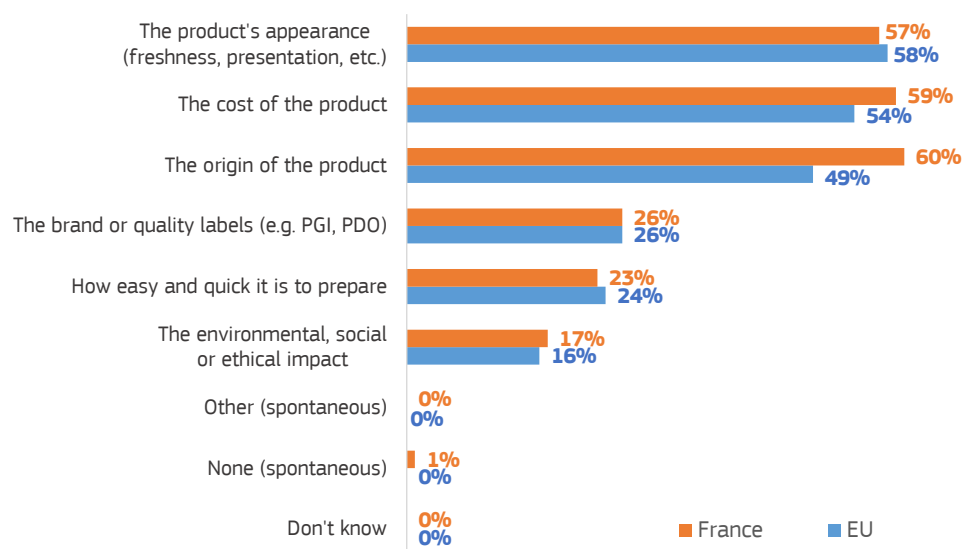
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CONSUMPTION

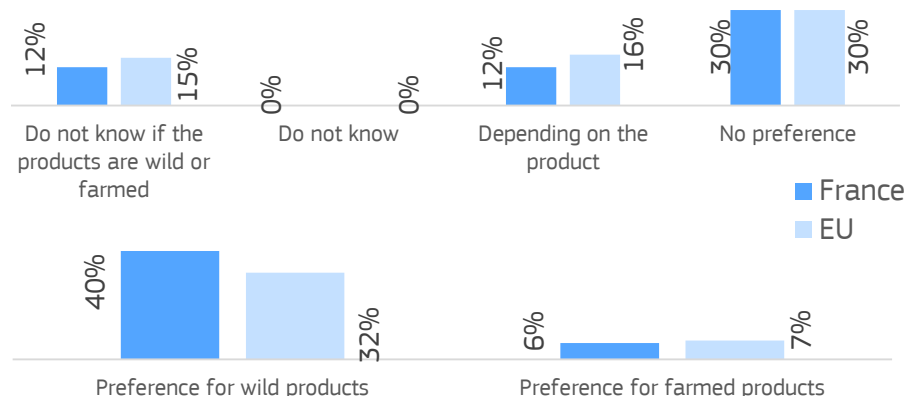
In 2019, apparent consumption was estimated at 33,26 kg per capita, a slight decrease compared with 2018 (0,5%). The most consumed species were salmon, cod, Alaska pollock and skipjack tuna (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in France, as well as at EU-28 level. However, in this category, regular consumers cover 79% of the total, which is much higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). French consume especially fresh, frozen and tinned products; loose fish is more frequently consumed (71%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

33,26 kg
per capita in live weight
equivalent
(2019, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)





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 FranceAgriMer on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 14 main commercial species and 23 auctions (click [here](#) for the full list). Monthly data cover all species sold in the 37 French auctions.

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

WHOLESALE

Prices are collected from FranceAgriMer on a weekly basis. Data cover sales in the Rungis market of a selection of 14 main commercial species (click [here](#) for the full list).

Data are 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.

Moreover, retail prices of a selection of 11 main commercial species are collected on a weekly basis from FranceAgriMer (click [here](#) for the full list). They are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.