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## GREECE IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2019, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2019, Greece ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the EU-28 (i.e. UK included) in terms of aquaculture production while it only ranked 16<sup>th</sup> for fisheries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Greece	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.519	4.824	83	0,09%	1,7%
Aquaculture	120.104	1.367	129	0,11%	9,4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>213.623</b>	<b>6.191</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>0,10%</b>	<b>3,4%</b>

## FISHING FLEET

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

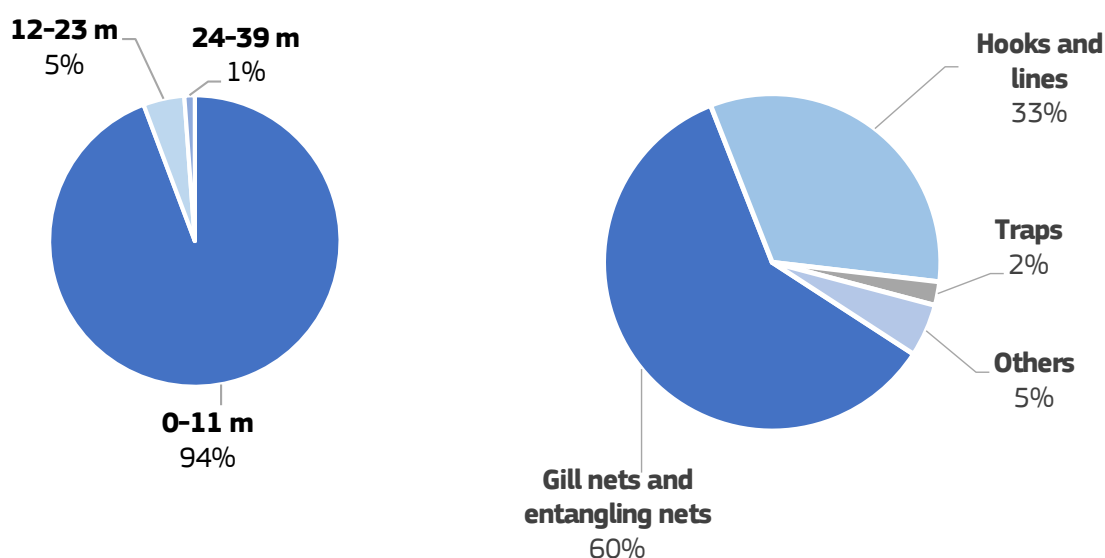
Employment: 2018, source: JRC

Vessels (2019)	Capacity (2019)	Power (2019)	
Number: 14.737	GT: 69.367	KW: 418.391	
TOTAL FTE: 18.342 (2018, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 83%	Jobs (FTE): 11%	Jobs (FTE): 6%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

### The Greek fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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## LANDINGS

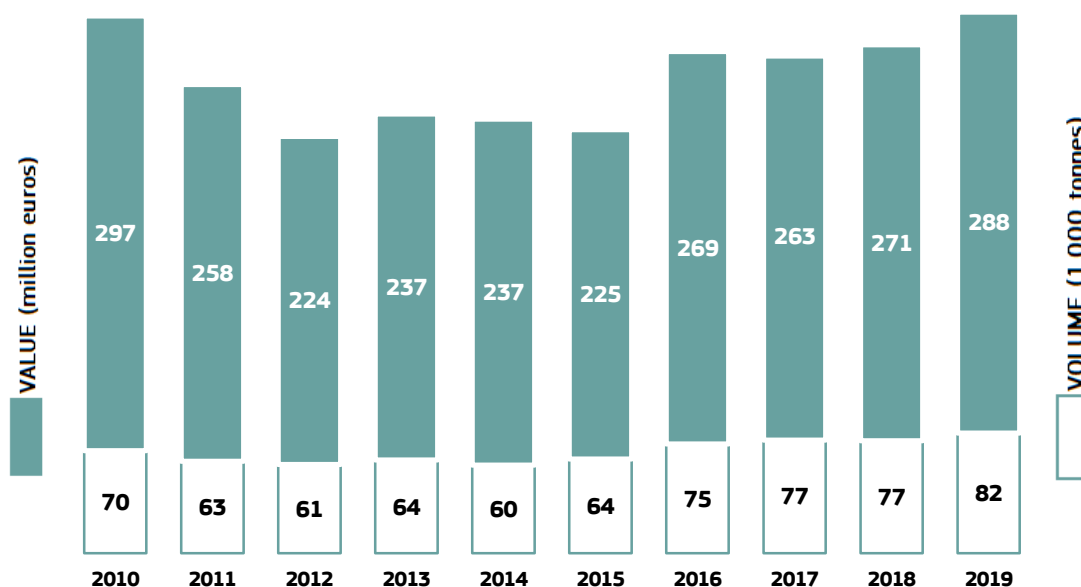
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 Greece, landings are destined for human consumption only. In 2019, they included fresh products only.

There are 333 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 value	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total volume
OTHER MARINE FISH	35	12%	15	19%
HAKE	29	10%	15	19%
OTHER SEABREAM	29	10%	9	11%
RED MULLET	27	10%	7	8%
OCTOPUS	26	9%	4	5%
OTHERS	141	49%	31	38%



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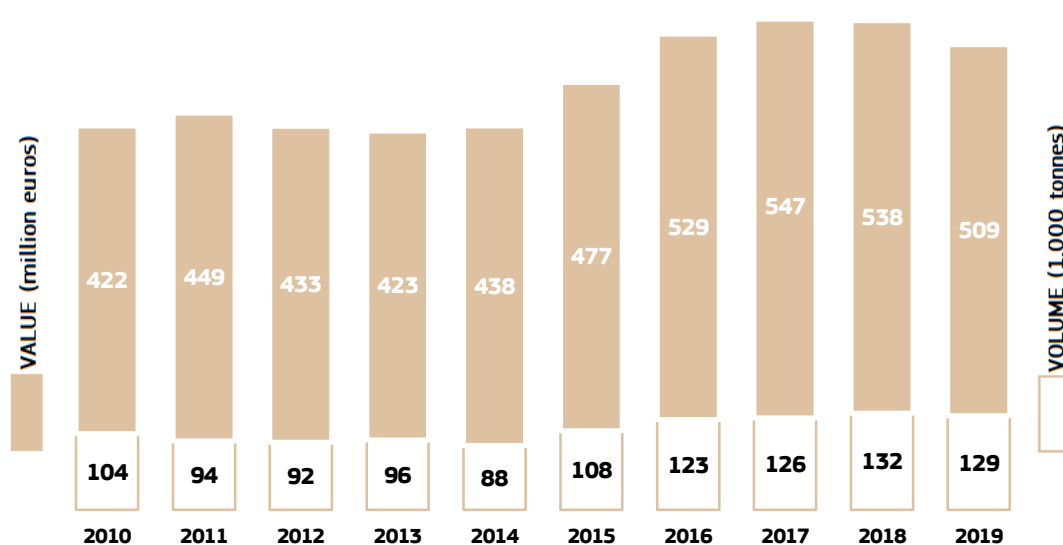
## AQUACULTURE

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 2019, 98% of Greek production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and the rest in freshwater. According to Eurostat, in 2019, the main production method used were cages, in sea and brackish water.

**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



MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.	44	35%
TROUT	36	29%
EEL	15	12%
CARP	13	10%
OTHER SALMONIDS	6	5%
OTHERS	11	9%



22	54%	MUSSEL <i>MYTILUS</i> SPP.
9	22%	TROUT
5	12%	CARP
2	4%	OTHER SALMONIDS
1	3%	FRESHWATER CATFISH
2	6%	OTHERS



## PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Greece, **2 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, both operating in aquaculture. 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 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 2020, total first sales in Greece amounted to 27.021 tonnes and 59 million euros.

Five main commercial species covered 68% and 58% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.

Top-5 main commercial species	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)
Anchovy	7.081	9,20
Sardine	7.273	8,51
Hake	1.388	7,35
Red mullet	766	4,63
Deep-water rose shrimp	1.857	4,38

## 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 Greece, the wholesale stage is mainly recorded in auction markets (source: Directorate for Fisheries Policy & Development of Fisheries Products). In 2020, sales at the Piraeus market totalled 10.894 tonnes and 28,4 million euros.

## PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.427 persons were employed in the Greek fish processing industry in 2019. The sector recorded a value added of 36,6 million euros, covering 1% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2020, the main products sold were "Molluscs (scallops, mussels, cuttlefish, squid and octopus), frozen, dried, salted or in brine" and "Fresh or chilled fish fillets and fish meat (including shark fins), whether or not minced" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

**96 companies**

**Sales: 181,4 million euros**

(2019, source: Eurostat - SBS)



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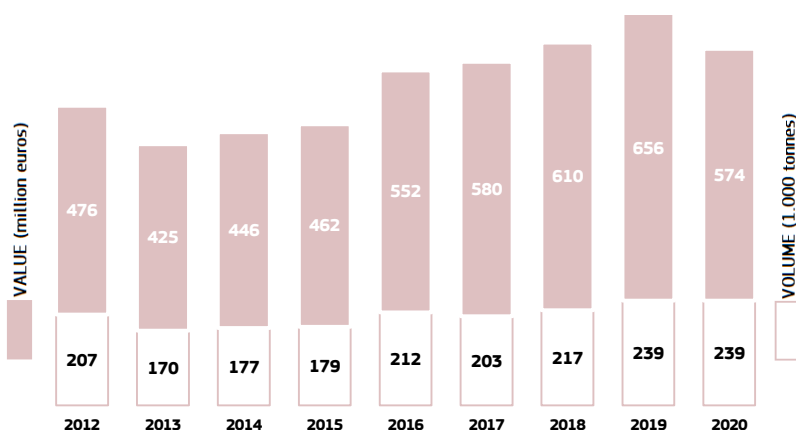
## IMPORT – EXPORT

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)

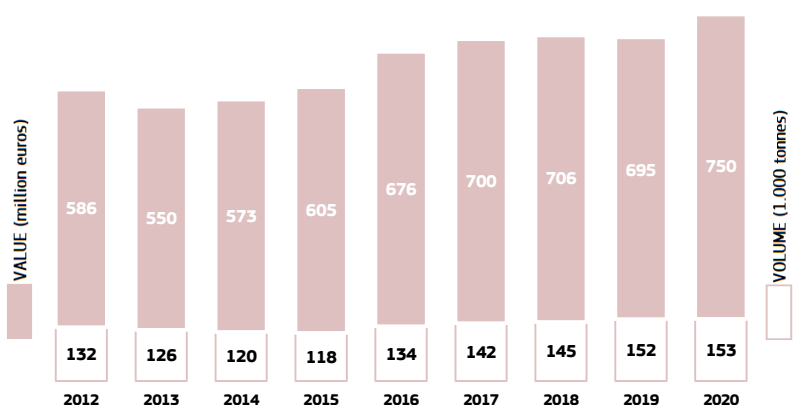


FISHMEAL	110	19%
SALMON	52	9%
OTHER MARINE FISH	48	8%
FISH OIL	48	8%
SQUID	43	7%
OTHERS	286	49%

### EXPORT

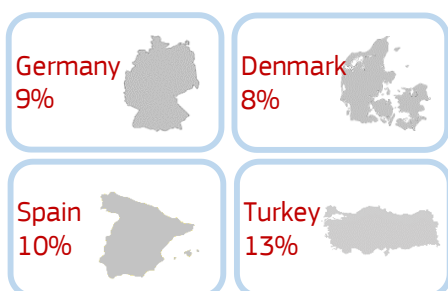
#### Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2020, million euros (nominal value)

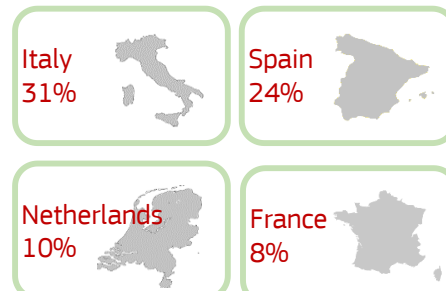


GILTHEAD SEABREAM	290	45%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	221	34%
SALMON	62	10%
OTHER MARINE FISH	44	7%
OTHER SEABREAM	16	2%
OTHERS	10	2%

Main countries of  
**ORIGIN**  
(in value, 2020)



Main countries of  
**DESTINATION**  
(in value, 2020)

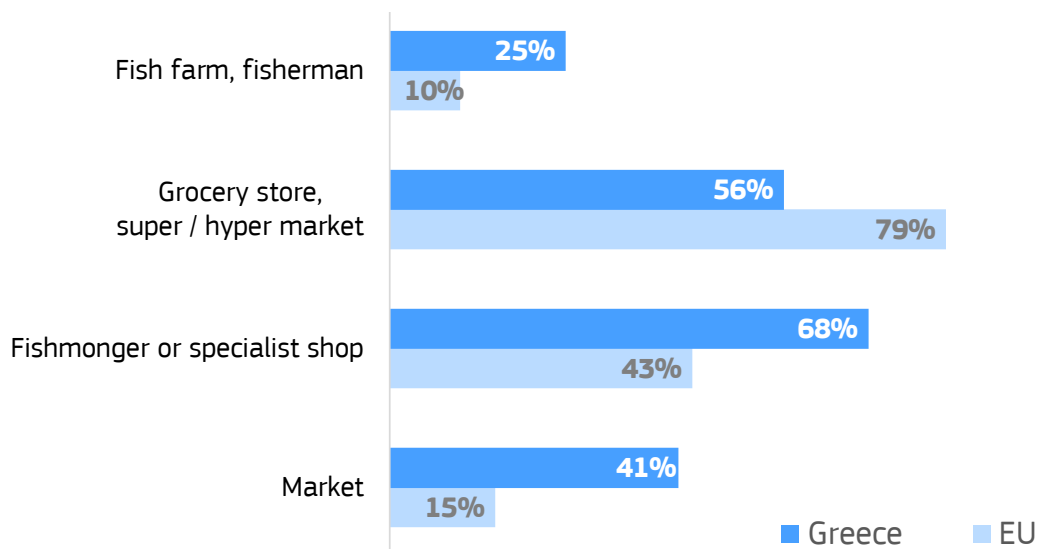




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## DISTRIBUTION

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





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## CONSUMPTION

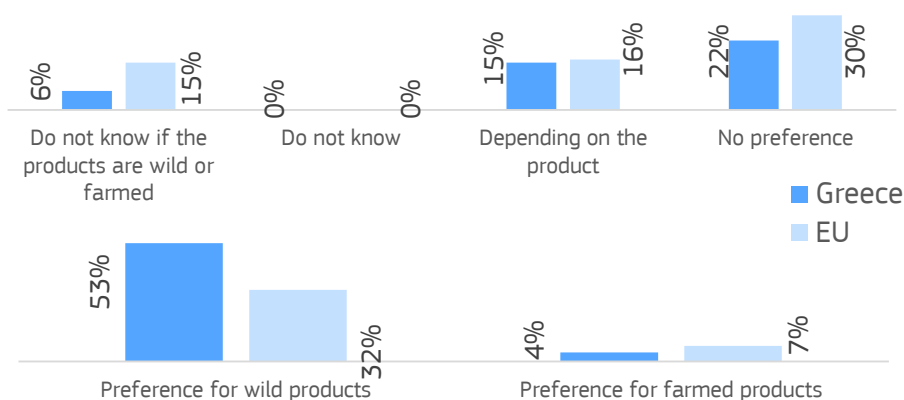
In 2019, apparent consumption was estimated at 20,37 kg per capita, a 2% increase compared with 2018. The most consumed species were squid, sardine, cod and anchovy (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and over 55. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Greece, as well as at EU-28 level. However, regular consumers in this category cover 70% of the total, which is higher than at EU level (67%, UK included). Greeks consume especially fresh products; loose fish is much more frequently consumed (92%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

**20,37 kg**  
per capita in live  
weight equivalent  
(2019, 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.

### FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece. Data cover all species sold in Greece.

They 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

Data are collected from the Ministry of Rural Development & Food of Greece and refer to sales in the port of Piraeus.

On a weekly basis, volumes and values of a selection of 16 main commercial species are collected (click [here](#) for the full list).

On a monthly basis, volumes and values are collected and cover all species sold.

Both weekly and monthly 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

Retail prices of a selection of 7 main commercial species are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Development and Investments (click [here](#) for the full list).

Average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.