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## MALTA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2019, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Malta is a minor EU-28 (i.e. UK included) producer of fishery products, while it ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in the EU in terms of aquaculture production in 2019.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Malta	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.519	4.824	2	0,002%	0,05%
Aquaculture	120.104	1.367	14	0,012%	1,01%
<b>Total</b>	<b>213.623</b>	<b>6.191</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0,008%</b>	<b>0,26%</b>

## FISHING FLEET

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

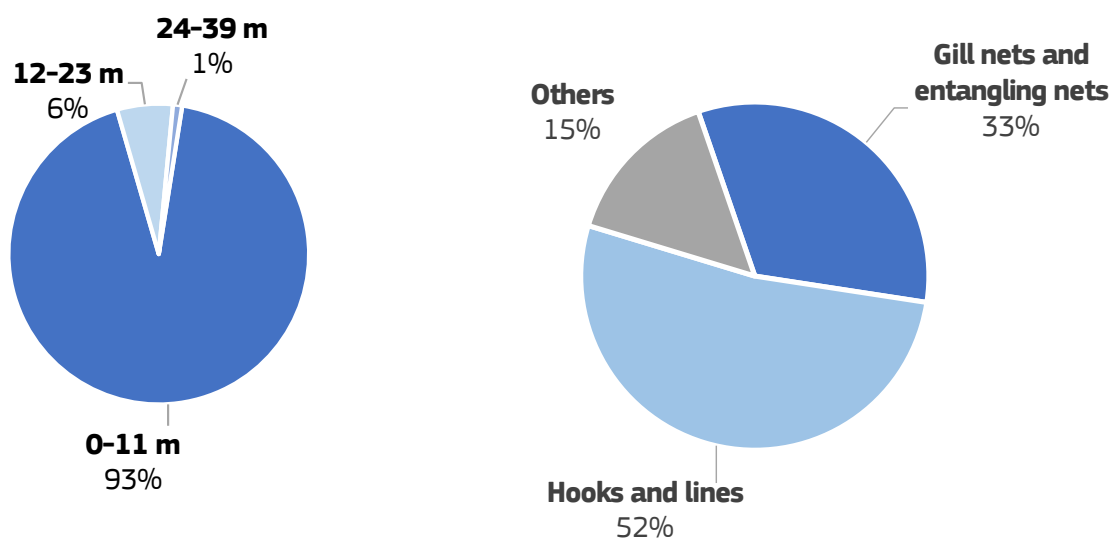
Employment: 2018, source: JRC

Vessels (2019)	Capacity (2019)	Power (2019)	
Number: 916	GT: 6.502	KW: 72.956	
TOTAL FTE: 594 (2018, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 68%	Jobs (FTE): 25%	Jobs (FTE): 7%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

### The Maltese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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## LANDINGS

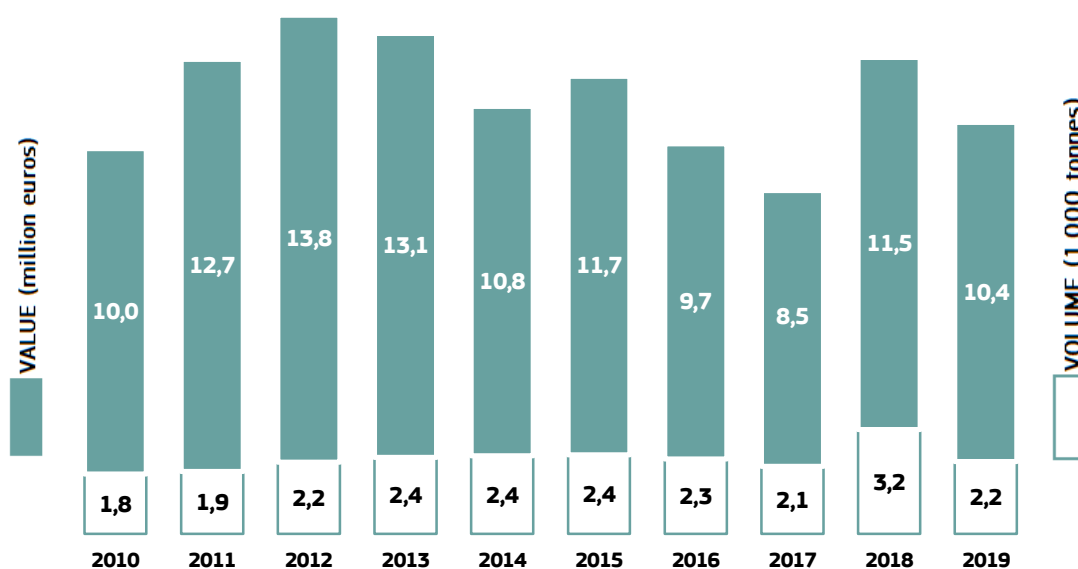
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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, landings in Malta only include fresh products destined for human consumption.

There are 12 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 26 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	Species
SWORDFISH	3,4	30%	0,5	31%	OTHER MARINE FISH
OTHER MARINE FISH	2,5	22%	0,5	29%	MACKEREL
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMP	1,1	9%	0,4	23%	SWORDFISH
OTHER SEABREAM	1	9%	0,14	8%	SCABBARDFISH
BLUEFIN TUNA	0,5	5%	0,10	6%	OTHER SEABREAM
OTHERS	2,9	25%	0,08	3%	OTHERS



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## AQUACULTURE

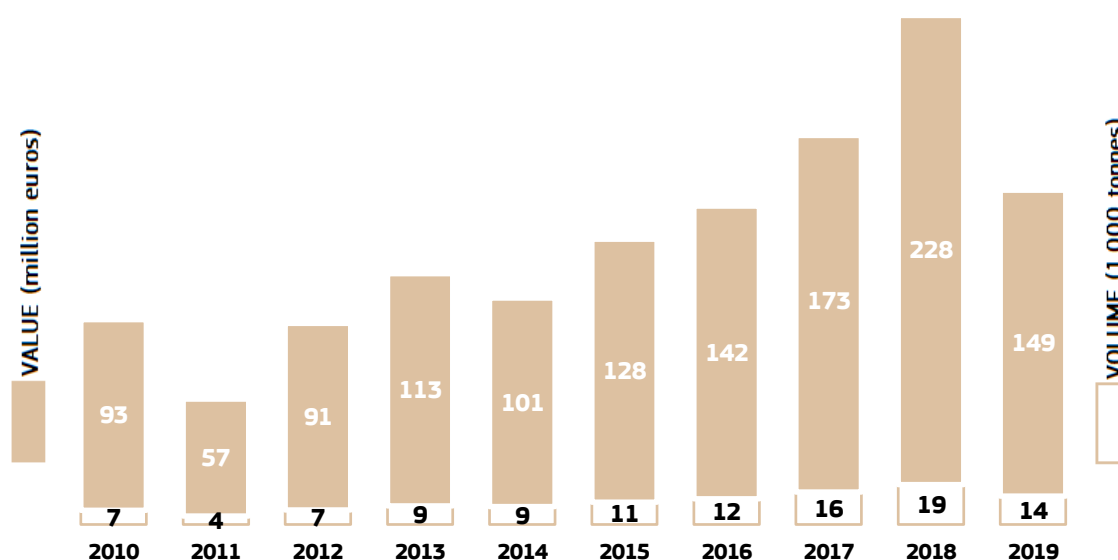
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Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In Malta, aquaculture occurs in sea and brackish water. The following main production methods were used in 2019:

- 87% of production: in cages;
- 13% of production: in enclosures and pens.

**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



BLUEFIN TUNA 152 94%

GILTHEAD SEABREAM 9 6%



12 87% BLUEFIN TUNA

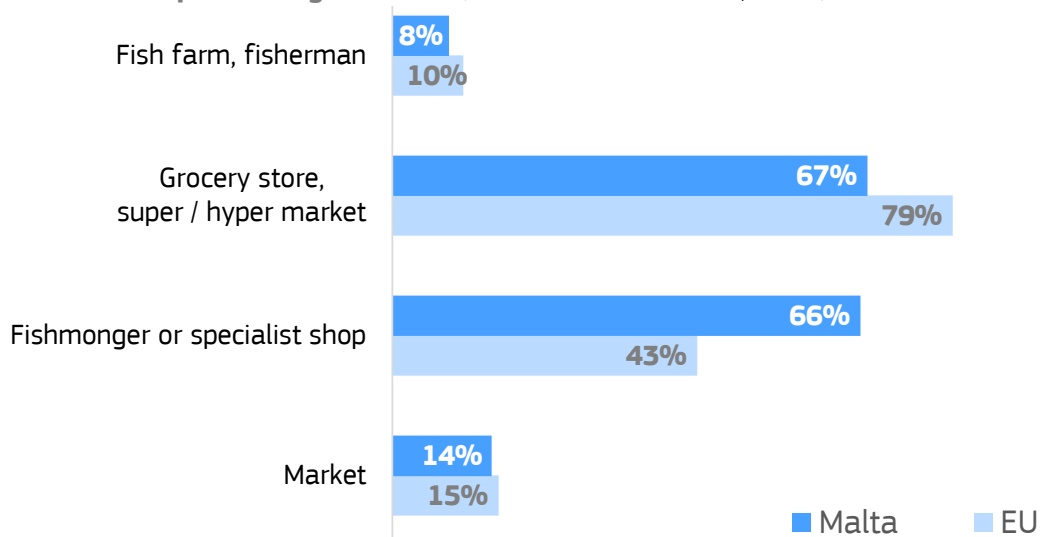
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## DISTRIBUTION

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





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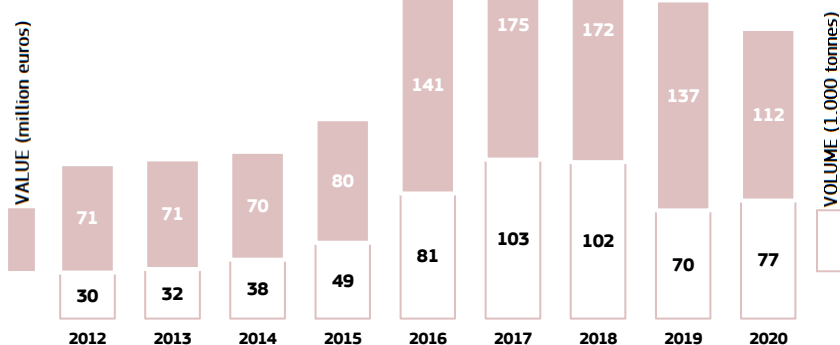
## IMPORT – EXPORT

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)

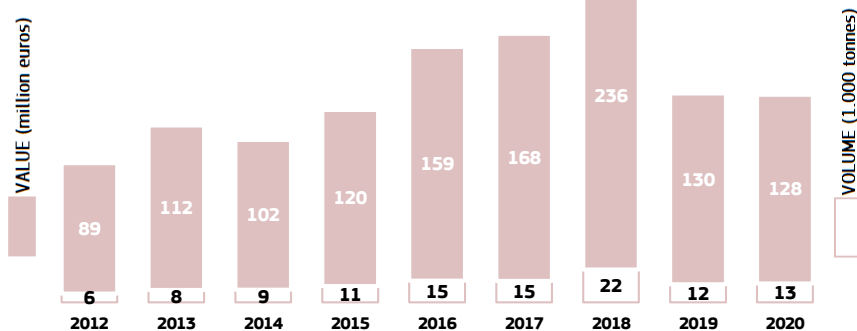


Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
HERRING	28	23%
BLUEFIN TUNA	27	22%
SKIPJACK TUNA	10	8%
SALMON	8	7%
SARDINE	7	6%
OTHERS	40	32%

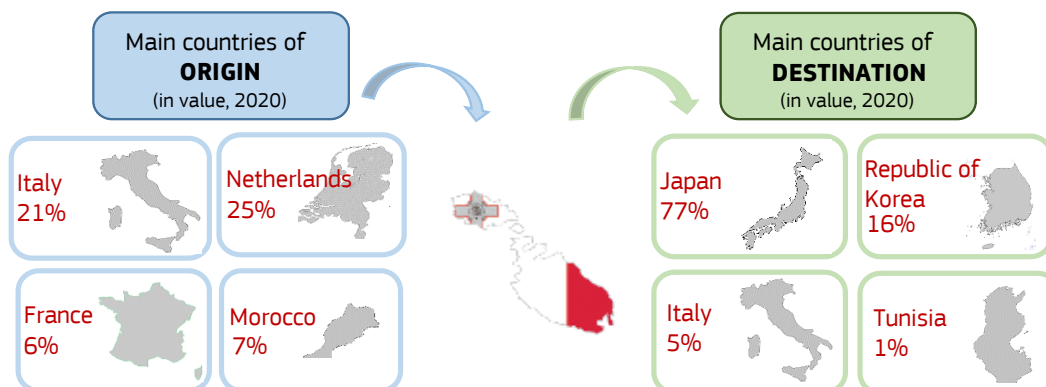
### EXPORT

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

2020, million euros (nominal value)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
BLUEFIN TUNA	66	46%
OTHER MARINE FISH	39	28%
MISCELLANEOUS TUNA	28	20%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	9	5,6%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	0,2	0,2%
OTHERS	0,3	0,2%



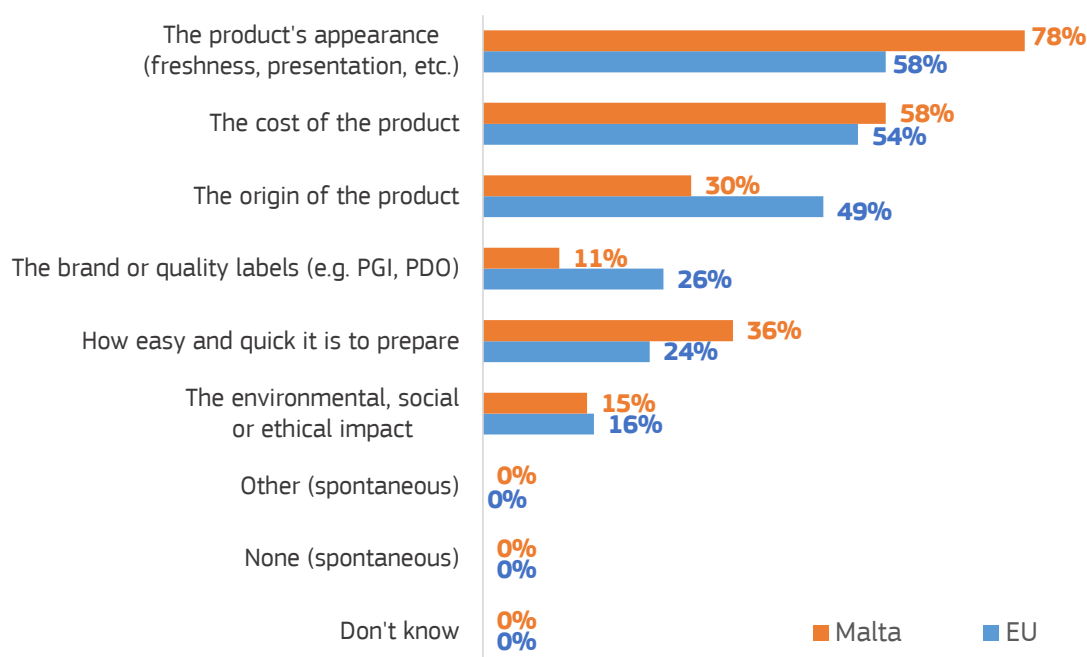


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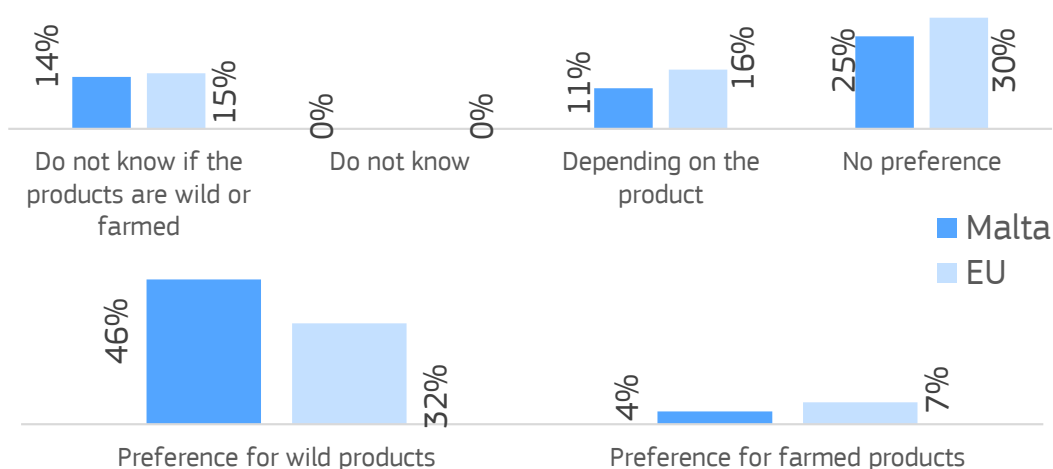
## CONSUMPTION

Given the significant relevance of imports of frozen fish likely used as fishmeal in the Maltese bluefin tuna fattening industry, and given the increasing imports of live tuna for fattening purposes, available data and information for Malta do not allow to produce precise estimates. However, annual per capita apparent consumption can be estimated between 30-40 kg in live weight equivalent (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.

### AQUACULTURE

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### FIRST SALES

No data available

### WHOLESALE

No data available

### 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.

### PROCESSING

No data available

### CONSUMPTION

No data available