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ROMANIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2019, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Romania is a minor EU producer of fishery products. As for aquaculture production, in 2019 it ranked 19th among EU-28 (i.e. UK included) producing countries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-28	Romania	% world	% EU-28
Catches	93.519	4.824	11	0,012%	0,23%
Aquaculture	120.104	1.367	13	0,011%	0,94%
Total	213.623	6.191	24	0,011%	0,38%

FISHING FLEET

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

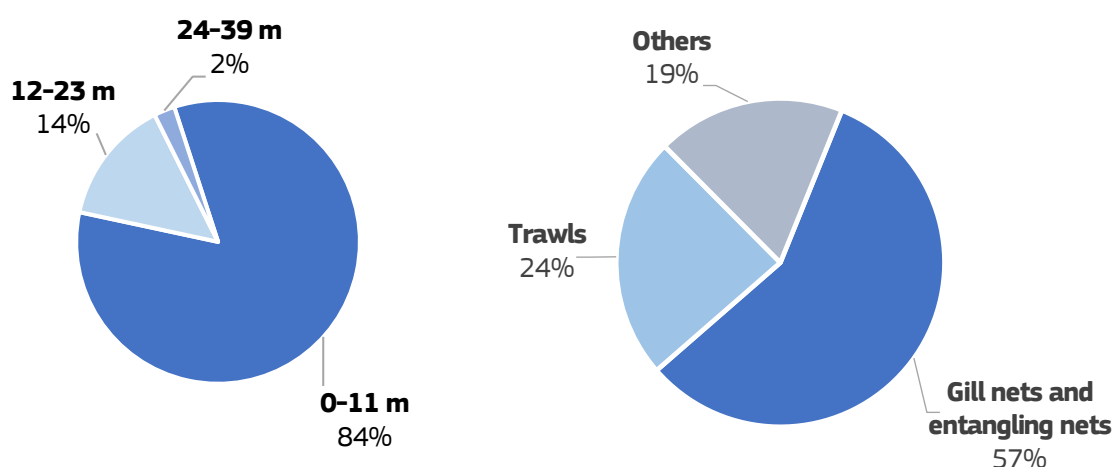
Employment: 2018, source: JRC

Vessels (2019)	Capacity (2019)	Power (2019)	
Number: 167	GT: 1.582	KW: 6.547	
TOTAL FTE: 59,75 (2018, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 46%	Jobs (FTE): 40%	Jobs (FTE): 13%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Romanian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





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LANDINGS

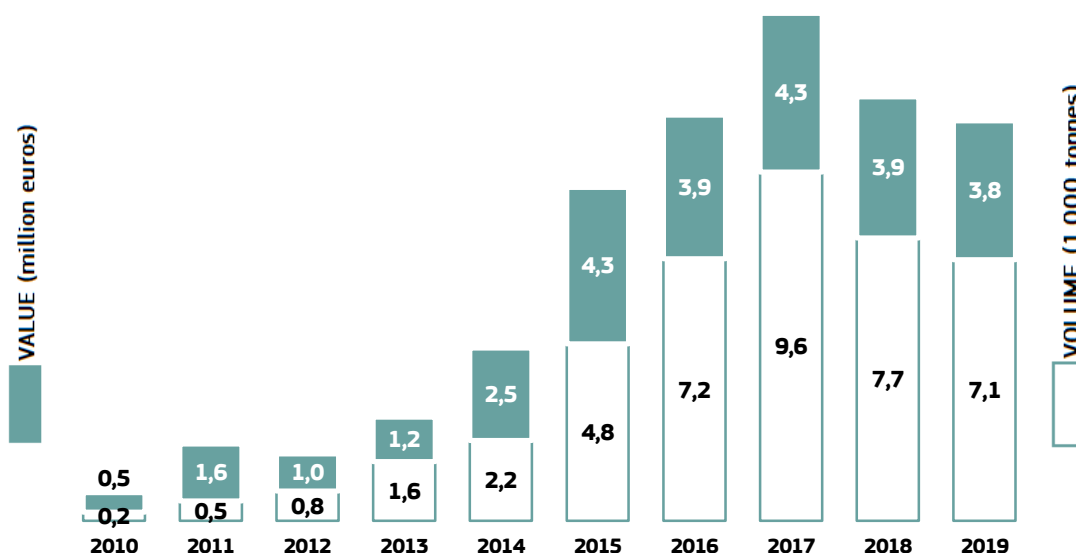
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 Romania only include fresh products destined for human consumption.

There are 2 fishing ports registered in Romania (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



OTHER MOLLUSCS AND
AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

3,4

80%

TURBOT

0,4

9%

OTHERS

0,5

11%



6,8

95%

OTHER MOLLUSCS AND
AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

0,2

2%

MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.

0,2

3%

OTHERS



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AQUACULTURE

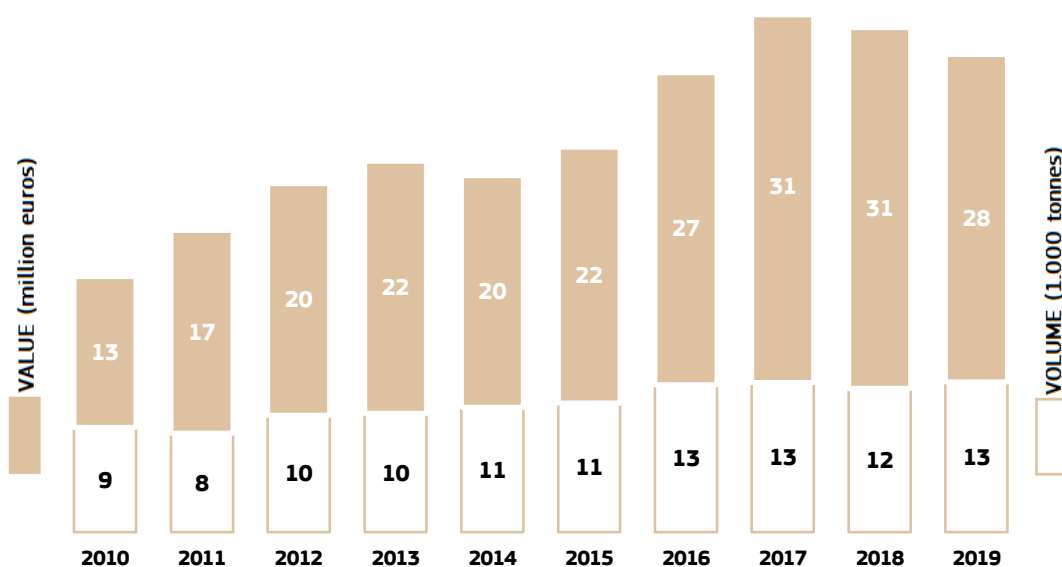
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data.

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.

According Eurostat, the aquaculture activity in Romania is limited to freshwater farming. The following main production methods were used in 2018:

- 79% of production: in ponds;
- 21% of production: in tanks and raceways;

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
CARP	21	65%	10	75%
TROUT	10	30%	3	20%
OTHER FRESHWATER FISH	1	3%	0,3	3%
OTHERS	0,7	2%	0,3	2%



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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Romania, 11 **producer organisations (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 11 POs, 9 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.303 persons were employed in the Romanian fish processing industry in 2019. The sector recorded a value added of 11,5 million euros, covering 1% of the value added of total manufacture of food products. In 2020, the main products sold were "Prepared or preserved crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (excl. chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine, crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or boiling) (excl. prepared meals and dishes)" and "Prepared or preserved fish (excl. whole or in pieces and prepared meals and dishes)", "Frozen whole salt water fish" (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

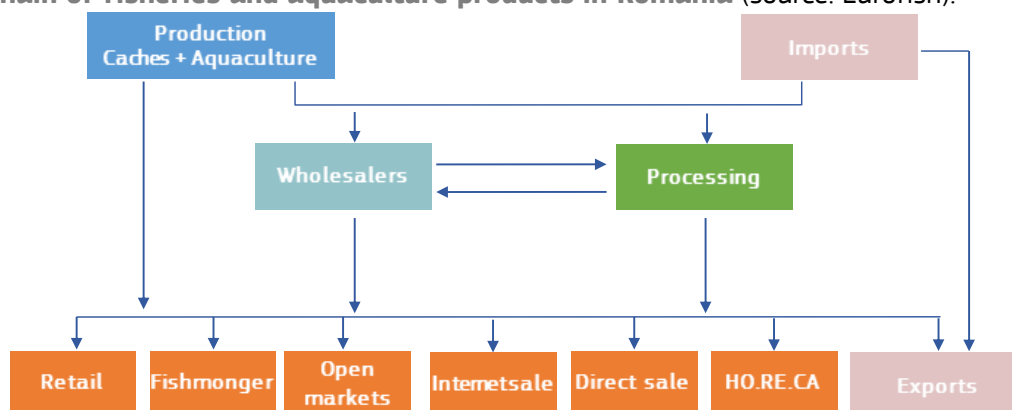
31 companies

Sales: 106,3 million euros

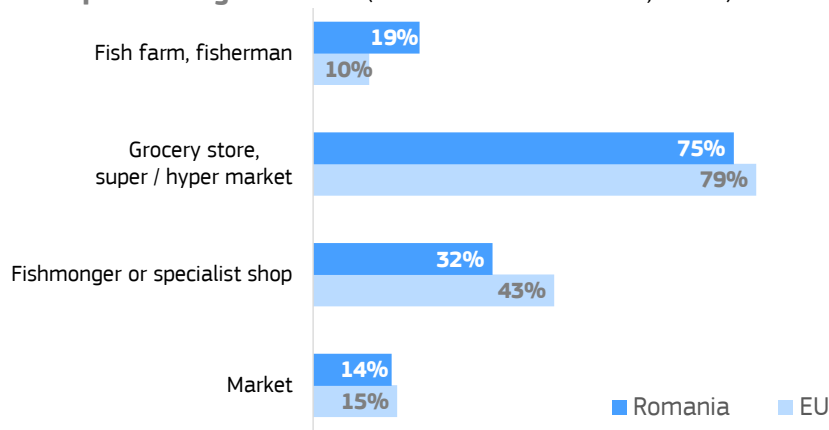
(2019, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Romania (source: Eurofish):



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





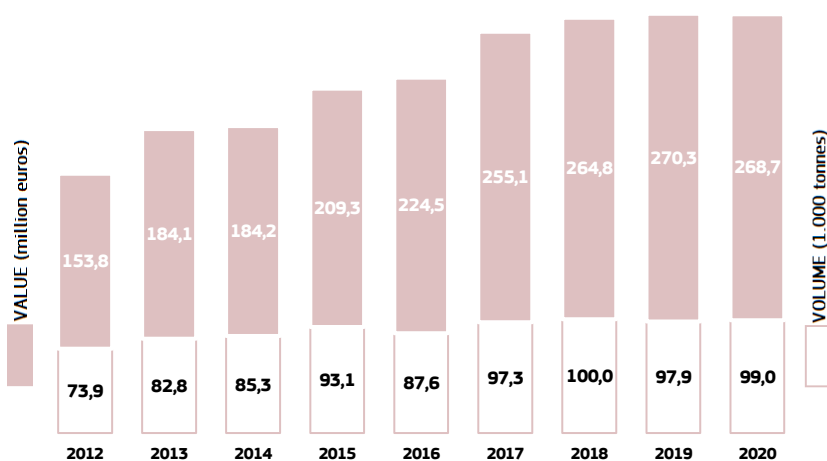
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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data. Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015).

IMPORT

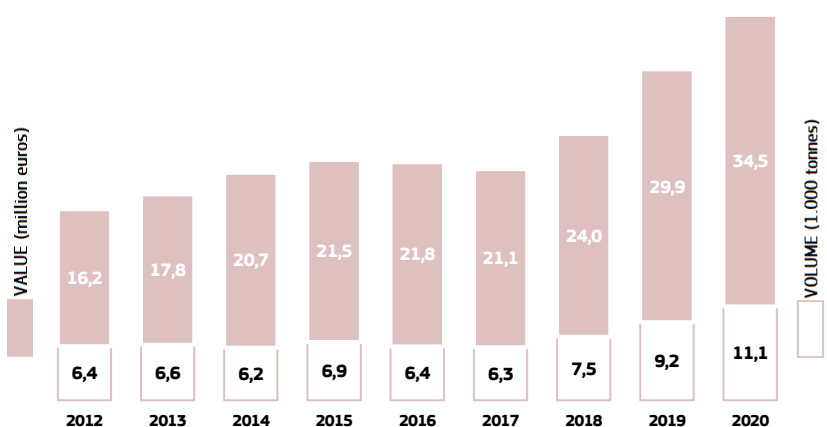
Main commercial species imported and % of total imports 2020, million euros (nominal value)



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total imports
SALMON	44	15%
MACKEREL	30	10%
SKIPJACK TUNA	28	10%
OTHER MARINE FISH	20	7%
TROUT	17	6%
OTHERS	152	52%

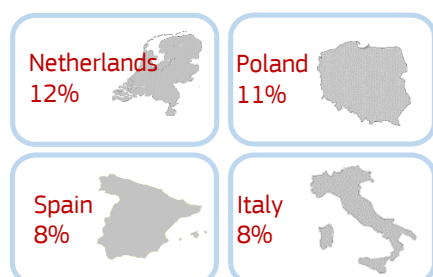
EXPORT

Main commercial species exported and % of total exports 2020, million euros (nominal value)

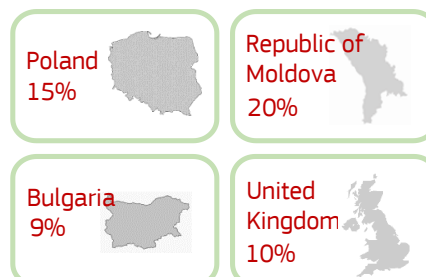


Species	Value (million euros)	% of total exports
OTHER PRODUCTS	17	41%
OTHER MARINE FISH	5	13%
SALMON	3	8%
WARMWATER SHRIMP	2	5%
MACKEREL	1	4%
OTHERS	12	29%

Main countries of
ORIGIN
(in value, 2020)



Main countries of
DESTINATION
(in value, 2020)





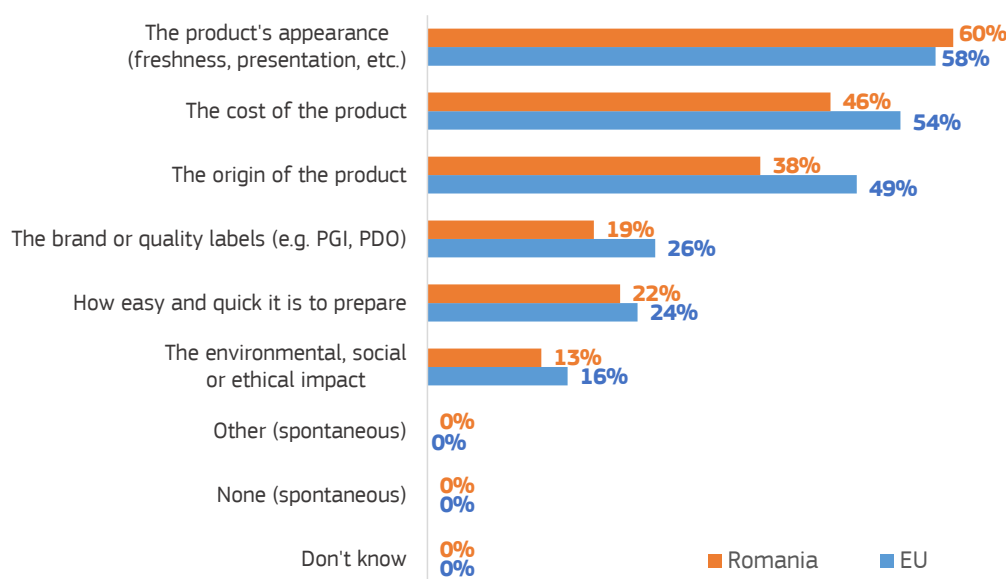
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CONSUMPTION

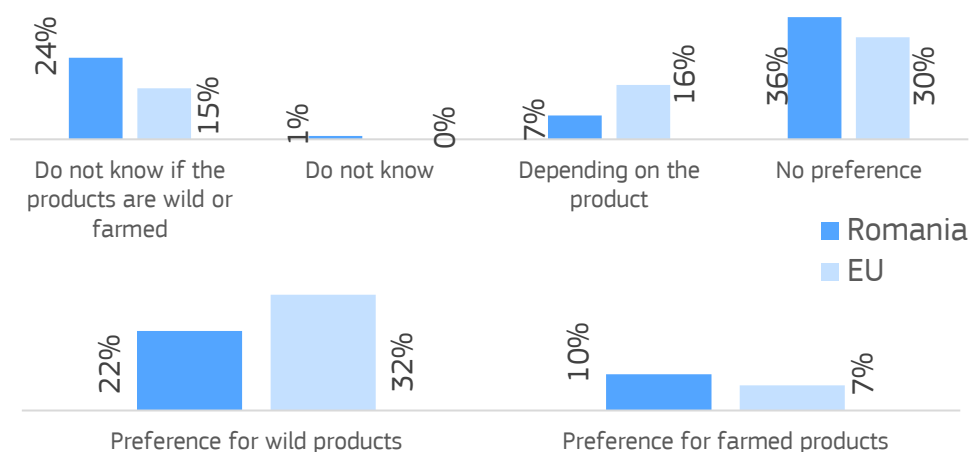
In 2019, apparent consumption was estimated at 8,11 kg per capita, a 1% increase compared with 2018. The most consumed species were mackerel, carp and herring (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 40-54 and 25-39. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to consume fish in Romania, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 59% of the total, which is lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Romanians consume especially fresh and frozen products; loose fish (63%) is less frequently consumed than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

8,11 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.

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.

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

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

No data available