Last update: 26-08-2026

CROATIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2023, Croatia ranked 16th among EU-27 countries for fishery production and 9th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Croatia	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	56	0,06%	2%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	27	0,02%	3%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**83**	**0,04%**	**2%**

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2023, source: JRC

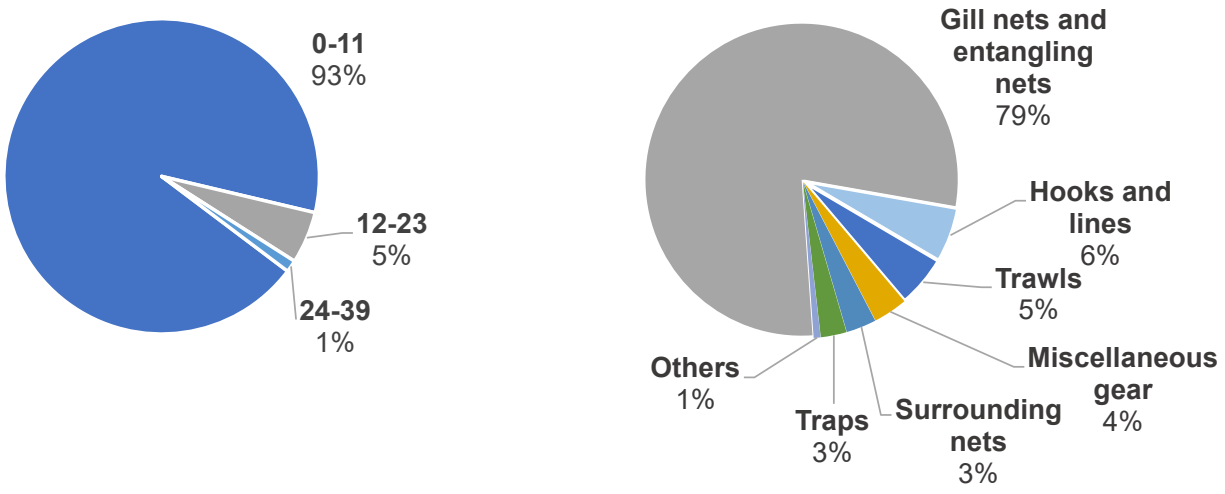
Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)
Number: 6.860	GT: 36.779	KW: 315.503
TOTAL FTE: 3.200 (2023, source: JRC)		

0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 57%	Jobs (FTE): 26%	Jobs (FTE): 17%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Croatian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



Last update: 26-08-2026

LANDINGS

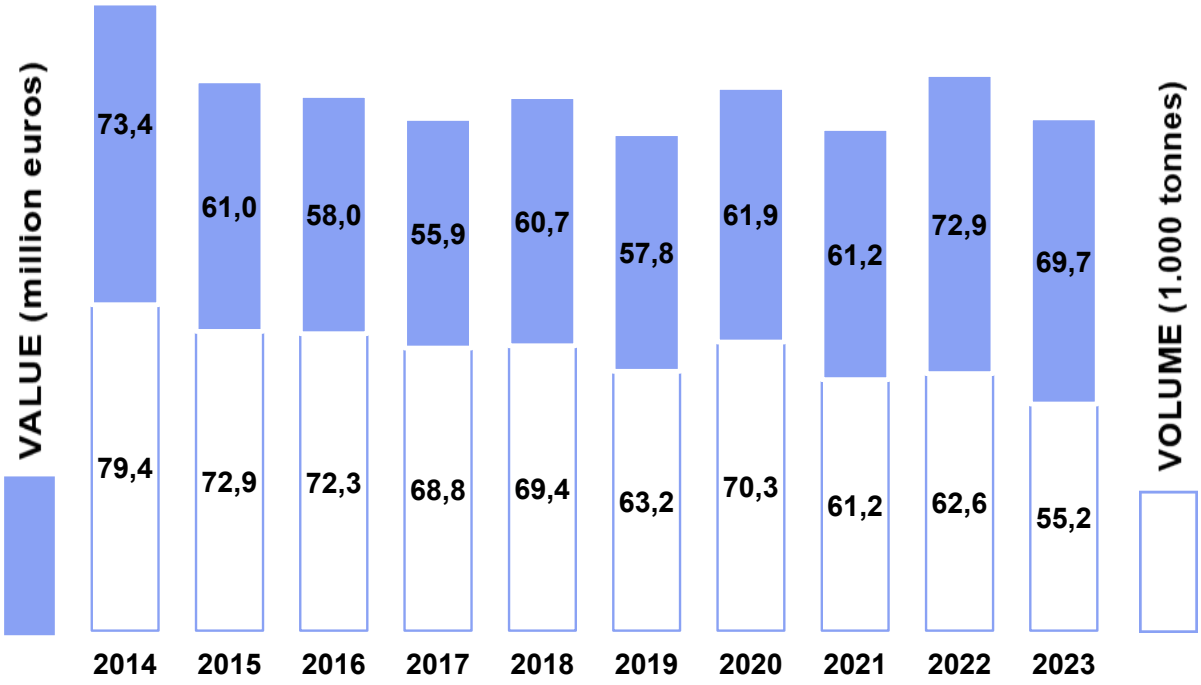
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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 2023, all landings in Croatia consisted of fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 275 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 03 December 2025).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species landed and % of total
2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

	€				
SARDINE	18,6	26,6%	32,1	58,2%	SARDINE
ANCHOVY	12,7	18,2%	13,8	25,1%	ANCHOVY
HAKE	5,4	7,7%	1,9	3,5%	MACKEREL
NORWAY LOBSTER	4,2	6,1%	1,3	2,3%	HAKE
DEEP-WATER ROSE SHRIMPS	3,2	4,6%	0,9	1,6%	DEEP-WATER ROSE SHRIMPS
OTHERS	26	36,8%	5,2	9,4%	OTHERS

Last update: 26-08-2026

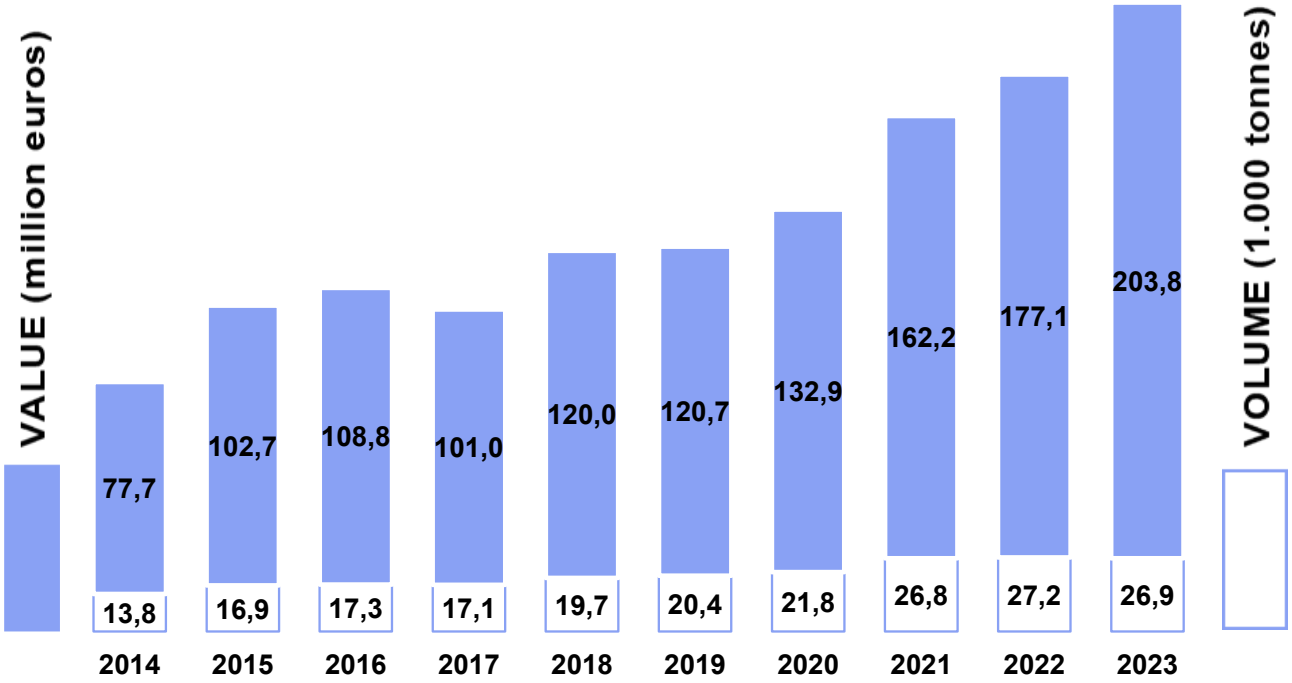
AQUACULTURE

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.

Most of Croatian production is in marine waters and the rest in freshwater.

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total

2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

EUROPEAN SEABASS	63,2	31,0%	8,9	33,2%	GILTHEAD SEABREAM
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	63,2	31,0%	8,5	31,7%	EUROPEAN SEABASS
BLUEFIN TUNA	50,5	24,8%	3,3	12,2%	BLUEFIN TUNA
CARP	10,7	5,2%	3,1	11,4%	CARP
TROUT	2,1	1,0%	0,9	3,5%	MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.
OTHERS	14,2	7,0%	2,1	9,8%	OTHERS

Last update: 26-08-2026

PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Source: European Commission, List of the recognised producer organisations in the fishery and aquaculture sector

In Croatia, **8 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.

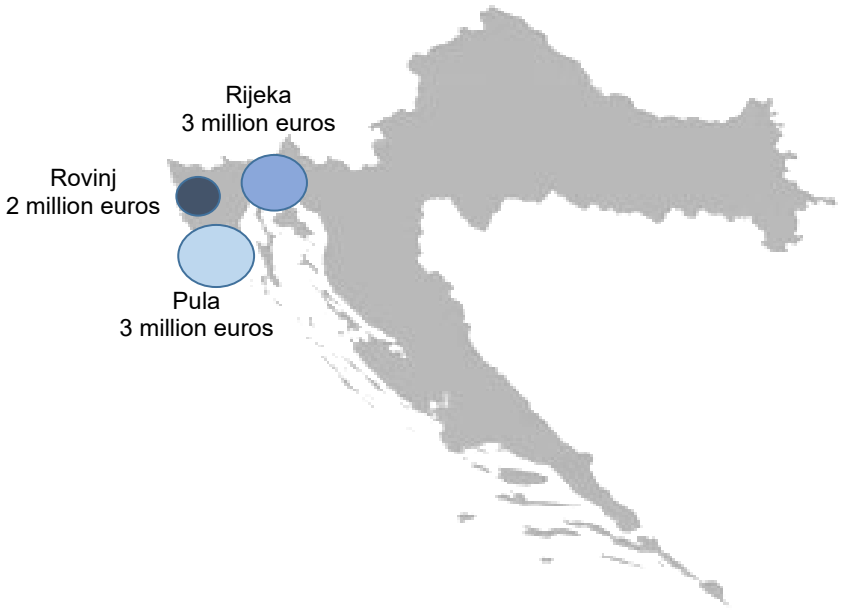
Of the 8 POs, 6 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture.

FIRST SALES

2025, 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 2025, total first sales in Croatia places of sale amounted to 31.422 tonnes and 47 million euros. The top-3 places of sale covered 24% and 19% 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)
Pula	3.013	3	Sardine, gilthead seabream, squid
Rijeka	1.773	3	Anchovy, sardine, Norway lobster
Rovinj	2.856	2	Sardine, anchovy, bluefin tuna

Last update: 26-08-2026

PROCESSING

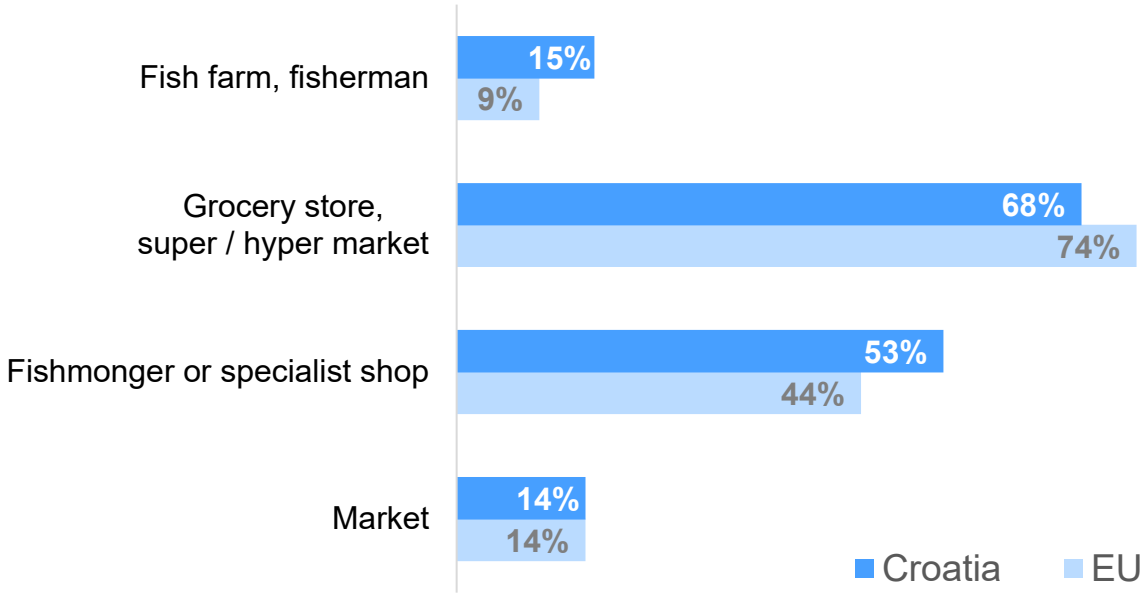
According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.260 persons were employed in the Croatian fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 36 million euros, covering 3% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2024, the main products sold were “Frozen whole salt water fish” and “Prepared or preserved sardines, sardinella, brisling and sprats, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

44 companies
Net turnover: 145 million euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2024):



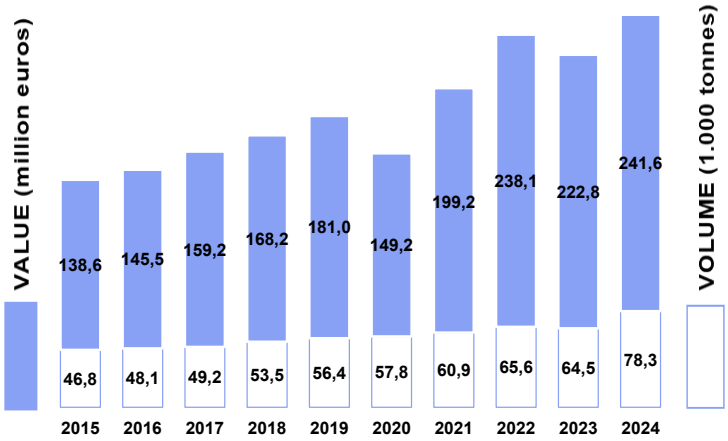
Last update: 26-08-2026

IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)

IMPORT

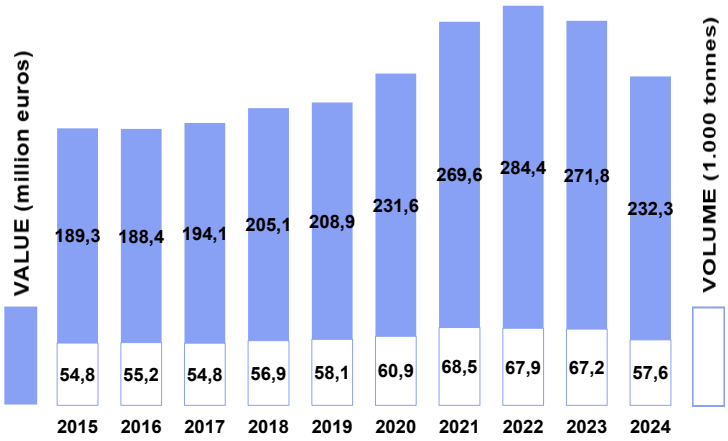


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SQUID	51	16%
TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	46	15%
SALMON	35	11%
HERRING	19	6%
HAKE	17	5%
OTHERS	147	47%

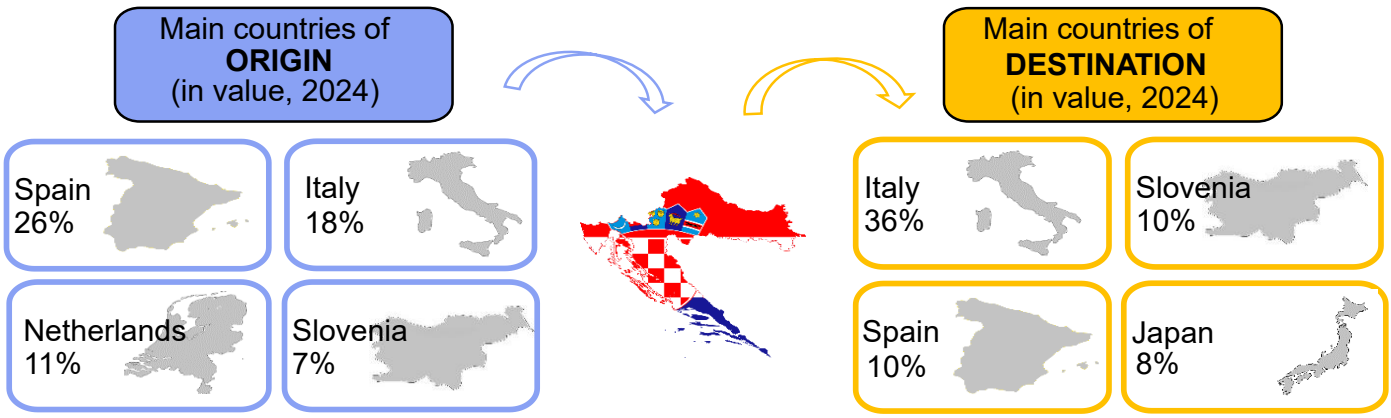
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

GILTHEAD SEABREAM	53	18%
EUROPEAN SEABASS	45	15%
SARDINE	45	15%
ANCHOVY	33	11%
BLUEFIN TUNA	25	8%
OTHERS	101	33%



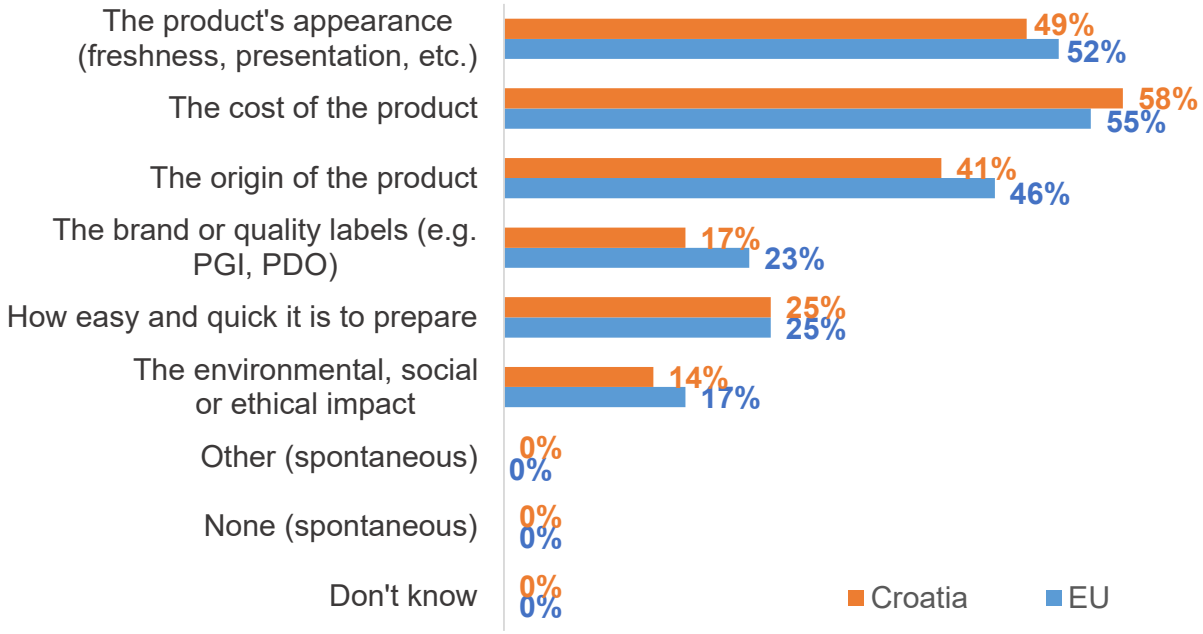
Last update: 26-08-2026

CONSUMPTION

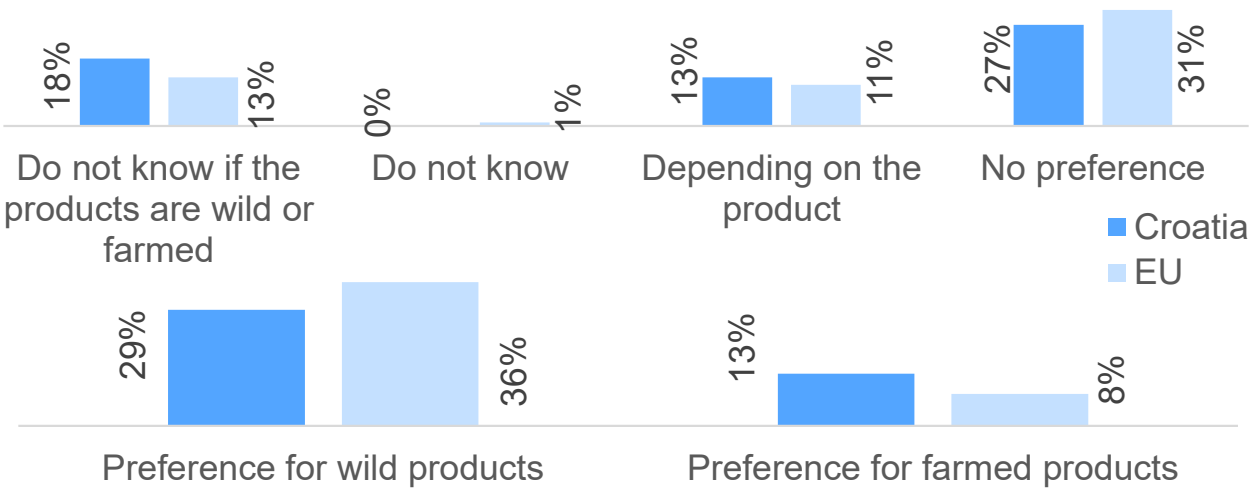
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 22,96 kg per capita, a 6% decrease compared with 2022. The most consumed species were squid, herring and mackerel (source: EUMOFA).

22,96 kg
per capita in live weight equivalent
(2023, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



Last update: 26-08-2026

THE COUNTRY IN EUMOFA

LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, 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 dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Croatia on a monthly basis, and cover all species sold in Croatian places of sale.

Data are accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility. Data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through dashboards and the bulk download facility.

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 dashboards, 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 dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

CONSUMPTION

No data available