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PORTUGAL IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2023, Portugal ranked 9th in the EU-27 for fishery production and 13th for aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Portugal	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	164	0,15%	5%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	18	0,01%	2%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**182**	**0,07%**	**4%**

FISHING FLEET

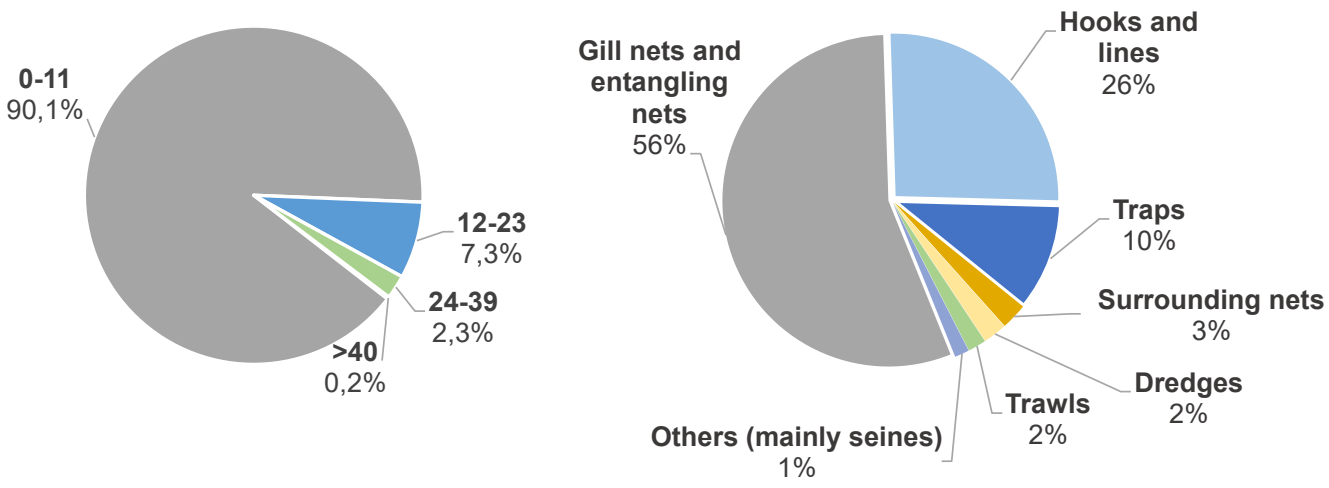
Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2023, source: JRC

Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)	
Number: 6.817	GT: 84.091	KW: 342.021	
TOTAL FTE: 7.227 (2023, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	**12-23 m**	**24-39 m**	**>40 m**
Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 19%	Jobs (FTE): 5%

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

The Portuguese fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



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LANDINGS

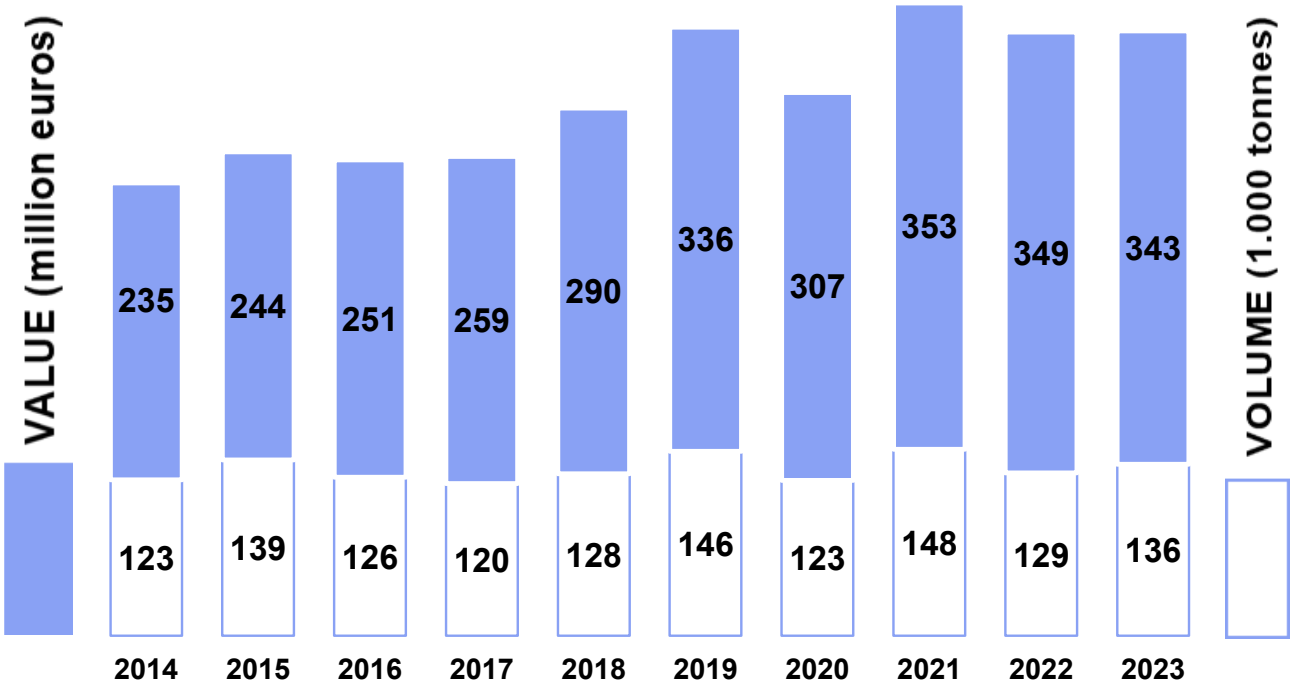
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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 2023, 88% of landings in Portugal included fresh whole/gutted products and 11% included frozen products. As for destination use, 99% of the total was for human consumption, the rest being withdrawn from the market.

There are 70 fishing ports registered in Portugal (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

OCTOPUS	36	10,6%	31	23,2%	MACKEREL
SARDINE	27	7,8%	26	19,1%	SARDINE
ATLANTIC HORSE MACKEREL	23	6,7%	16	11,8%	ATLANTIC HORSE MACKEREL
CLAM	18	5,4%	6	4,4%	CLAM
SCABBARDFISH	18	5,3%	5	3,4%	OCTOPUS
OTHERS	220	64,2%	52	38,0%	OTHERS

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AQUACULTURE

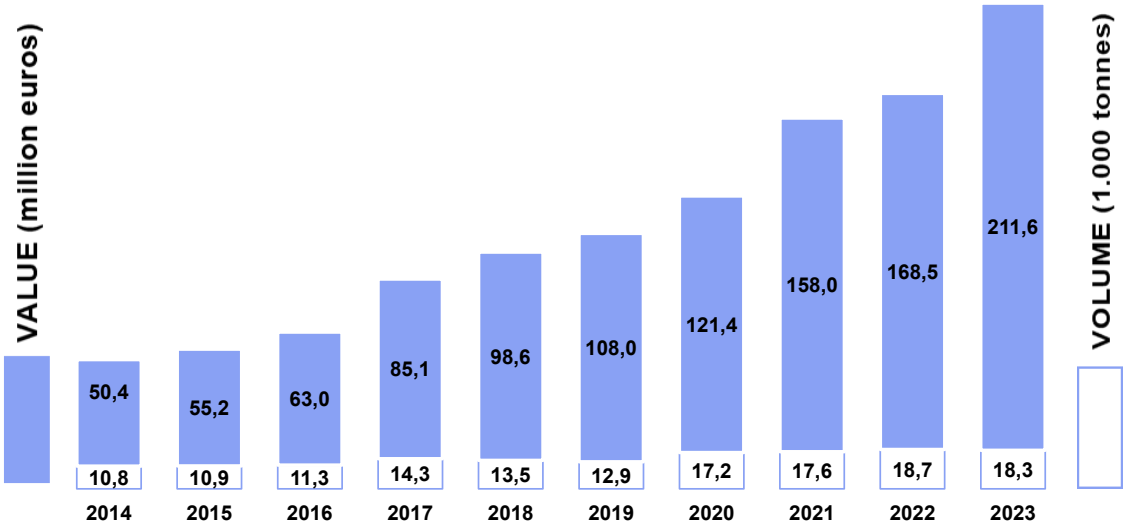
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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 2023, 99% of Portuguese production occurred in sea and brackish waters (almost entirely in marine waters) and 1% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

- 31% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 20% of production: in tanks and raceways in sea and brackish waters;
- 12% of production: in ponds in sea and brackish waters;
- 11% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish waters;
- 10% of production: in cages in sea and brackish waters and a slight portion in freshwater (0,4%).

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total

2023 (nominal value), million euros and 1.000 tonnes

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CLAM	124,6	58,9%	6,2	33,9%	CLAM
TURBOT	36,7	17,4%	3,3	17,8%	TURBOT
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	15,0	7,1%	2,4	13,3%	OYSTER
OYSTER	10,1	4,8%	2,3	12,7%	GILTHEAD SEABREAM
EUROPEAN SEABASS	10,1	4,8%	1,9	10,3%	MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.
OTHERS	15,0	7,1%	2,2	12,0%	OTHERS

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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

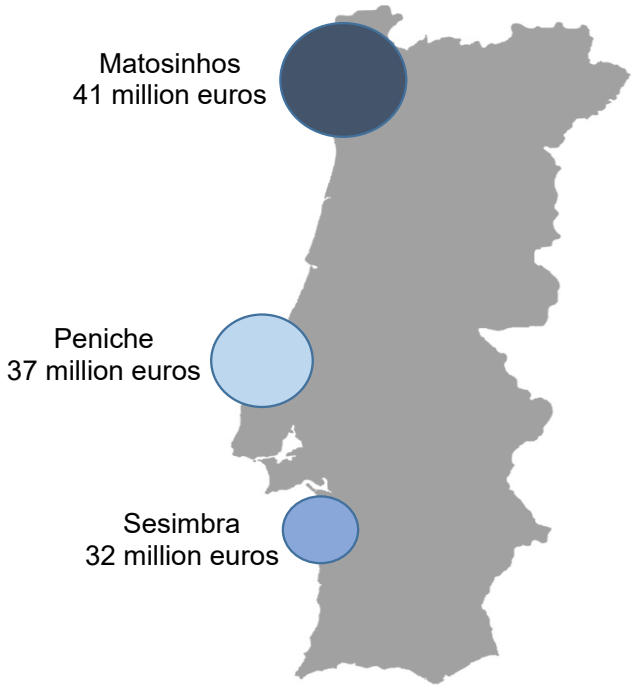
In Portugal, **16 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, all operating in the fishery sector. Their role is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and of the Common organisation of the markets (CMO) through the collective management of their members' activities.

FIRST SALES

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 Portuguese places of sale amounted to 113.435 tonnes and 305 million euros. The top-3 places of sale covered 49% and 36% 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)
Matosinhos	23.322	41	Sardine, anchovy, clam
Peniche	14.435	37	Atlantic horse mackerel, sardine, swordfish
Sesimbra	18.306	32	Sardine, scabbardfish, mackerel

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PROCESSING

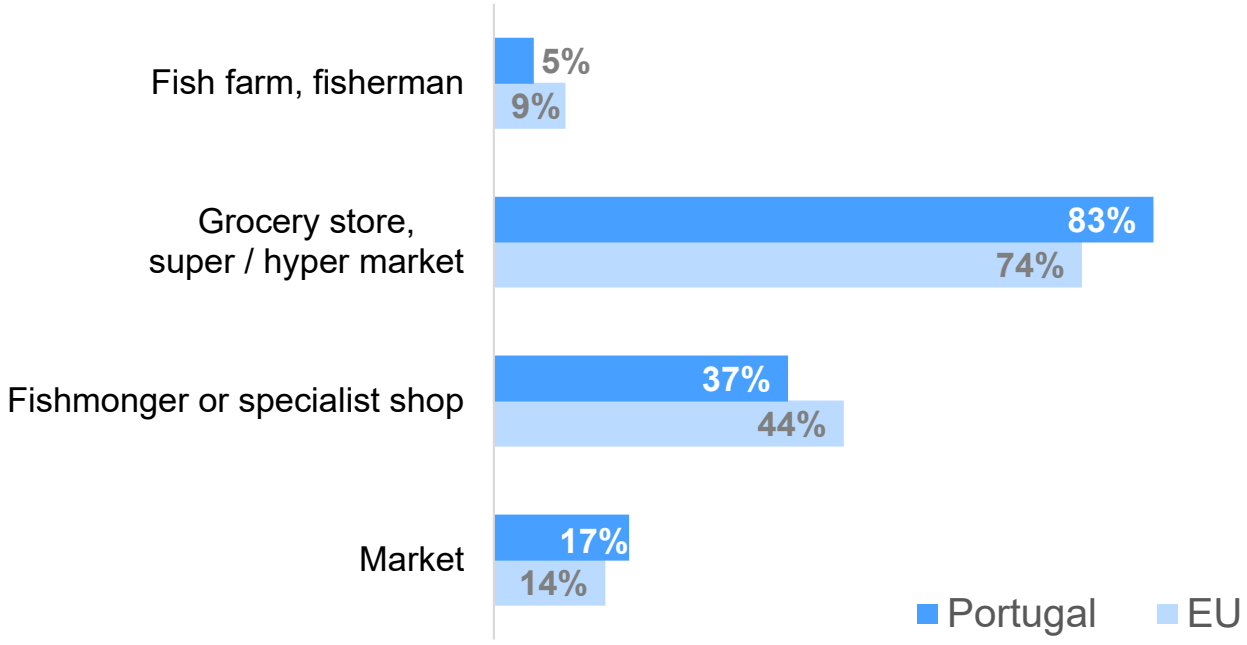
According to Eurostat-SBS, 9.580 persons were employed in the Portuguese fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 306 million euros, covering 9% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

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

162 companies
Net turnover: 2 billion euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

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



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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

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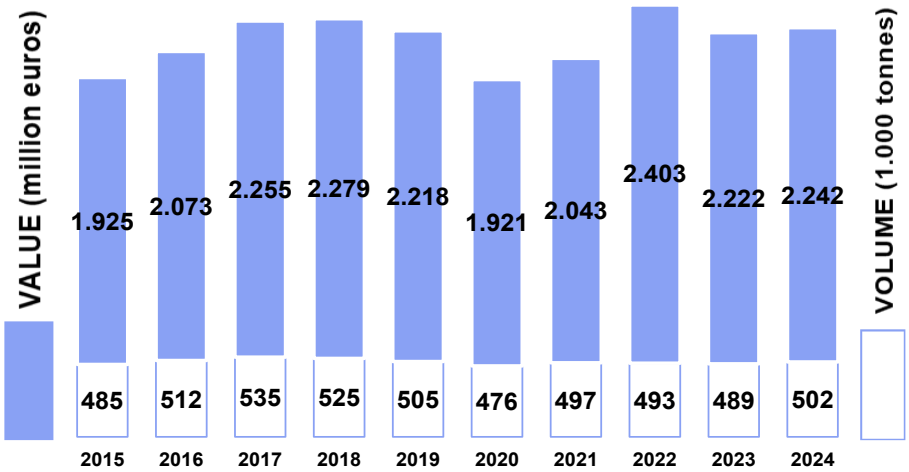
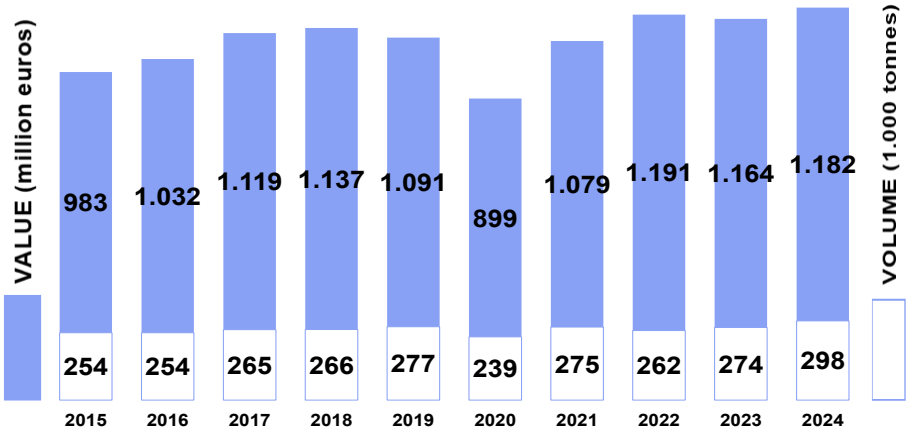


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

COD	705	26%
SALMON	217	8%
OCTOPUS	162	6%
HAKE	144	5%
SHRIMPS (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	131	5%
OTHERS	1334	50%

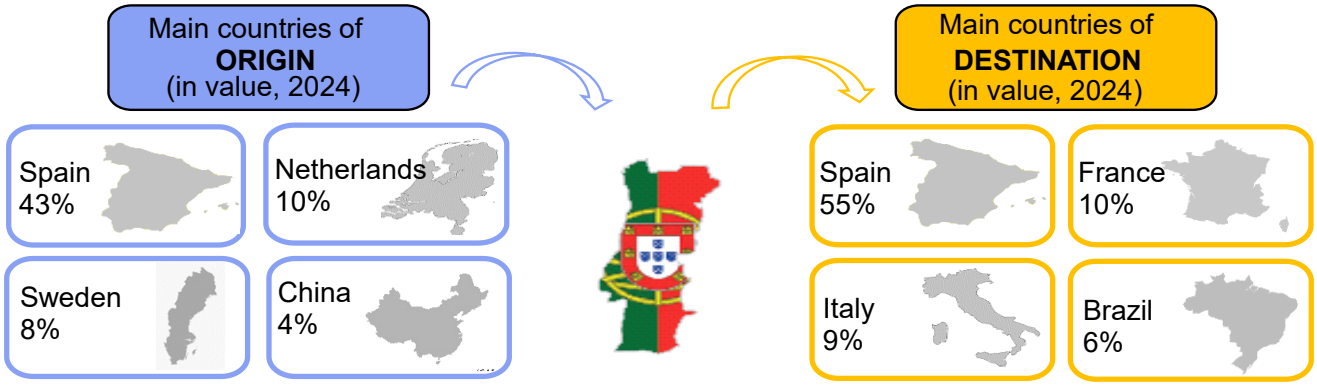
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

COD	190	13%
TUNA (MOSTLY MISCELLANEOUS)	190	13%
SARDINE	109	8%
OCTOPUS	97	7%
MACKEREL	70	5%
OTHERS	763	54%



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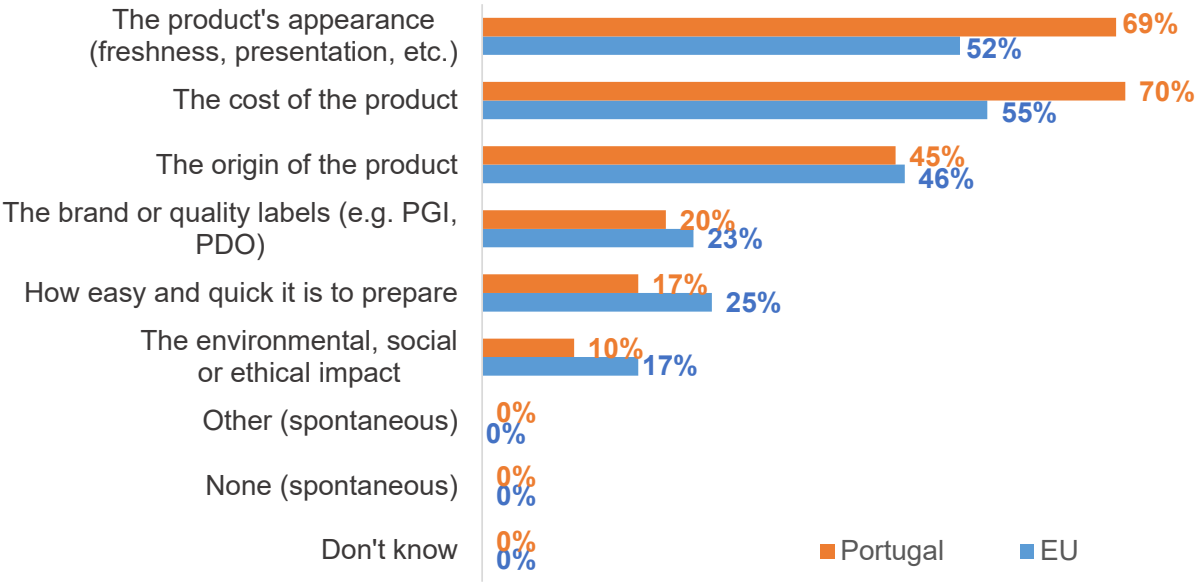
CONSUMPTION

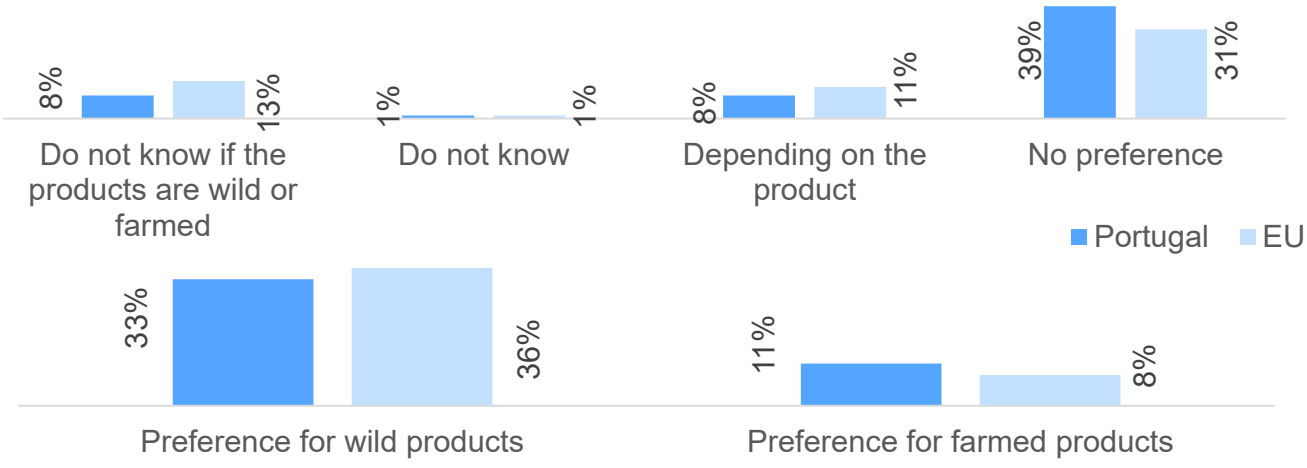
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 53,61 kg per capita, a 2% decrease compared with 2022. Cod was by far the most consumed specie (source: EUMOFA).

53,61 kg
per capita in live weight equivalent
(2023, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



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



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LANDINGS

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AQUACULTURE

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FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from Direcção Geral de Recursos Naturais, Segurança e Serviços Marítimos (DGRM) on a weekly and monthly basis.
Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 72 main commercial species and 27 places of sale. Monthly data cover all species sold in Portuguese places of sale. Both weekly and monthly data are 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 and 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 and 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. Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through dashboards and the bulk download facility. Retail prices from online shops are also available, as collected via price-scraper.