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ROMANIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Romania is a minor EU producer of fishery products. As for aquaculture production, in 2023 it ranked 17th among EU-27 producing countries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Romania	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	7	0,01%	0,2%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	11	0,01%	1,1%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**18**	**0,01%**	**0,4%**

FISHING FLEET

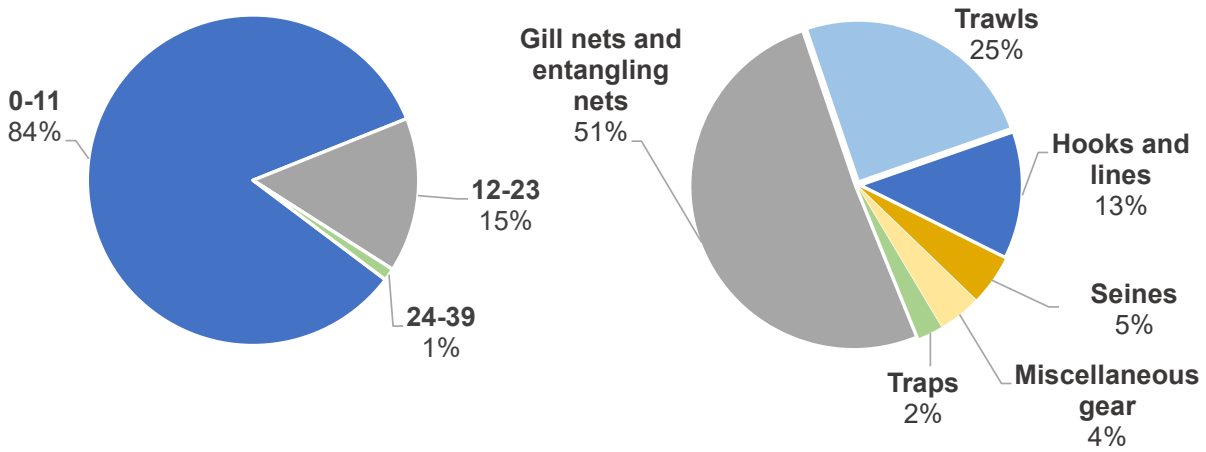
Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2023, source: JRC

Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)		Power (2024)
Number: 165	GT: 1.660		KW: 6.305
TOTAL FTE: 48 (2023, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	**12-23 m**	**24-39 m**	**>40 m**
Jobs (FTE): 46%	Jobs (FTE): 52%	Jobs (FTE): 3%	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

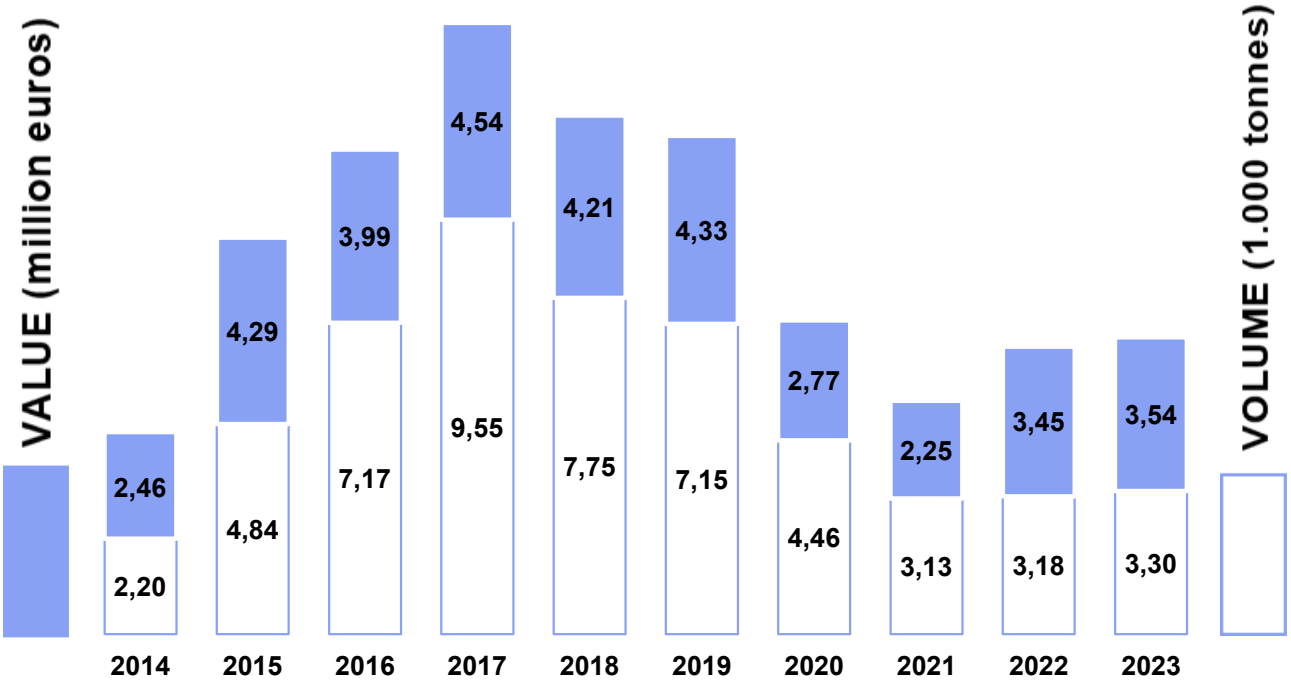
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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.

Landings in Romania only include fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 2 fishing ports registered in Romania (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

THOMAS' RAPA WHELK	1,78	50%	2,67	81%	THOMAS' RAPA WHELK
TURBOT	0,68	19%	0,32	10%	MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.
MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.	0,54	15%	0,09	3%	SPRAT (= BRISLING)
RED MULLET	0,12	3%	0,07	2%	TURBOT
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	0,11	3%	0,04	1%	RED MULLET
OTHERS	0,32	9%	0,11	3%	OTHERS

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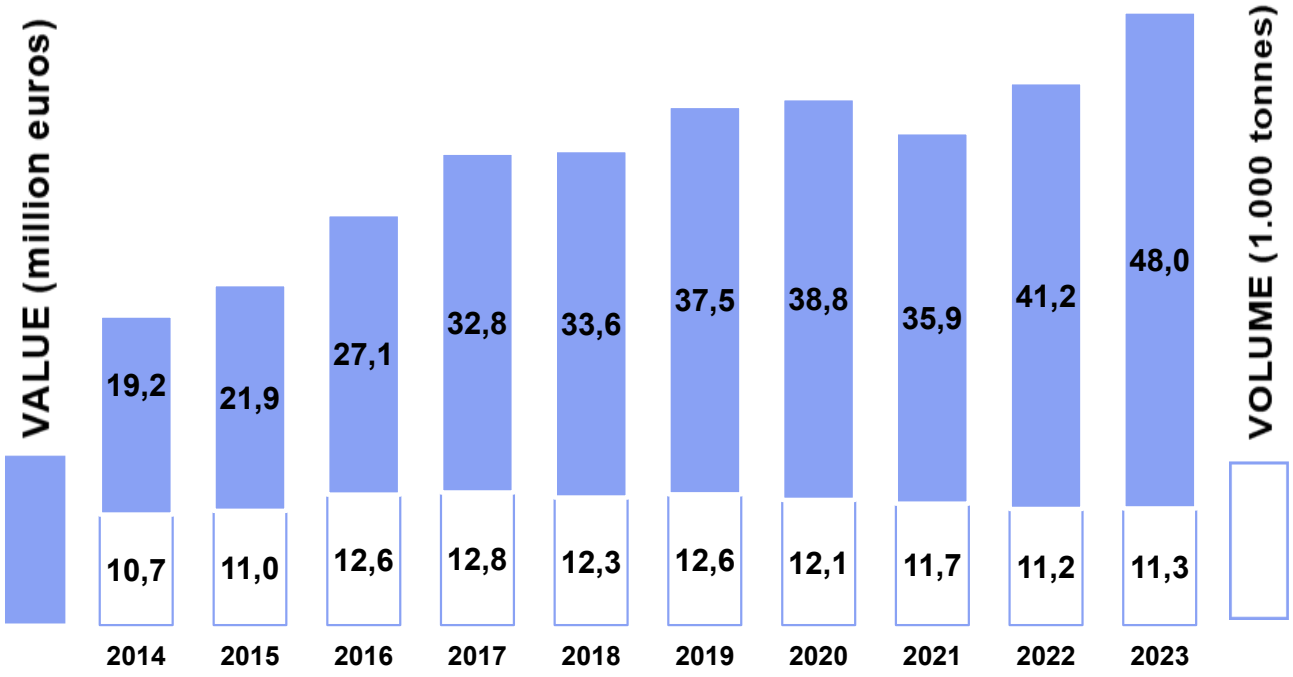
AQUACULTURE

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 to Eurostat, the aquaculture activity in Romania is limited to freshwater farming. Production consists in its entirety in ponds.

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

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CARP	22,9	47,8%	7,1	63,3%	CARP
TROUT	21,4	44,6%	3,5	31,3%	TROUT
FRESHWATER CATFISH	0,8	1,7%	0,2	1,6%	FRESHWATER CATFISH
OTHERS	2,9	6,0%	0,4	3,8%	OTHERS

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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Romania, **11 producer organisations (POs)** and **1 association of 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, 8 operate in the fishery sector and 3 in aquaculture. The association of POs operates in the fishery sector.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.379 persons were employed in the Romanian fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 22 million euros, covering 1% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

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

41 companies
Net turnover: 203 million euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

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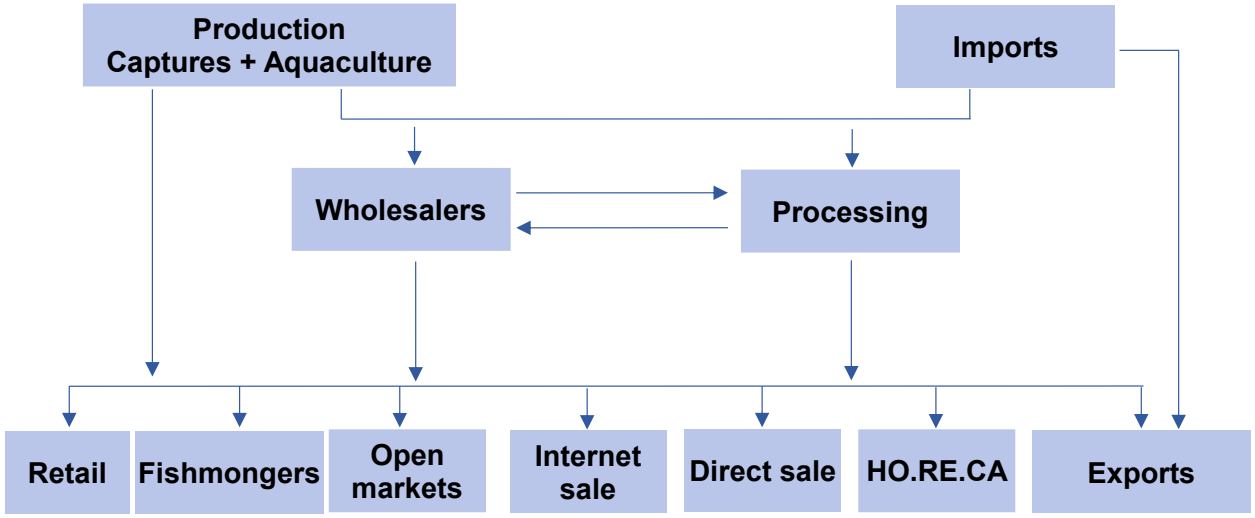
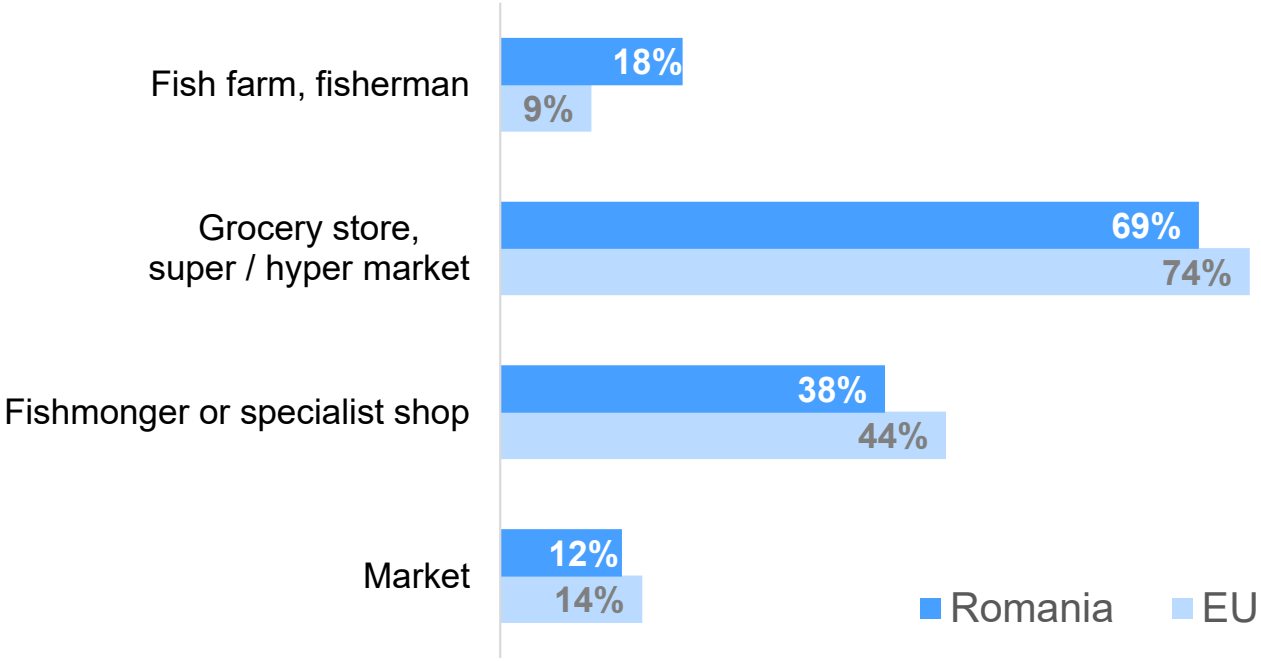
DISTRIBUTION

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



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



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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=2020)

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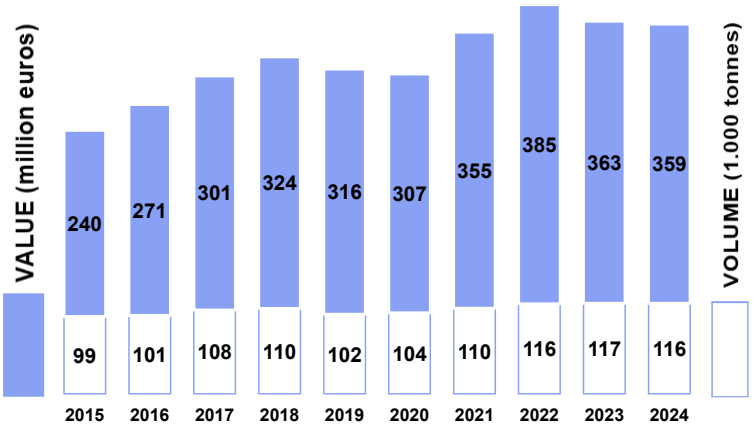
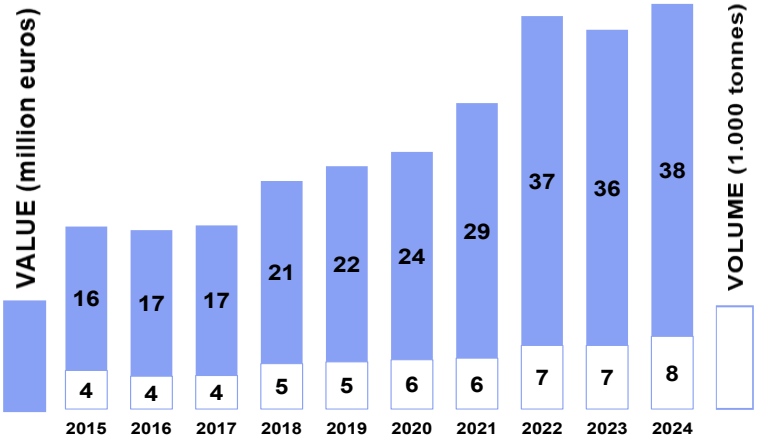


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	105	21%
MACKEREL	61	12%
TUNA (MOSTLY SKIPJACK)	61	12%
GILTHEAD SEABREAM	23	5%
TROUT	23	5%
OTHERS	235	46%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	10	18%
TUNA (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	6	12%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	3	6%
ANCHOVY	2	3%
TROUT	2	3%
OTHERS	30	57%

Main countries of **ORIGIN** (in value, 2024)

- Netherlands 13%
- Germany 9%
- Spain 9%
- Poland 8%

Main countries of **DESTINATION** (in value, 2024)

- Republic of Moldova 42%
- Bulgaria 10%
- Hungary 7%
- France 6%

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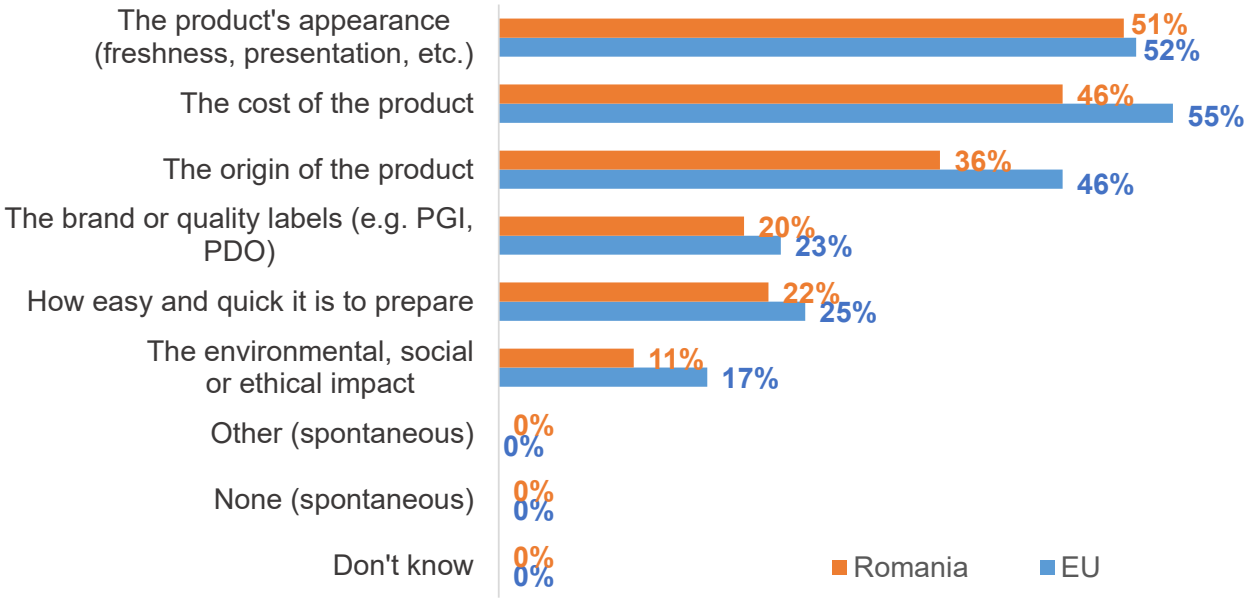
CONSUMPTION

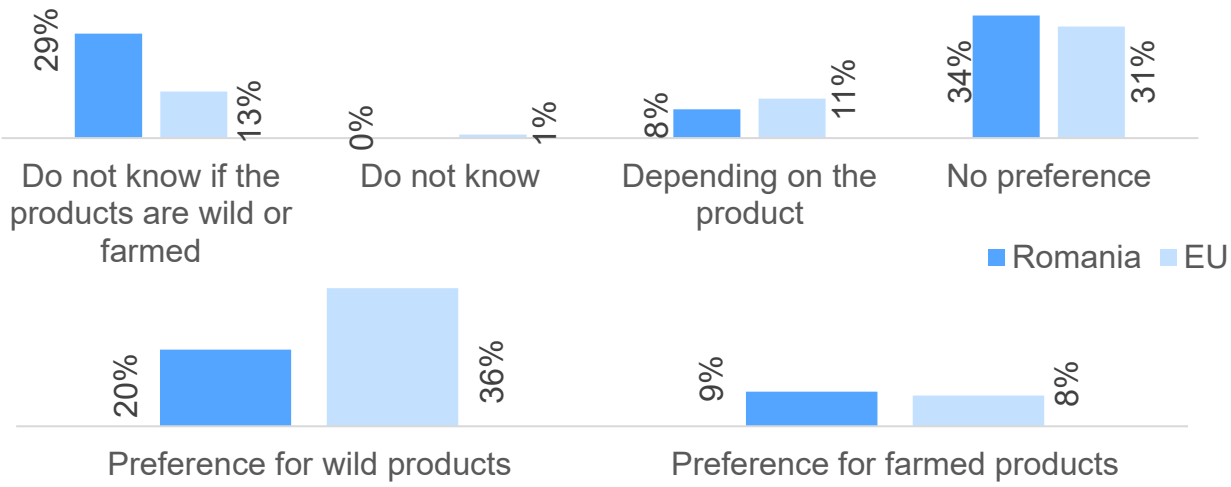
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 8,75 kg per capita, a moderate increase compared with 2022 (+3%). The most consumed species were mackerel, carp and salmon (source: EUMOFA).

8,75 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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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 and integrated with FAO data.

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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 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

Retail prices from online shops are available, as collected via price-scraper.