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SWEDEN IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2023, Sweden ranked 7th in the EU-27 in terms of fishery production and 16th for farmed production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Sweden	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	155	0,16%	4%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	11	0,01%	1%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**166**	**0,07%**	**4%**

FISHING FLEET

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

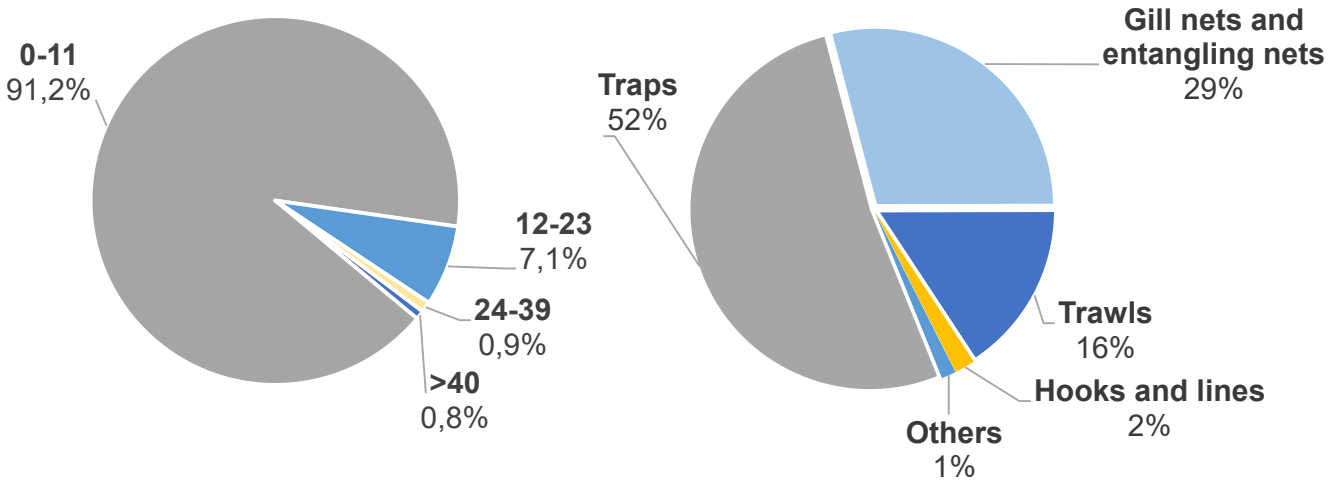
Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)
Number: 761	GT: 15.557	KW: 93.550
TOTAL FTE: 579 (2023, source: JRC)		

0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 48%	Jobs (FTE): 30%	Jobs (FTE): 22%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Swedish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



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LANDINGS

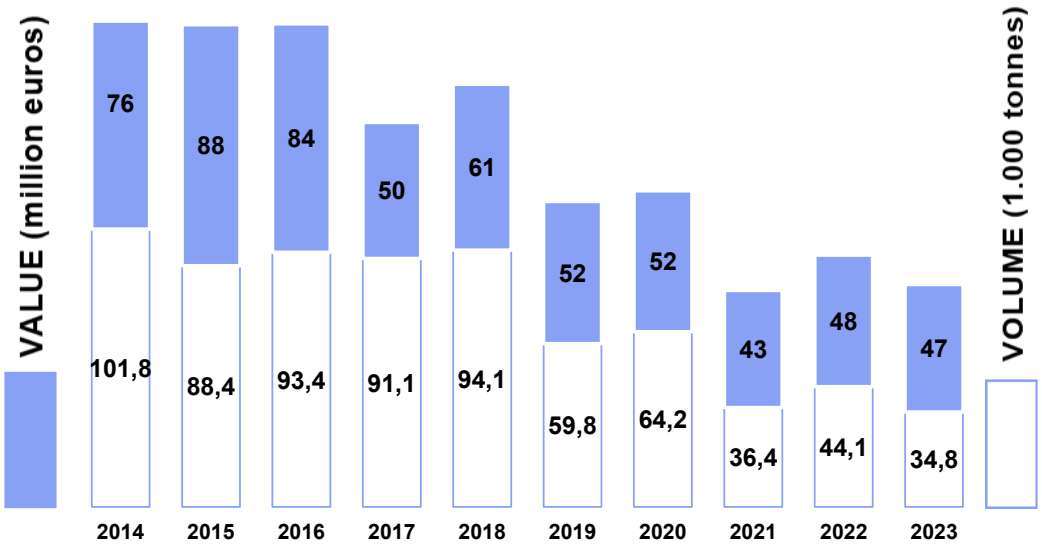
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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, 96% of landings in Sweden included fresh whole/gutted products, 2% included frozen products, mainly whole/gutted as well, and the remaining 2% included cooked, salted and dried products, as well as products for which no detail is available in terms of preservation state. As for destination use, 38% of the total was for human consumption, 60% for industrial use and 2% for animal feed.

There are 154 fishing ports registered in Sweden (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

NORWAY LOBSTER	15,2	33%	22,2	64%	HERRING
HERRING	11,0	24%	8,1	23%	SPRAT (= BRISLING)
COLDWATER SHRIMPS	9,3	20%	1,3	4%	NORWAY LOBSTER
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	2,5	5%	1,1	3%	COLDWATER SHRIMPS
COD	1,5	3%	0,3	1%	COD
OTHERS	7,3	16%	1,8	5%	OTHERS

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AQUACULTURE

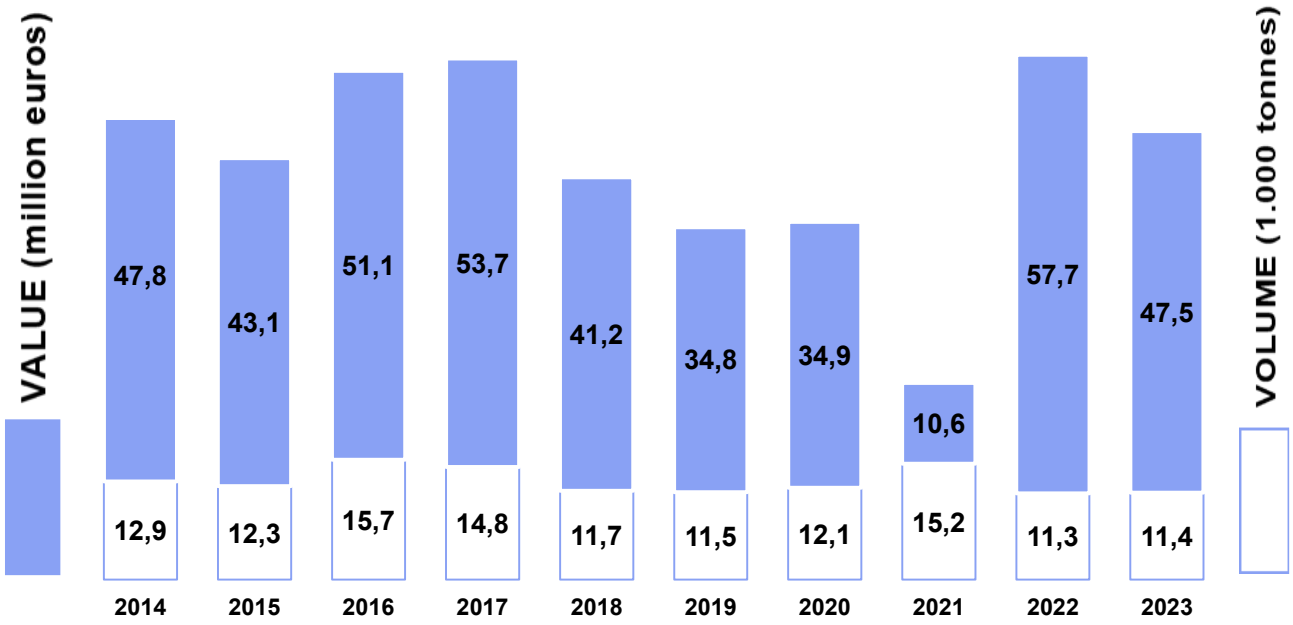
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data

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 in 2023, 15% of Swedish production used off bottom method in sea and brackish water and 5% used cages in sea and brackish water.

A marginal percentage (0,002%) of production is farmed in ponds in sea and brackish water.

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



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2022, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

TROUT	36	76%	8	74%	TROUT
MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.	2	5%	2	15%	MUSSEL *MYTILUS* SPP.
OTHERS	9	18%	1	11%	OTHERS

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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

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

In Sweden, **7 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 7 POs, 5 operate in the fishery sector and 2 in aquaculture.

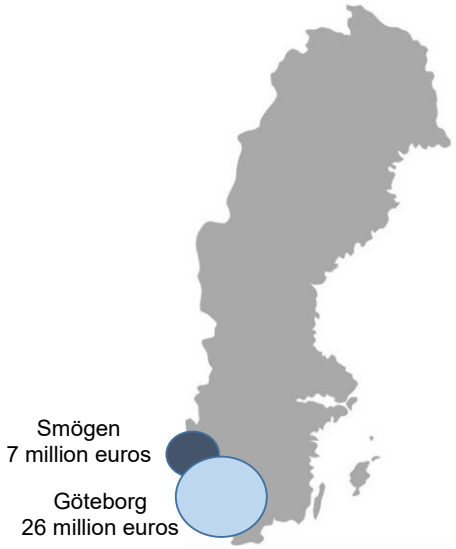
FIRST SALES

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.

There are two fish auctions on the Swedish Western coast (one is in Göteborg, the largest, the other in Smögen) and one on the Eastern coast (Stockholm). In Göteborg, fish from all over the country is sold, including freshwater fish. Registered buyers at the auction purchase the fish from the auction for further distribution. Smögen fish auction sells fish through the PEFA system, which is an electronic fresh fish auction for the European market.

In 2025, total first sales in Sweden amounted to 84.262 tonnes and 82 million euros. In 2025, the two auctions covered 4% and 39% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Auction	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Göteborg	2.600	26	Coldwater shrimps, Norway lobster, haddock
Smögen	642	7	Norway lobster, coldwater shrimps, Lobster *Homarus* spp.

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PROCESSING

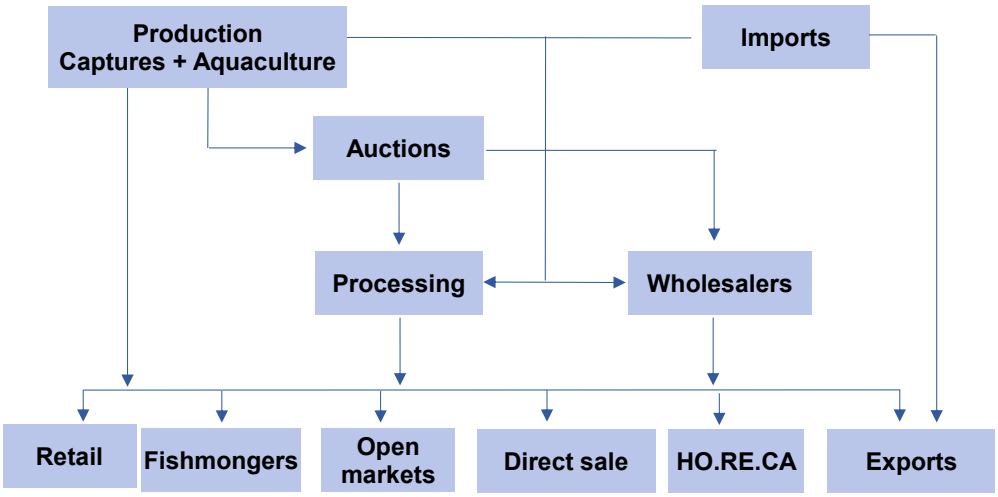
According to Eurostat-SBS, 1.587 persons were employed in the Swedish fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 78 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2023, the main products sold were “Prepared or preserved herrings, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” and “Prepared or preserved salmon, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

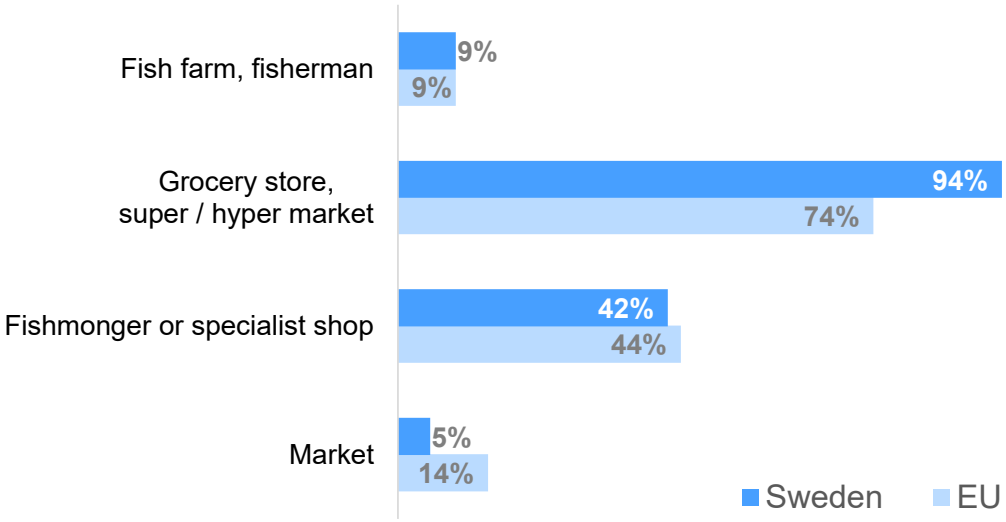
190 companies
Net turnover: 582 million euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Sweden (source: The Swedish Board of Fisheries):



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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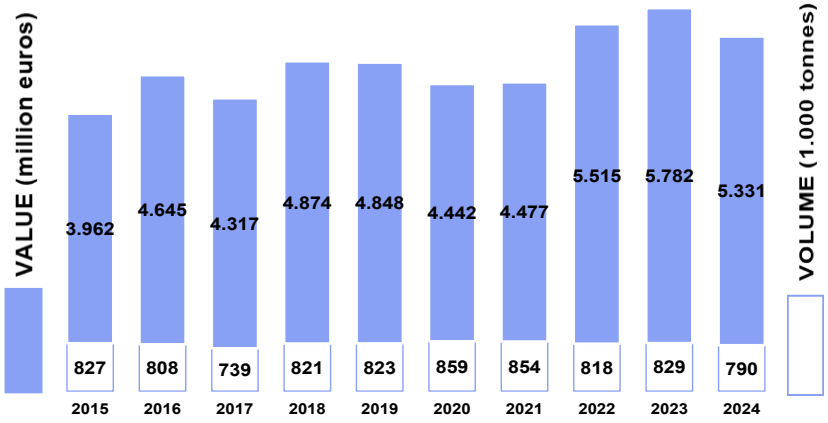
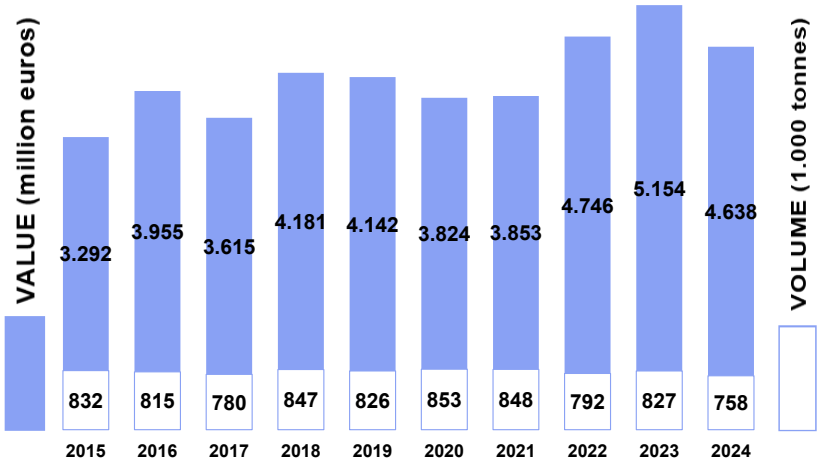


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	4509	78%
COD	349	6%
SHRIMPS (MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES)	173	3%
TROUT	73	1%
SAITHE (=COALFISH)	69	1%
OTHERS	618	11%

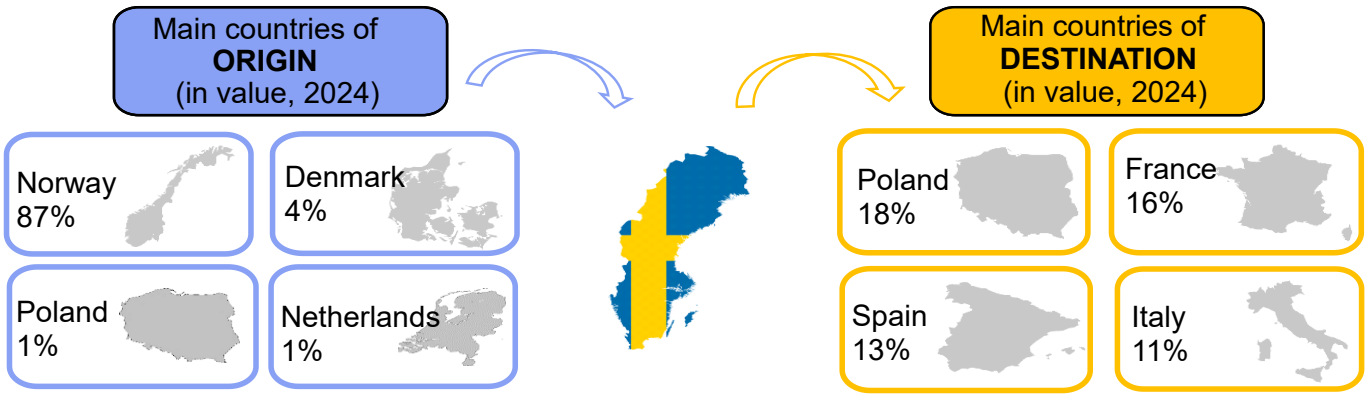
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	4259	85%
COD	275	5%
HERRING	94	2%
TROUT	88	2%
SAITHE (=COALFISH)	56	1%
OTHERS	266	5%



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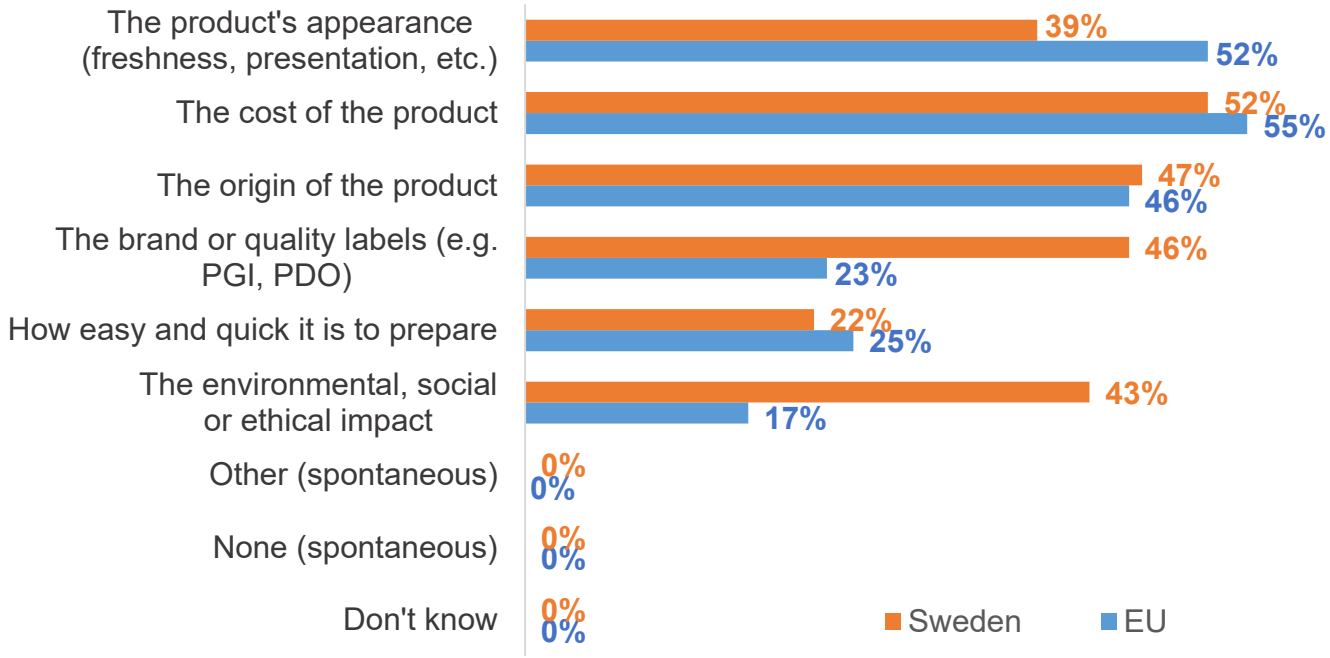
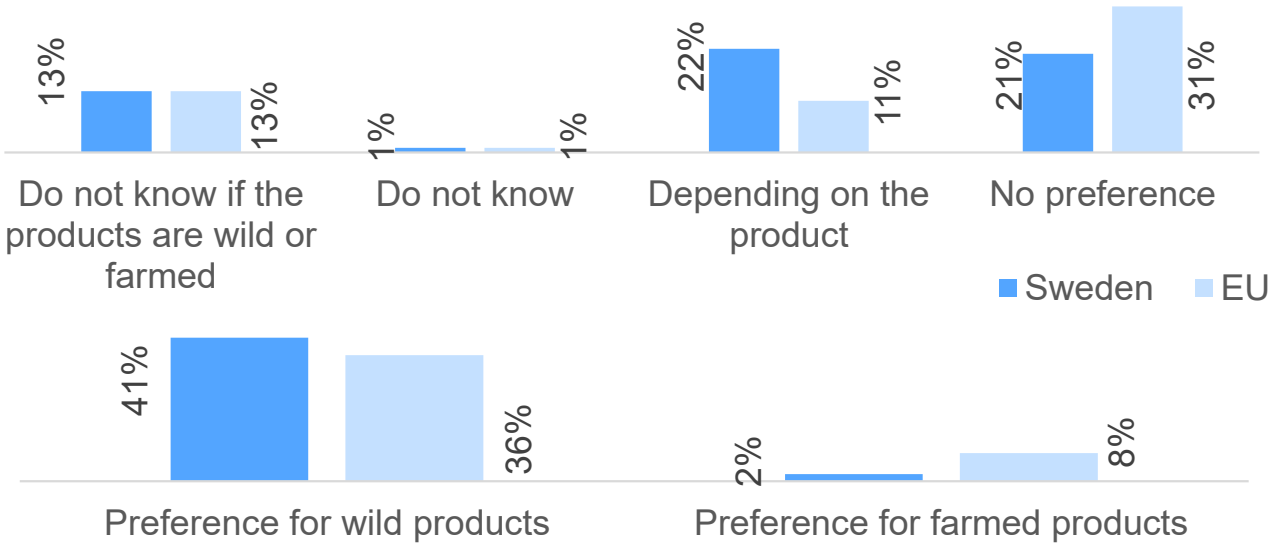
CONSUMPTION

The Swedish Board of Agriculture could not provide estimates but as reported by the Swedish research institute RISE, the consumption in 2023 was 10 kg LWE/per person per year or 1,6 portions person per week.

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 and integrated with Statistics Denmark. 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. 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 Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management on a weekly and monthly basis. Weekly data are monitored for a selection of 9 main commercial species and 2 auctions. Monthly data cover all species sold in the 2 auctions and other Swedish places of sale. Both weekly and monthly data are accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility. As for monthly first sales, 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

Volumes and values of household consumption of fresh fisheries and aquaculture products are collected from Europanel based on panel reporting. Data are monitored for 8 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.