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FINLAND IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2023, Finland ranked 11th in the EU-27 in terms of fishery production and 15th in terms of aquaculture production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Finland	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	128	0,14%	4%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	15	0,01%	1%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**143**	**0,06%**	**3%**

FISHING FLEET

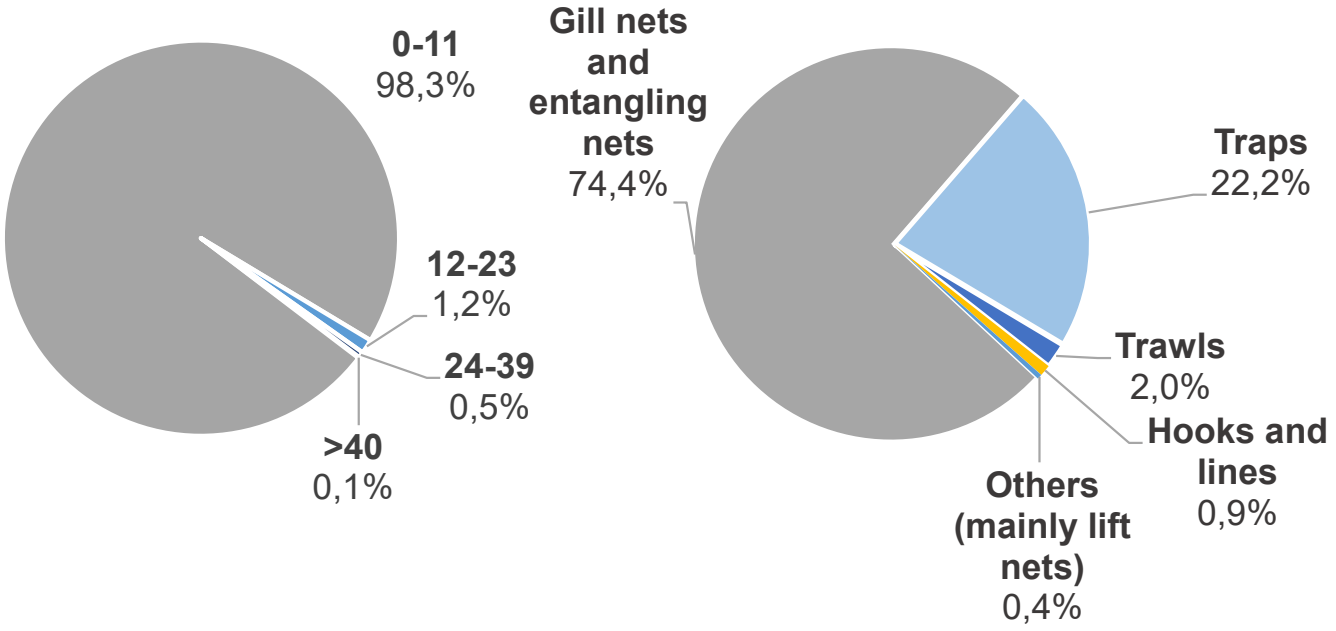
Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat **Employment: 2023, source: JRC**

Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)		Power (2024)
Number: 3.244	GT: 14.652		KW: 171.882
TOTAL FTE: 173 (2023, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	**12-23 m**	**24-39 m**	**>40 m**
Jobs (FTE): 55%	Jobs (FTE): 9%	Jobs (FTE): 36%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

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

The Finnish fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



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LANDINGS

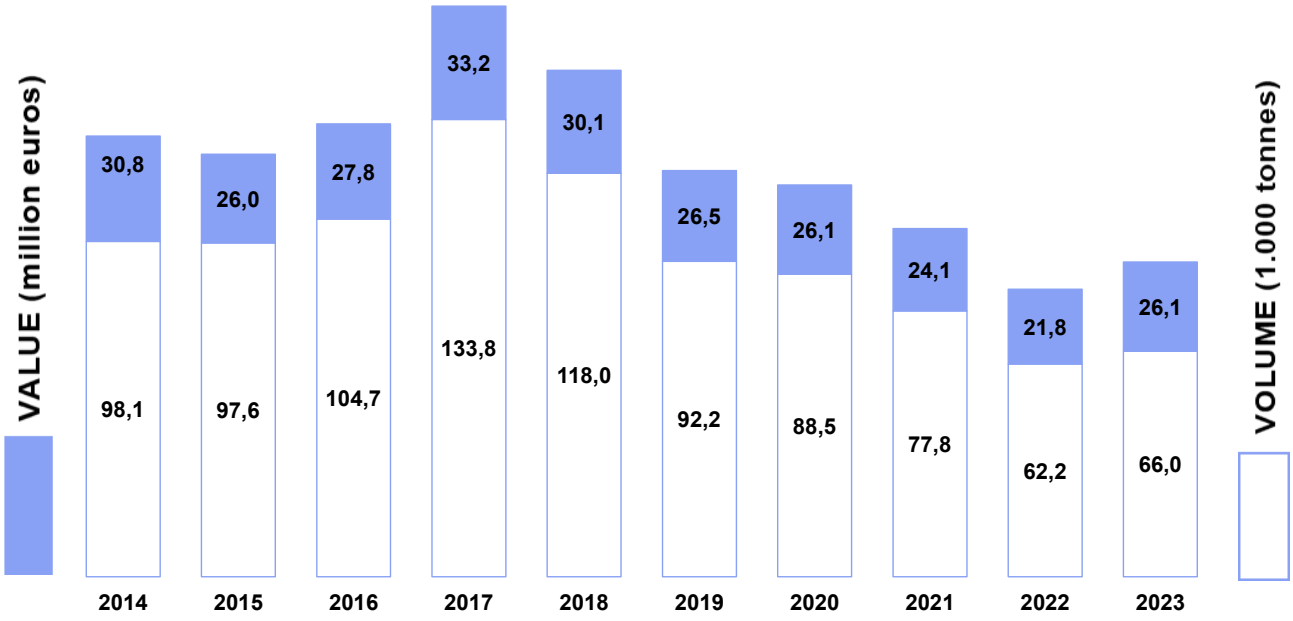
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

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 Finland consist of fresh whole/gutted products only. In 2023, 77% of the total was destined for industrial uses.

There are 106 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

HERRING	16,36	62,8%	54,42	82,5%	HERRING
SPRAT (= BRISLING)	1,93	7,4%	6,43	9,7%	SPRAT (= BRISLING)
PIKE-PERCH	1,37	5,2%	1,84	2,8%	SMELT
SALMON	1,07	4,1%	0,20	0,3%	PIKE-PERCH
SMELT	0,83	3,2%	0,19	0,3%	PIKE
OTHERS	4,52	17,3%	2,93	4,4%	OTHERS

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AQUACULTURE

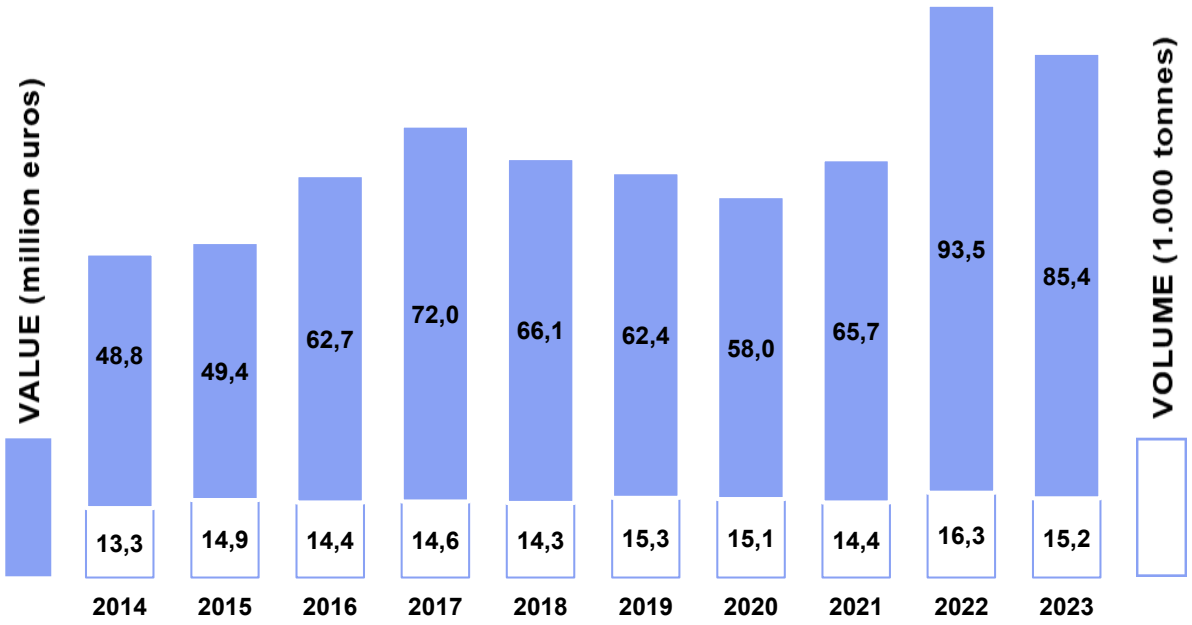
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat, FAO and FEAP data

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, 79% of the Finnish production occurred in sea and brackish waters and 21% in freshwater, while 0,6% is not specified. The following main production methods were used:

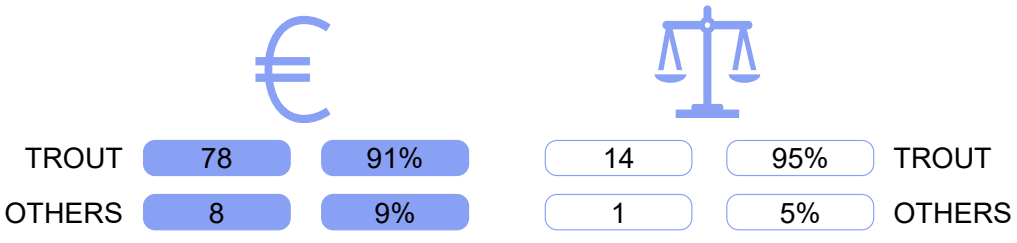
- 79% of production: on cages in sea and brackish water;
- 18% of production: tanks and raceways in freshwater;
- 3% of production: on cages in freshwater;
- The rest (1%) was farmed using other methods for which no detail is available.

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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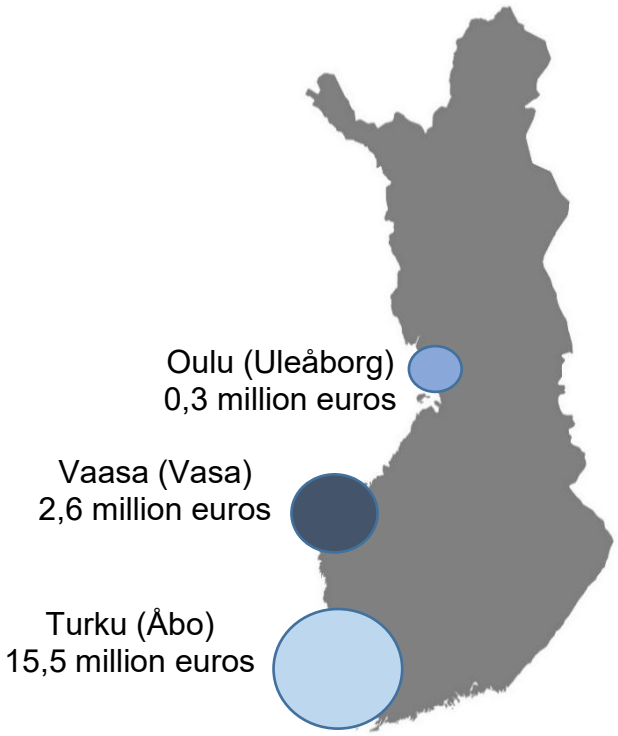
FIRST SALES

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 amounted to 58.619 tonnes and 18,6 million euros. The top-3 places of sale covered 99,9% and 98,8% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Turku (Åbo)	49.238	15,5	Herring, sprat (= brisling), salmon
Vaasa (Vasa)	8.806	2,6	Herring, sprat (= brisling), salmon
Oulu (Uleåborg)	574	0,3	Herring, salmon

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WHOLESALE

Wholesale is an intermediary stage in the distribution channel that buys in bulk and sells to resellers (e.g. retailers) rather than to consumers. In Finland, wholesalers operate with large volume purchases and redistribution to customers by order or contract. They do not function as open wholesale markets in a physical sense.

In general, the wholesale and processing industry in Finland consist of a relatively large number of small market players, and most rely on a combination of vending, processing and distribution.
Source: The Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki.

PROCESSING

According to Eurostat-SBS, 907 persons were employed in the Finnish fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 48 million euros, covering 2% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2024, the main products sold were “Fresh or chilled fish fillets and fish meat (including shark fins), whether or not minced” and “Prepared meals and dishes based on fish, crustaceans and molluscs” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

156 companies
Net turnover: 394 million euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

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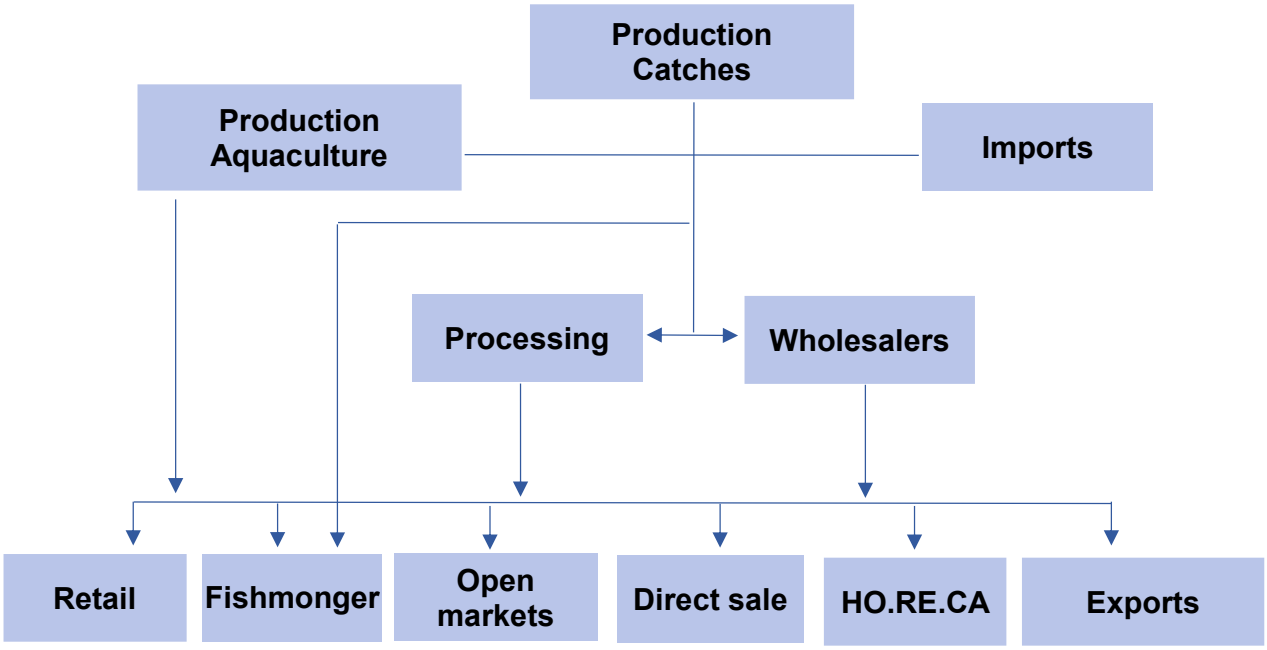
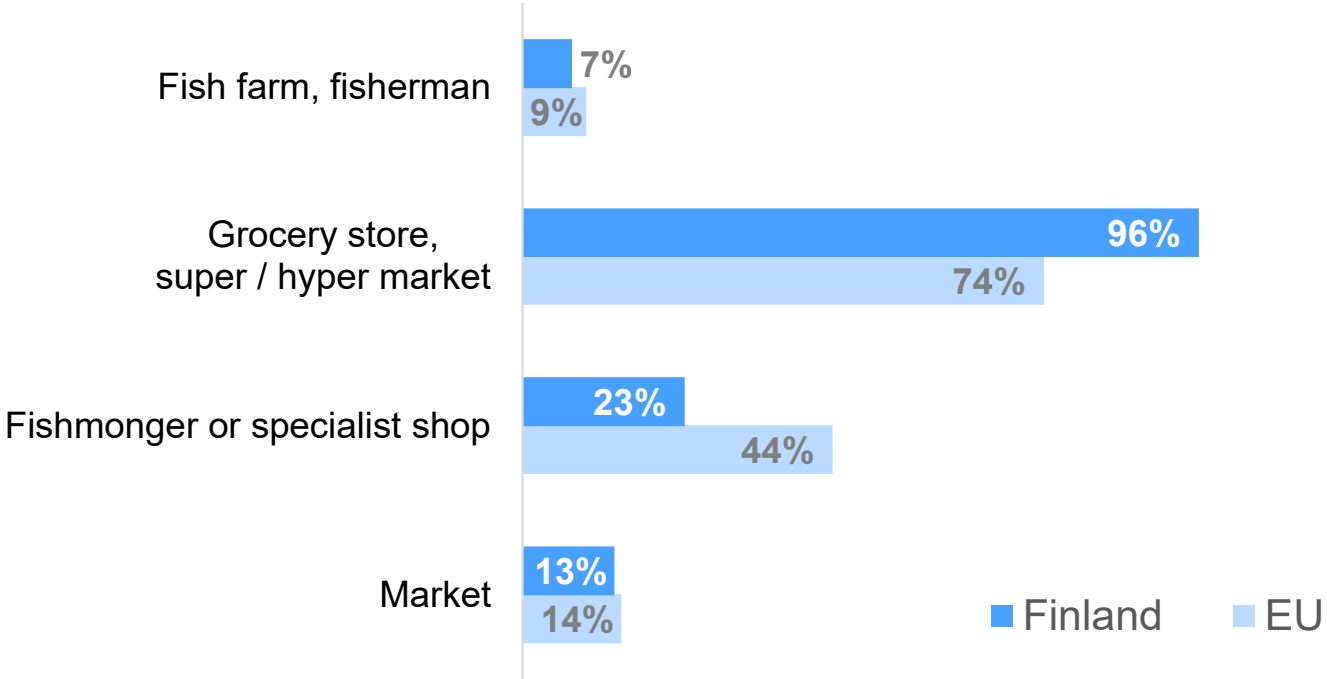
DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Finland (source: Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki):



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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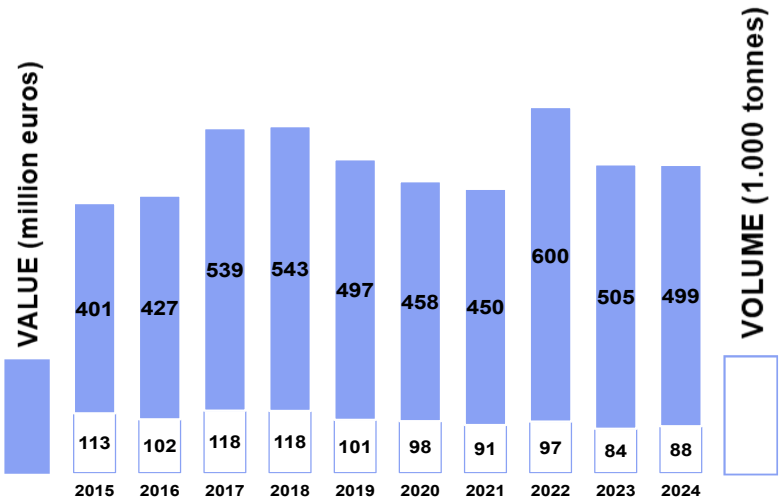
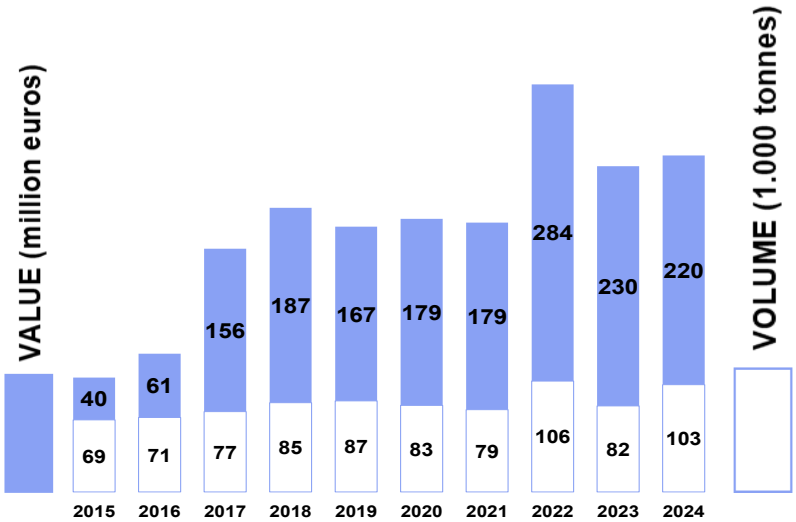


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	338	59%
TROUT	37	7%
SKIPJACK TUNA	42	7%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	21	4%
HERRING	14	2%
OTHERS	122	21%

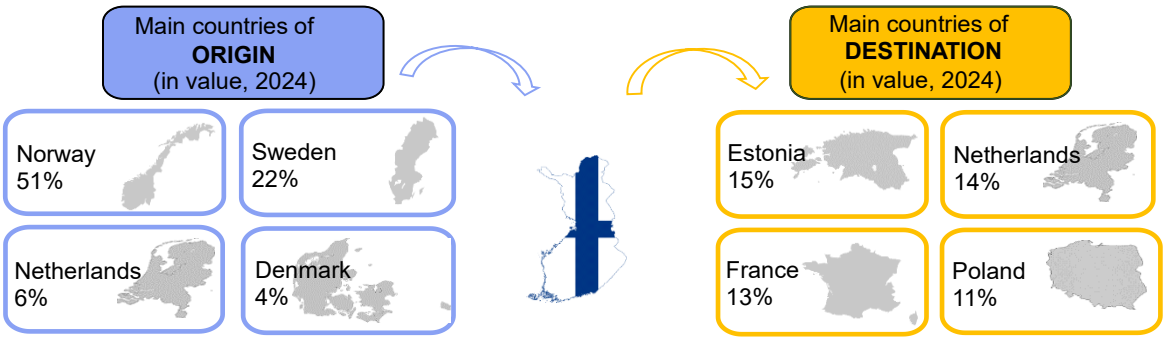
EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	181	72%
HERRING	20	8%
CAVIAR, LIVERS AND ROES	17	4%
TROUT	10	4%
FISH OIL	7	3%
OTHERS	16	6%



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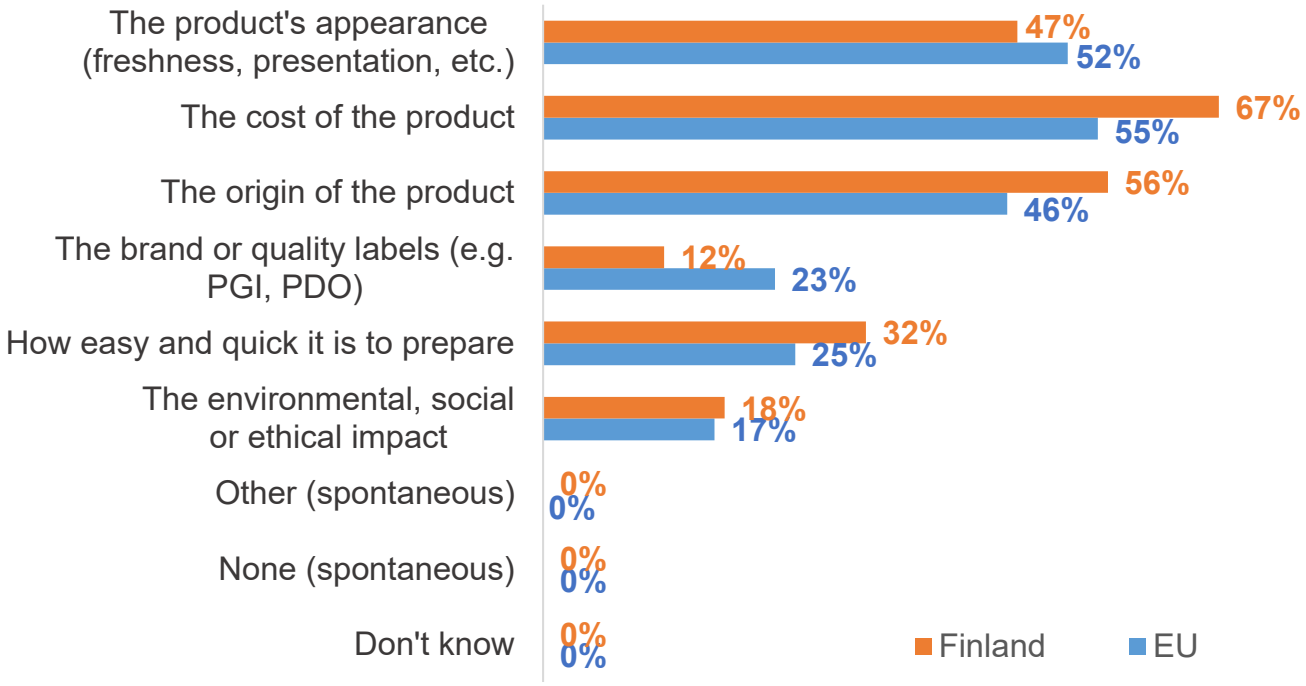
CONSUMPTION

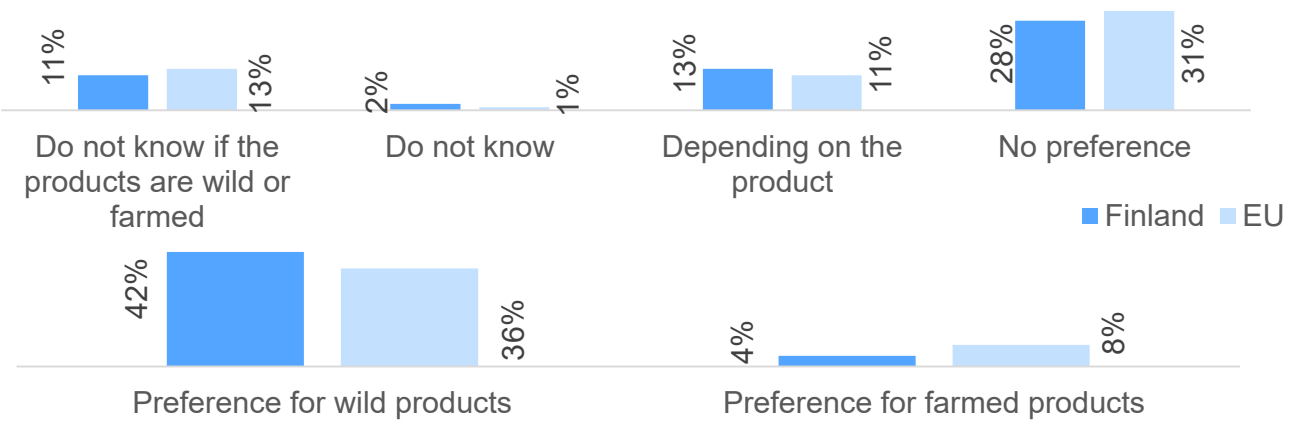
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 17,90 kg per capita, a 6% decrease compared with 2022. The most consumed species were salmon and herring (source: EUMOFA).

17,90 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. 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 and Forestry of Finland on a weekly and monthly basis. Both data collected cover 4 commercial species (cod, herring, salmon and sprat) sold in 3 major Finnish places of sale (Oulu, Turku and Vaasa). 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

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