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ITALY IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2020, sources: Eurostat and FAO

In 2020, Italy was the 4th largest EU-27 country in terms of aquaculture production, while it ranked 11th in terms on fishery production.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Italy	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.260	3.869	141	0,2%	4%
Aquaculture	122.573	1.088	123	0,1%	11%
Total	213.833	4.957	263	0,1%	5%

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2021, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat

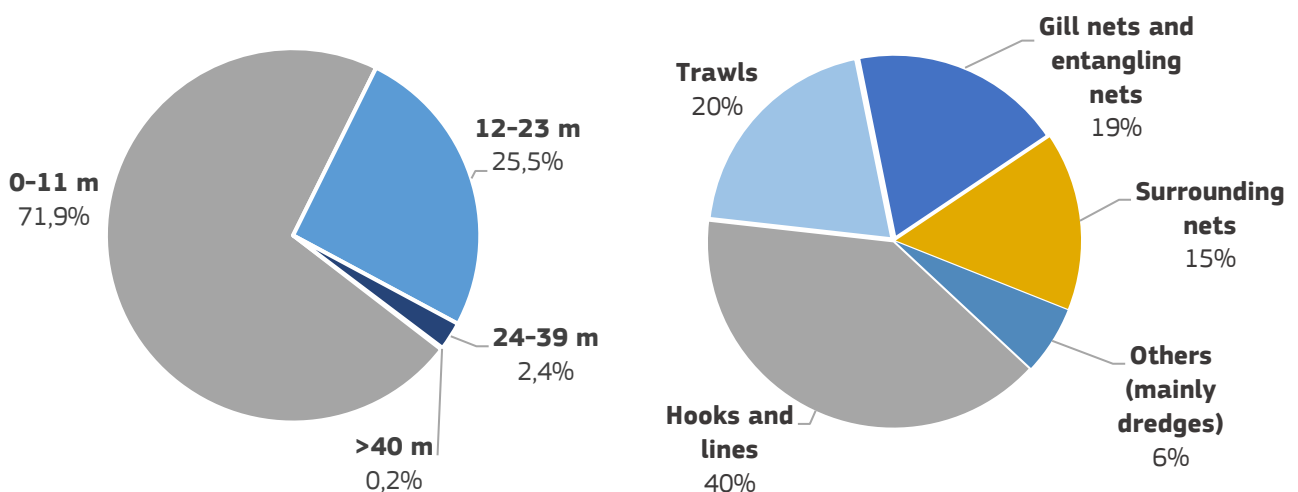
Employment: 2020, source: JRC

Vessels (2021)	Capacity (2021)	Power (2021)	
Number: 12.179	GT: 146.609	KW: 939.051	
TOTAL FTE: 13.193 (2020, source: JRC)			
0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 38%	Jobs (FTE): 49%	Jobs (FTE): 11%	Jobs (FTE): 2%

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

The Italian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)





LANDINGS

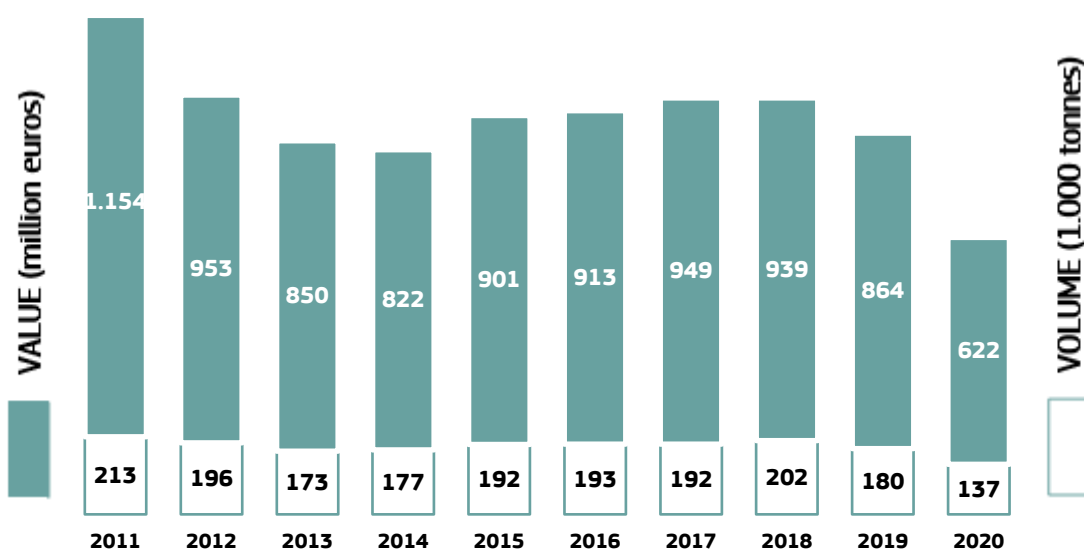
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data.

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 2020, 94% of landings in Italy included fresh whole/gutted products and 6% included frozen products. As for destination use, 96% of landings were for human consumption and 4% for industrial uses.

There are 325 fishing ports registered in Italy (source: EU Master Data Register, 13 June 2022).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015)



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1,000 tonnes



Species	Value (million euros)	% of total	Volume (1,000 tonnes)	% of total
SHRIMPS	140	21%	24	17%
CLAM	51	8%	21	15%
HAKE	42	6%	14	11%
ANCHOVY	39	6%	11	8%
OCTOPUS	38	6%	8	6%
OTHERS	345	53%	59	43%



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AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data.

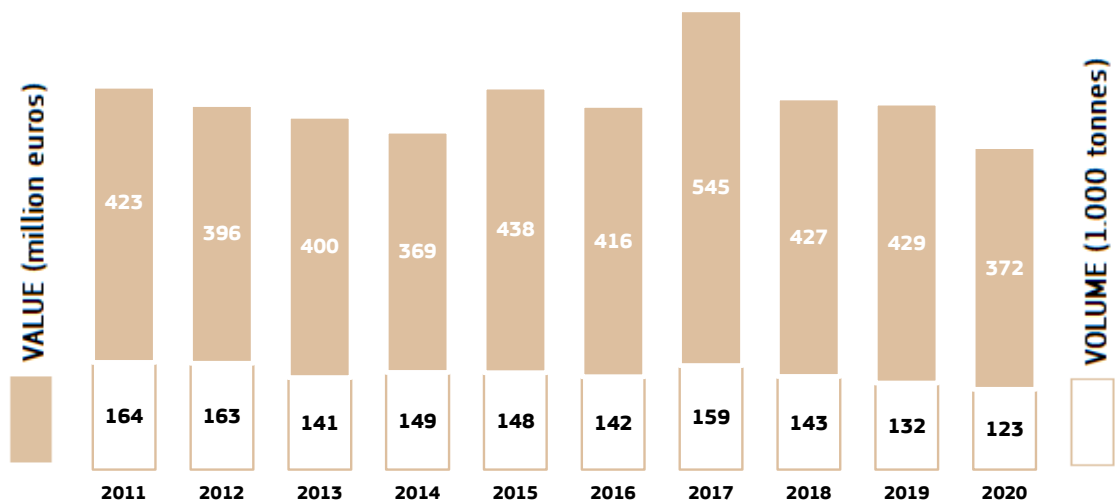
Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

In 2020, 70% of Italian production occurred in sea and brackish water and 30% in freshwater. The following main production methods were used:

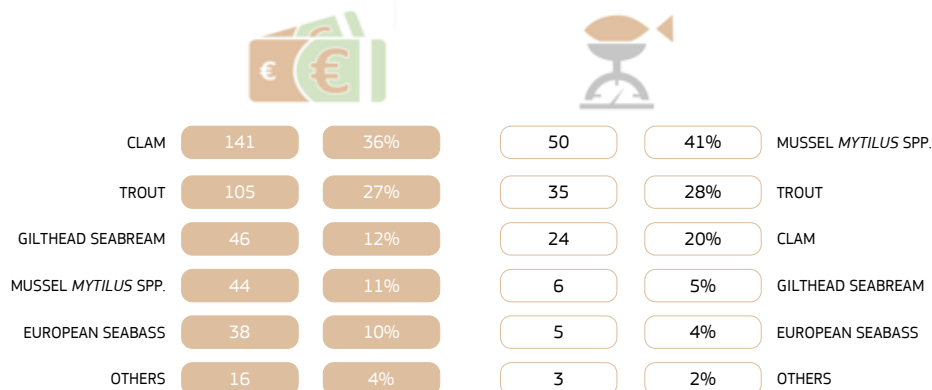
- 41% of production: off bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 28% of production: in tanks and raceways, almost entirely in freshwater (slight portion in sea and brackish water);
- 20% of production: on bottom in sea and brackish water;
- 6% of production: in cages, almost entirely in sea and brackish water;
- 3% of production: in ponds in freshwater;

The rest was farmed in enclosures and pens in sea and brackish water.

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total
2020, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes





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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Data as of 10-11-2022, source: DG MARE, [link](#)

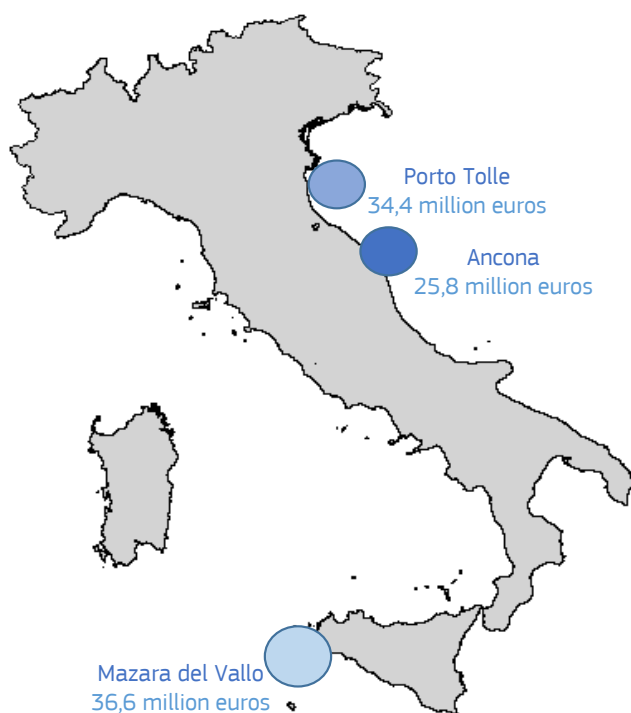
In Italy, **49 producer organisations (POs)** and **2 associations of POs** are formally recognized. Their role is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and of the Common organisation of the markets (CMO) through the collective management of their members' activities. Of the 49 POs, 35 operate in the fishery sector and 14 in aquaculture. The two associations of POs operate in the fishery sector.

FIRST SALES 2021, 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 2021, total first sales in Italian places of sale amounted to 87.0234 tonnes and 365 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 19% and 27% 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)
Mazara del Vallo	2.048	36,6	Miscellaneous shrimps, deep-water rose shrimps, Norway lobster
Porto Tolle	5.647	34,4	Anchovy, sardine, squillid
Ancona	8.461	25,8	Clam, common sole, warmwater fish

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 Italy, there are two main wholesale market places involved in sales of fishery and aquaculture products, namely Rome and Milan.



PROCESSING

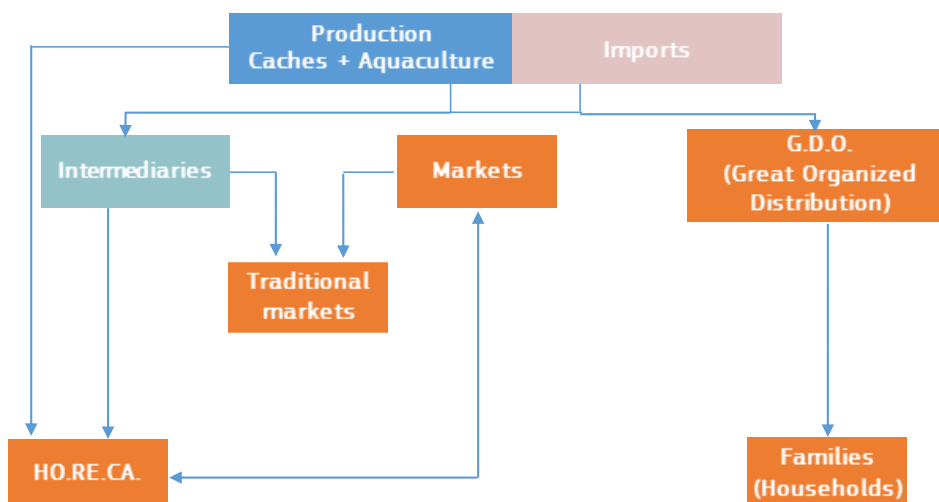
According to Eurostat-SBS, 5.936 persons were employed in the Italian fish processing industry in 2020. The sector recorded a value added of 492,9 million euros, covering 2,1% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2021, the main products sold were “Prepared or preserved tuna, skipjack and Atlantic bonito, whole or in pieces (excl. minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” and “Smoked fish (excl. herrings, trout, Pacific, Atlantic and Danube salmon)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

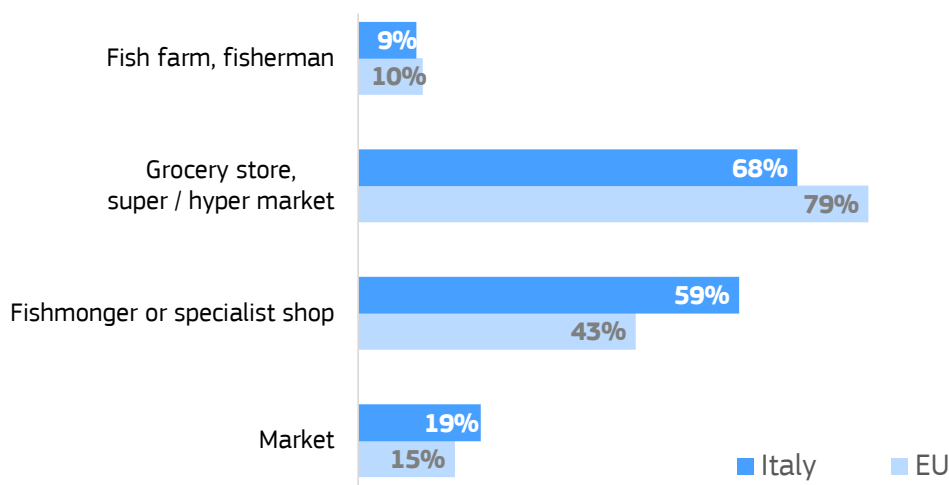
438 companies
Sales: 2,87 billion euros
 (2020, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Italy (source: Ministero delle Attività Produttive):



Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2021):



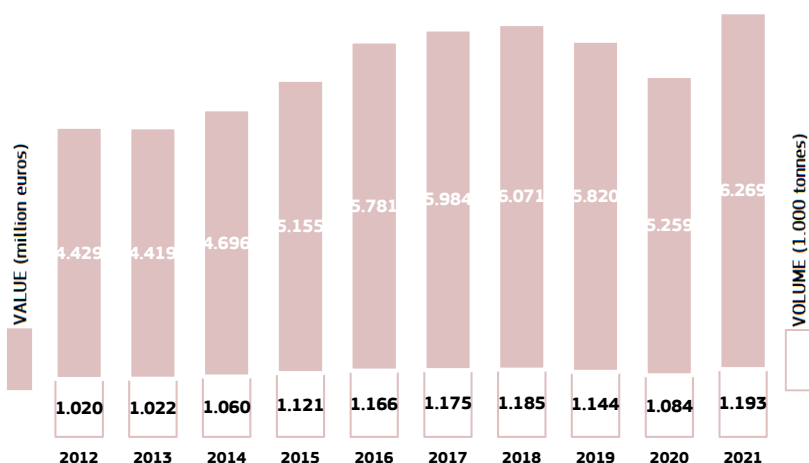


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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data. Values in the bar charts are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2015).

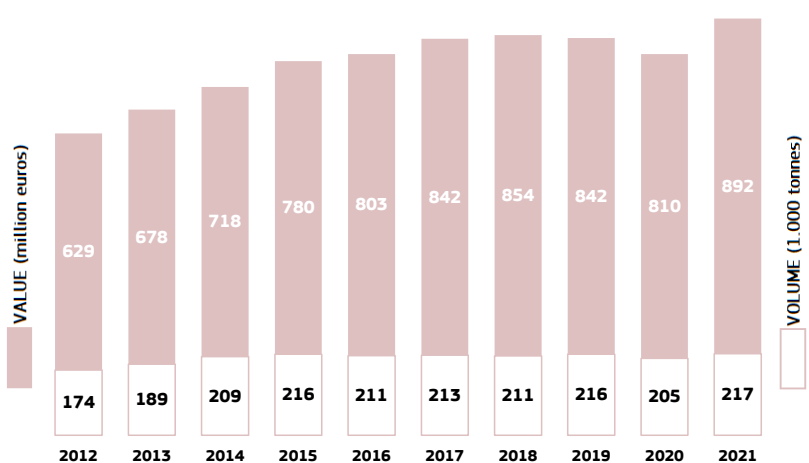
IMPORT



Main commercial species imported and % of total imports 2021, million euros (nominal value)

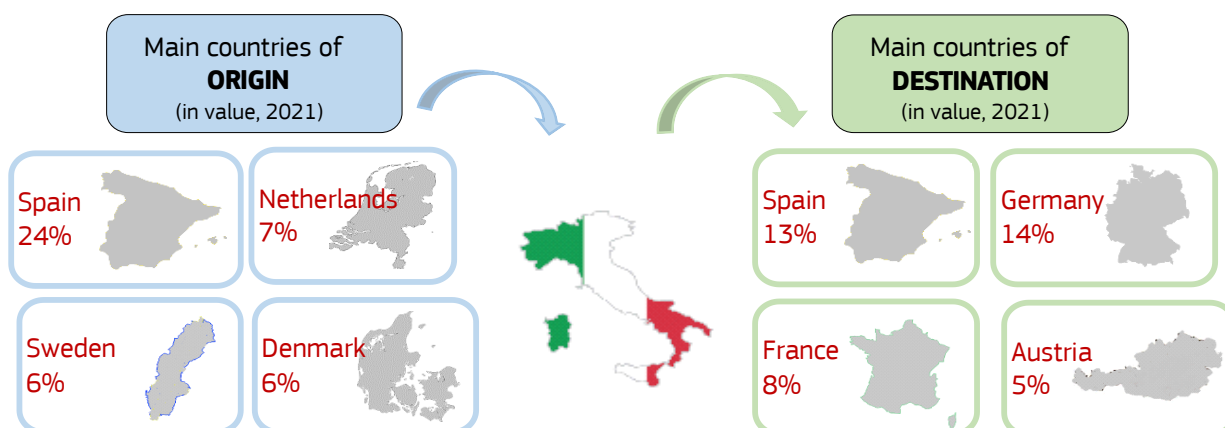
SALMON	986	15%
TROUT	557	8%
SKIPJACK TUNA	473	7%
WARMWATER SHRIMPS	442	7%
MISCELLANEOUS SHRIMPS	403	6%
OTHERS	3864	57%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports 2021, million euros (nominal value)

SKIPJACK TUNA	165	17%
ANCHOVY	1863	7%
CLAM	57	6%
OCTOPUS	49	5%
TROUT	43	5%
OTHERS	567	60%





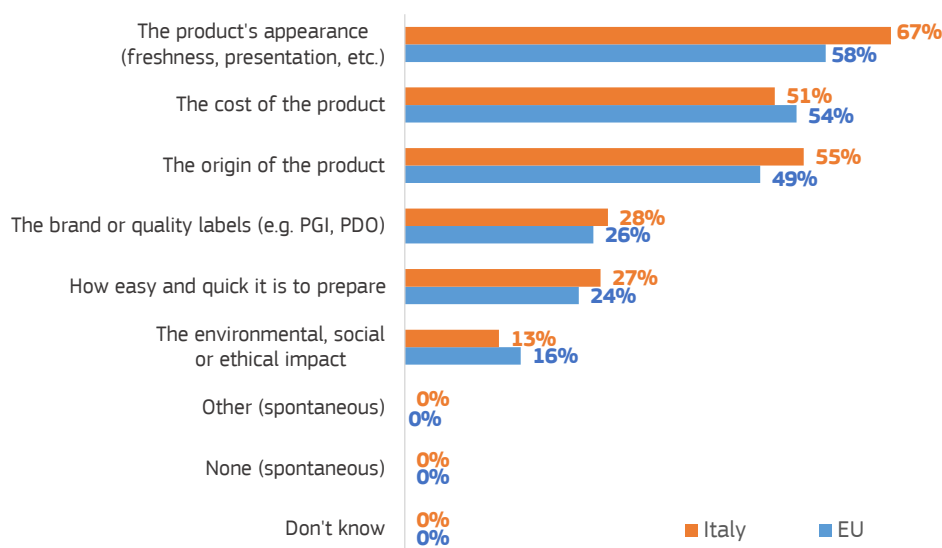
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CONSUMPTION

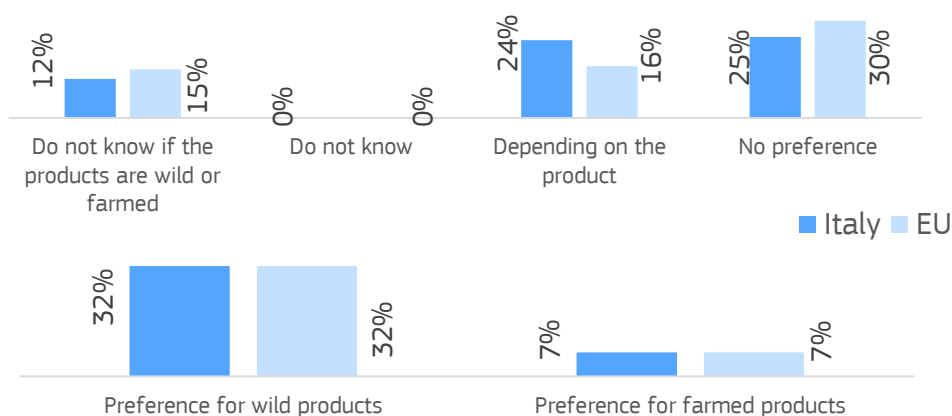
In 2020, apparent consumption was estimated at 29,99 kg per capita, a -4% decrease compared with 2019. The most consumed species were yellowfin tuna, squid, salmon, mussel, skipjack tuna and cod (source: EUMOFA). Regular consumers, namely those who eat fishery and aquaculture products at least once a month, mainly belong to age groups 25-39 and 40-54. Young people (15-24) are less inclined to eat fish frequently in Italy, as well as at EU-28 level. In this category, regular consumers cover 66% of the total, which is slightly lower than at EU level (67%, UK included). Italians mainly consume fresh fish; loose fish is much more frequently consumed (84%) than at EU level (68%, UK included) (source: EUMOFA, "EU consumer habits regarding fishery and aquaculture products", 2017).

29,99 kg
per capita in live
weight equivalent
(2020, source: EUMOFA)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2021)





THE COUNTRY IN EUMOFA



LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery.

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

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from MIPAAF on a monthly basis, and cover all species sold in Italian places of sale.

Data are accessible through simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility. Data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through a dedicated advanced table and the bulk download facility.

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 simple and advanced tables, 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 simple and advanced tables, as well as through the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

No data available

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 simple tables, 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 11 main commercial species + the item “Others”, aggregating all other species (click [here](#) for the full list).

Data are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through simple tables and the bulk download facility. Moreover, average weekly prices are accessible through simple and advanced tables, and through the bulk download facility.