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Symbols and abbreviations

-	Nil
0	Data less than half the unit used
:	Data not available
EU-27	European Union (27 Member Countries)
BE	Belgium
BG	Bulgaria
CZ	Czech Republic
DK	Denmark
DE	Germany
EE	Estonia
IE	Ireland
EL	Greece
ES	Spain
FR	France
IT	Italy
CY	Cyprus
LV	Latvia
LT	Lithuania
LU	Luxembourg
HU	Hungary
MT	Malta
NL	Netherlands
AT	Austria
PL	Poland
PT	Portugal
RO	Romania
SI	Slovenia
SK	Slovak Republic
FI	Finland
SE	Sweden
UK	United Kingdom
HR	Croatia
MK	FYR of Macedonia
TR	Turkey
IS	Iceland
NO	Norway
EEA	EU + Iceland, Norway

CECAF	Fishery Committee for the Eastern Central Atlantic
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
GFCM	General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean
ICES	International Council for the Exploration of the Sea
ICSEAF	International Commission for the Southeast Atlantic Fisheries
NAFO	Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organisation



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Preliminary remarks

Introduction

Eurostat's data-base¹⁾ on fishery statistics contains data on fishery catches, landings of fishery products, aquaculture production and fishing fleets.

This publication is intended to summarise the fisheries data for the period 1995-2008 for:

- EU-27 Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.
- EU Candidate Countries: Croatia, FYR of Macedonia and Turkey.
- Iceland and Norway.

Data sources

Eurostat's programme of fishery statistics includes collaboration with other international organisations with responsibilities for fishery statistics. This collaboration is co-ordinated through the Co-ordinating Working Party on Fishery Statistics (CWP). Eurostat gratefully acknowledges this contribution to its programme of work.

While every effort has been made to provide complete, comparable and harmonised data in all topics covered in the data-base and in this publication, attention is drawn to the following notes which briefly indicate the definitions used in each of the topics covered and where care has to be exercised in the use of the data.

(¹) Eurostat's databases are available free of charge through the Eurostat internet site: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>

Total production

Total production is the sum of the total catches and aquaculture production. See below for the notes on these two components of total production.

Total production is recorded in the live weight equivalent of the production (for aquaculture) or of the landings (for catches).

Aquaculture production

Aquaculture means the farming of aquatic organisms including fish, molluscs, crustaceans, aquatic plants and other aquatic organisms. It includes capture-based aquaculture and the production of aquatic organisms which are harvested by an individual or corporate body which has owned them throughout their rearing period. It excludes aquatic organisms which are exploited by the public as a common property resource: these are the harvest of fisheries.

Farming means some form of intervention in the rearing process to enhance production, such as regular stocking, feeding and protection from predators and involves individual or corporate ownership of the stock being cultivated. Capture-based aquaculture means the practice of collecting “seed” material, from early life stages to adults, from the wild and subsequent on-growing to marketable size using aquaculture techniques

The national authorities of EEA countries submit aquaculture production data to Eurostat under the terms of:

Regulation (EC) no. 762/2008 of 9 July 2008 on the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture and repealing Council Regulation (EC) 788/96 (*OJ L218 of 13.08.2008*).

Regulation (EC) no. 788/96 of 22 April 1996 on the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture production (*OJ L108 of 01.05.1996*).

FAO receives aquaculture production data from national authorities on the FISHSTAT AQ questionnaire. This questionnaire uses the same concepts and definitions as the EU legislation and the data from the two sources are comparable. The FAO Fisheries Department performs a check on the quality of the data and makes the results available to Eurostat for inclusion in its data-base.

The data are recorded in the live weight equivalent of the product weight.

Catch

Catch statistics are submitted to Eurostat by EEA member countries in compliance with the following EU legislation:

Regulation (EC) No 218/2009 of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the North-East Atlantic (*OJ L87 of 31.03.2009*).

Regulation (EC) No 217/2009 of 11 March 2009 on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the North-West Atlantic (*OJ L87 of 31.03.2009*).

Regulation (EC) No 216/2009 of 11 March 2009 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic (*OJ L87 of 31.03.2009, p.1*).

The regional organisations and FAO make the data for non-EEA countries available to Eurostat.

The national authorities are requested to submit catch statistics for all commercial, subsistence and recreational fisheries. However the reporting of data for recreational fisheries is known to be incomplete.

The data are reported as the live weight equivalent of the landings (i.e. the landed weight of a product to which an appropriate

conversion factor has been applied). The data therefore exclude quantities of fishery products which are caught but not landed. For example, fish caught but rejected at sea (a non-commercial species, under-sized fish, etc) or fish consumed on board the vessel.

The flag of the fishing vessels is used as the primary indication of the nationality of the catch, though this concept may be varied in certain circumstances (for example, in the case of joint ventures and chartering of vessels).

Landings

Each EEA member country reports annual data on the quantities and values of fishery products landed in its ports under the terms of:

Regulation (EC) 1921/2006 of 18 December 2006, on the submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) 1382/91 (*OJ L403 of 30.12.2006*).

The data are the landings (expressed as the product weight) of all fishery products in the reporting country, regardless of the nationality of the vessel making the landings. Landings by vessels of the reporting country in foreign ports are excluded.

Fishing fleet

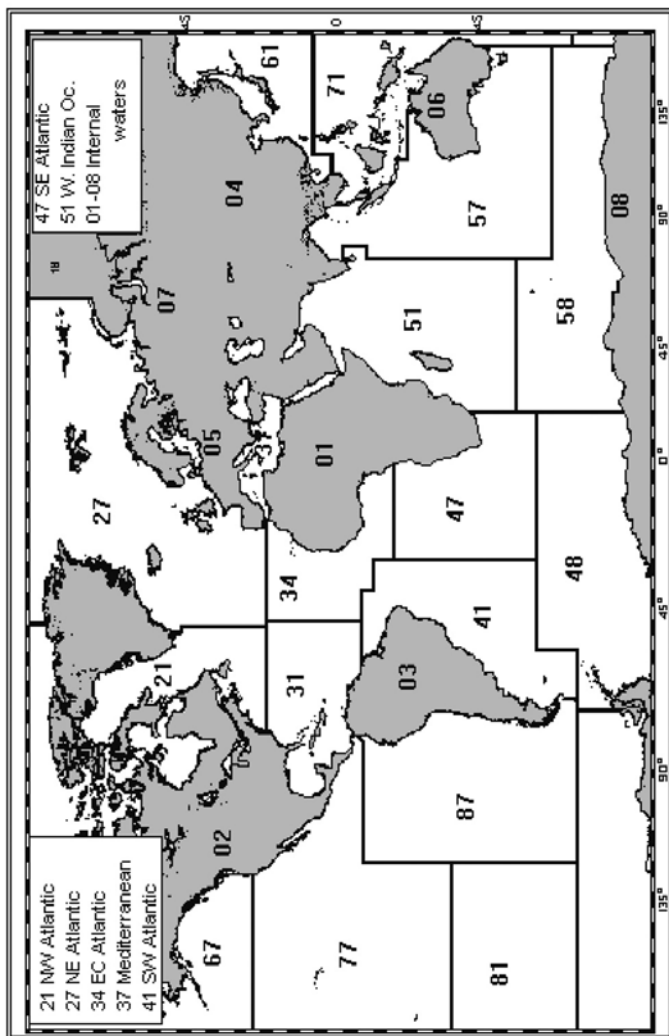
The data for EU Member States are derived from the Community Fishing Fleet Register maintained by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs.

Data for Iceland and Norway are compiled from fleet files submitted by the national authorities.

Gross Tonnage (GT) under the London Convention (1969) was adopted as the unit of tonnage measurement in the 1990s. This was a change from the previously used Gross Registered Tonnage

(GRT) under the Oslo Convention (1946). Implementation of the change involved re-measurement of vessels over time. This was carried out at different rates in different countries and was largely complete by 2003. However care should be taken when comparing data between countries and over time since the GT of a vessel is generally significantly greater than the GRT.

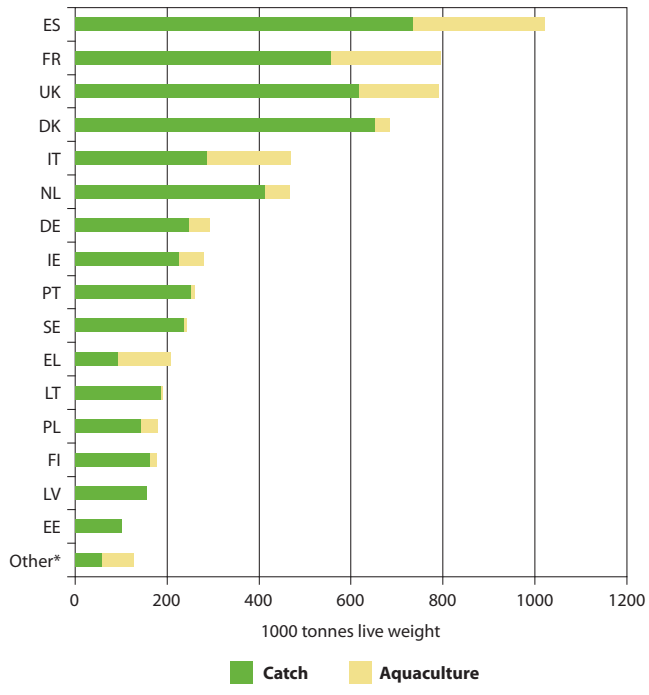
Map of Fishing Areas



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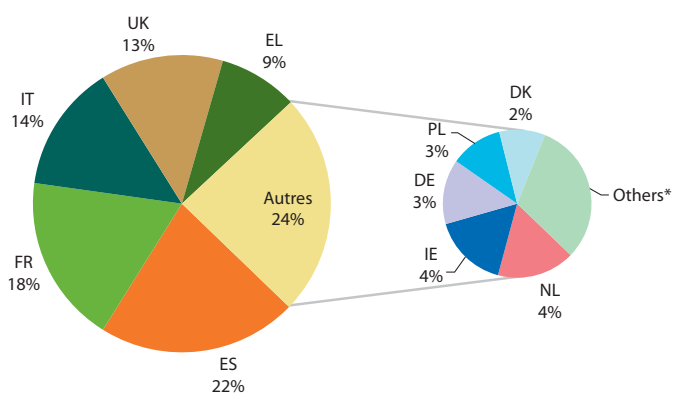
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Graph 1: EU-27 Total Fisheries Production



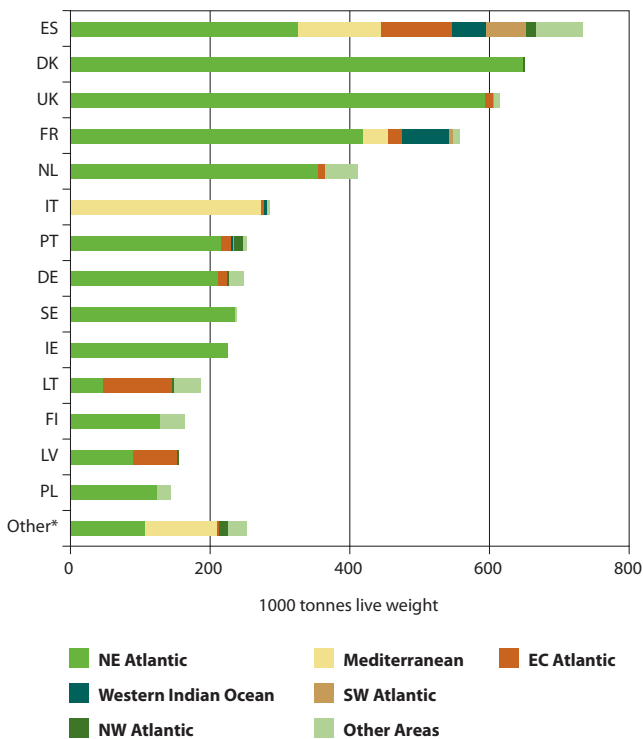
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Graph 2: EU-27 Aquaculture Production in 2007



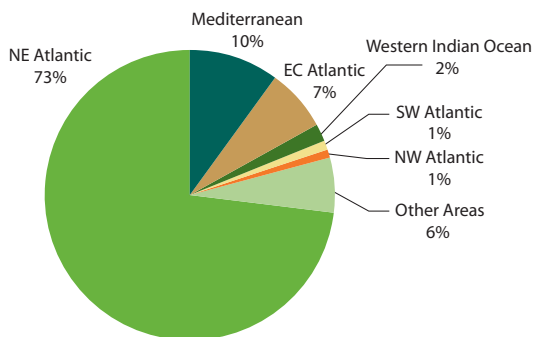
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Graph 3: EU-27 Catches by Country in 2007



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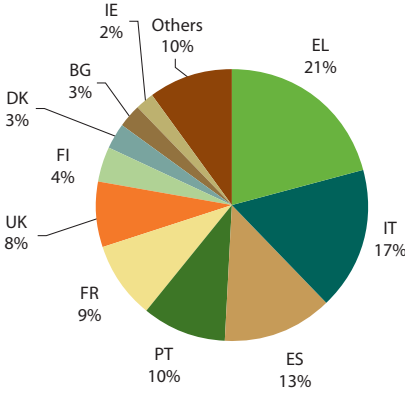
Graph 4: EU-27 Catches by Fishing Area in 2007



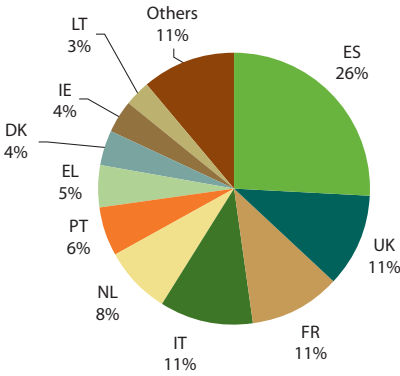
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Graph 5: EU Fishing Fleet in 2008

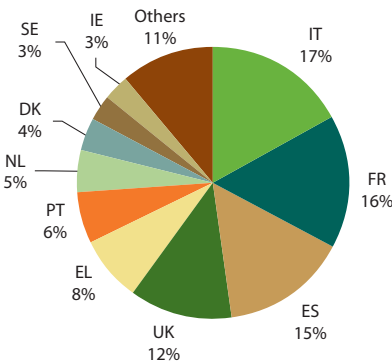
Number



Tonnage



Power



III

Tables

Total production

All fishery products

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	9 275 222	8 192 623	6 895 356	6 443 127*	:
BE	36 477	31 678	24 983	24 667	:
BG	12 627	10 652	8 578	13 307	:
CZ	22 608	24 129	24 697	24 723	:
DK	2 043 638	1 577 683	949 648	684 181	:
DE	302 925	271 585	330 352	293 758	:
EE	132 345	113 585	100 136	100 225	:
IE	417 012	327 484	322 547	279 650	:
EL	184 361	194 762	198 461	208 266	:
ES	1 402 906	1 378 193	990 579	1 020 908	:
FR	955 920	970 241	840 349	795 313	:
IT	611 522	518 680	479 000	467 631	:
CY	9 772	69 360	4 267	5 425	:
LV	149 719	136 728	151 160	156 001	:
LT	59 082	80 985	141 726	190 874	:
LU	0	0	0	0	:
HU	16 674	19 987	21 270	22 946	:
MT	5 539	2 820	2 072	9 834	:
NL	522 048	571 005	622 636	467 011	:
AT	3 322	3 286	2 790	2 889	:
PL	454 483	253 481	193 166	180 271*	:
PT	268 852	198 656	218 463	260 504	:
RO	69 105	17 099	13 352	16 497	:
SI	2 956	3 037	2 573	2 465	:
SK	3 567	2 255	2 648	4 071	:
FI	171 874	171 822	146 092	177 404	:
SE	412 145	343 374	262 236	243 619	:
UK	1 003 742	900 055	841 574	790 687	:
HR	20 275	27 944	45 787	53 089	:
MK	1 505	1 834	1 114	1 218	:
TR	652 585	582 386	546 063	772 471	:
IS	1 627 585	2 003 603	1 669 464	1 404 035	:
NO	2 801 970	3 190 864	3 054 339	3 208 595	:

* 2006-data have been used for Poland (and hence EU-27 total) for 2007

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Total Production (= Catch + Aquaculture Production)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	by major fishing areas
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data Source :	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

Four Member States (Denmark 11%, Spain 16%, France 12%, and the United Kingdom 12%) accounted for 51% of the EU-27 total fisheries production in 2007.

The EU-27 production in 2007 was 31% less than in 1995.

Total fisheries production includes aquaculture production. Aquaculture production data for 2008 is not available until end December 2009. Therefore the total fisheries production of all fishery products can not be calculated for 2008.

Total aquaculture production

All products

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	1 183 643	1 398 507	1 260 590	1 307 587*	:
BE	846	1 871	414	128	:
BG	4 615	3 654	3 145	4 431	:
CZ	18 679	19 475	20 455	20 447	:
DK	44 730	43 609	39 012	31 168	:
DE	64 096	65 891	44 685	44 995	:
EE	315	225	555	778	:
IE	27 366	51 247	60 050	52 504	:
EL	32 644	95 418	106 268	113 188	:
ES	223 965	309 035	219 367	284 982	:
FR	280 786	266 802	245 160	237 451	:
IT	214 725	216 525	181 101	180 988	:
CY	452	1 878	2 387	3 200	:
LV	525	325	542	729	:
LT	1 714	1 996	2 013	3 378	:
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	9 360	12 886	13 661	15 922	:
MT	904	1 746	736	8 589	:
NL	83 938	75 231	71 370	53 371	:
AT	2 918	2 847	2 420	2 539	:
PL	25 111	35 795	37 920	35 867*	:
PT	4 981	7 537	6 696	7 471	:
RO	19 830	9 727	7 284	10 313	:
SI	789	1 181	1 346	1 354	:
SK	1 617	887	955	1 199	:
FI	17 345	15 400	14 355	13 030	:
SE	7 554	4 834	5 880	5 365	:
UK	93 838	152 485	172 813	174 200	:
HR	4 007	6 876	11 104	12 884	:
MK	1 297	1 626	868	1 096	:
TR	21 607	79 031	119 567	140 021	:
IS	3 485	3 623	8 325	4 823	:
NO	277 615	491 329	661 811	830 190	:

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Sector:	Aquaculture production
Years:	1950 at the earliest
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	by major fishing areas
Environment:	freshwater, brackish water, marine water
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight and value (ECU/EUR)
Data source:	Eurostat; For areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

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Catches 2007

Fishing Areas

1000 tonnes live weight

	FAO Major Area								
	All	21	27	34	37	41	47	51	Other
EU-27	5 136	50	3 735	341	533	65	23	127	261
BE	25	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	1
BG	9	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	1
CZ	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
DK	653	3	650	-	-	-	-	-	0
DE	249	2	213	13	-	-	-	-	21
EE	99	13	83	-	-	-	-	-	3
IE	227	-	227	-	-	-	-	-	0
EL	95	-	-	3	90	-	-	-	1
ES	736	14	326	101	119	57	19	51	49
FR	558	-	419	20	37	5	0	68	9
IT	287	-	-	5	273	-	-	5	4
CY	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	0
LV	155	2	91	62	-	-	-	-	0
LT	187	3	46	100	-	-	-	-	38
LU	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
HU	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
MT	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
NL	414	-	355	11	-	-	-	-	47
AT	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
PL	144	0	125	-	-	-	-	-	19
PT	253	12	217	14	0	3	3	3	2
RO	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6
SI	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	0
SK	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
FI	164	-	128	-	-	-	-	-	36
SE	238	-	237	-	-	-	-	-	2
UK	616	-	594	12	-	1	1	1	7
HR	40	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	0
MK	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
TR	632	-	-	-	589	-	-	-	43
IS	1 399	-	1 399	-	-	-	-	-	0
NO	2 378	3	2 334	-	-	-	-	-	41

21 Northwest Atlantic

27 Northeast Atlantic

34 Eastern Central Atlantic

37 Mediterranean and Black Sea

41 Southwest Atlantic

47 Southeast Atlantic

51 Western Indian Ocean

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Sector:	Catches - Major Fishing Areas
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	by major fishing areas
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

Catches EU-27

Major Species Caught

tonnes live weight

	2007
Total Fishery Products	5 135 540
Atlantic herring - <i>Clupea harengus</i>	684 115
European sprat - <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	498 818
Blue whiting(=Poutassou) - <i>Micromesistius poutassou</i>	337 290
Atlantic mackerel - <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	302 075
European pilchard(=Sardine) - <i>Sardina pilchardus</i>	235 139
Sandeels(=Sandlances) nei - <i>Ammodytes spp</i>	180 068
Atlantic horse mackerel - <i>Trachurus trachurus</i>	153 288
Atlantic cod - <i>Gadus morhua</i>	117 750
Yellowfin tuna - <i>Thunnus albacares</i>	116 402
Jack and horse mackerels nei - <i>Trachurus spp</i>	113 541
European anchovy - <i>Engraulis encrasicolus</i>	109 486
Skipjack tuna - <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>	87 047
Chilean jack mackerel - <i>Trachurus murphyi</i>	75 180
Blue mussel - <i>Mytilus edulis</i>	74 896
Norway lobster - <i>Nephrops norvegicus</i>	73 399
European plaice - <i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>	65 605
European hake - <i>Merluccius merluccius</i>	64 589
Scomber mackerels nei - <i>Scomber spp</i>	61 195
Saithe(=Pollock) - <i>Pollachius virens</i>	58 483
Chub mackerel - <i>Scomber japonicus</i>	56 921

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Sector:	Catches - Total all fishing areas
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Areas:	by major fishing areas
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

Catches

All areas

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008 *
EU-27	8 091 578	6 794 116	5 634 766	5 135 540	:
BE	35 631	29 807	24 569	24 539	22 098
BG	8 012	6 998	5 433	8 876	8 864
CZ	3 929	4 654	4 242	4 276	:
DK	1 998 908	1 534 074	910 636	653 013	690 611
DE	238 829	205 694	285 667	248 763	210 698
EE	132 030	113 360	99 581	99 447	101 039
IE	389 646	276 237	262 497	227 146	213 914
EL	151 717	99 344	92 193	95 078	87 456
ES	1 178 941	1 069 158	771 212	735 926	865 052
FR	675 134	703 439	595 189	557 862	489 716
IT	396 797	302 155	297 899	286 643	232 206
CY	9 320	67 482	1 880	2 225	1 992
LV	149 194	136 403	150 618	155 272	157 936
LT	57 368	78 989	139 713	187 496	132 292
LU	0	0	0	0	0
HU	7 314	7 101	7 609	7 024	7 394
MT	4 635	1 074	1 336	1 245	1 282
NL	438 110	495 774	551 266	413 640	414 748
AT	404	439	370	350	:
PL	429 372	217 686	155 246	144 404	:
PT	263 871	191 118	211 767	253 033	240 050
RO	49 275	7 372	6 068	6 184	3 754
SI	2 167	1 856	1 227	1 111	877
SK	1 950	1 368	1 693	2 872	:
FI	154 529	156 422	131 737	164 373	:
SE	404 591	338 540	256 356	238 254	231 339
UK	909 904	747 570	668 761	616 487	591 554
HR	16 268	21 068	34 683	40 205	:
MK	208	208	246	122	:
TR	630 978	503 355	426 496	632 450	:
IS	1 624 100	1 999 980	1 661 139	1 399 212	1 306 361
NO	2 524 355	2 699 535	2 392 528	2 378 405	2 435 607

* For 2008, captures from Inland Waters may be missing from the total for some countries

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Areas:	by major fishing areas
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

Four Member States (Denmark 13%, Spain 14%, France 11% and the United Kingdom 12%) accounted for 50% of the EU-27 catch in 2007.

Between 1995 and 2007 the EU-27 catch decreased by 37%.

Catches

Northwest Atlantic

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	38 304	85 543	64 552	50 123	54 900
BE	-	-	-	-	-
BG	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	447	-	3 696	3 389	3 804
DE	-	4 920	1 591	1 521	3 972
EE	3 243	13 697	14 690	13 332	13 086
IE	-	-	-	-	-
EL	-	-	-	-	-
ES	20 065	44 907	22 087	13 800	18 957
FR	-	-	-	-	:
IT	-	-	-	-	:
CY	-	-	-	-	-
LV	1 026	3 397	2 806	2 435	1 790
LT	980	4 048	5 412	3 475	630
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	-	-	-	-	-
NL	-	-	-	-	-
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	-	1 732	1 285	436	-
PT	12 543	12 842	12 985	11 734	12 357
RO	-	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	-	-	-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-
UK	-	-	-	-	303
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	8 232	9 363	6 928	-	-
NO	12 017	4 424	2 450	3 479	2 767

* For 200x, captures from Inland Waters may be missing from the total for some countries

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Northwest Atlantic (Major Fishing Area 21)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species by NAFO divisions and sub-divisions (1960 onwards) and by major fishing area (1950 onwards)
Areas:	(1950 onwards)
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, NAFO and FAO.

Due to the restriction of EU fishing to international waters and the imposition of stringent management measures, the EU-15 catch in the Northwest Atlantic is under 5% of the 1.2 million tonnes caught in 1968.

16% of the EU-15 catches from all areas were taken in the Northwest Atlantic in 1968. In recent years this has fallen to under 1%.

Three Member States (Estonia 24%, Spain 35% and Portugal 23%,) accounted for 81% of EU-27 catches in 2008.

Catches

Northeast Atlantic

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	5 914 039	4 961 439	4 108 270	3 735 435	3 526 528
BE	35 120	29 296	24 073	24 027	22 098
BG	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	1 998 197	1 533 891	906 879	649 583	686 777
DE	215 803	177 906	262 676	212 568	203 464
EE	92 411	96 468	81 064	83 450	85 116
IE	385 885	275 356	228 911	226 968	211 911
EL	-	-	-	-	-
ES	392 860	417 420	335 064	326 362	357 912
FR	448 807	491 476	408 791	419 284	365 936
IT	-	-	-	-	-
CY	-	-	-	-	-
LV	63 127	80 329	93 605	90 513	87 386
LT	45 556	19 584	17 878	46 456	10 931
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	-	-	-	-	-
NL	434 003	336 329	431 300	355 424	294 667
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	130 214	143 177	129 352	124 909	98 999
PT	220 120	163 615	179 464	216 739	204 849
RO	37 508	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	106 093	121 640	95 472	128 161	121 887
SE	402 657	337 081	254 939	236 708	229 725
UK	905 678	737 869	658 802	594 284	544 869
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	1 615 129	1 990 441	1 653 992	1 399 027	1 306 361
NO	2 505 559	2 693 350	2 389 258	2 333 954	2 363 762

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Northeast Atlantic (Major Fishing area 27)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species.
Areas:	by ICES divisions and sub-divisions (1973 onwards) and by major fishing area (1950 onwards)
Countries:	all countries reporting catches in the area
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, ICES and FAO.

The Northeast Atlantic is the most important fishing area for the EU-27 Member States with 73% of their catches being taken from this area in 2007.

EU-27 accounted for 41% of the total catch in the area in 2008. Iceland and Norway were the other main fishing nations (43% of the total for the area).

Four Member States (Denmark 20%, Spain 10%, France 10% and the UK 16%) accounted for 56% of the EU-27 catches in 2008.

In the period 1995-2008 EU-27 catches in the Northeast Atlantic has fallen by around 40%, the combined catch of Iceland and Norway by 11% and the total world catch by 23%.

Catches

Eastern Central Atlantic

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	551 314	565 780	484 121	341 345	423 482
BE	-	-	-	-	-
BG	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	-	-	-	-	-
DE	39	-	-	13 198	-
EE	5 174	5	-	-	-
IE	-	-	33 065	-	2 004
EL	8 564	5 144	2 714	3 294	1 963
ES	334 671	149 223	105 225	101 429	57 771
FR	76 395	70 022	40 027	19 785	21 757
IT	8 067	4 077	5 444	4 920	2 910
CY	-	65 174	-	-	-
LV	82 702	52 065	53 851	62 014	68 410
LT	9 572	53 445	114 876	99 802	120 731
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	3 465	-	-	-	-
NL	-	157 195	117 866	10 853	80 889
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	-	-	-	-	16 528
PT	22 665	9 430	10 220	13 554	14 802
RO	-	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	-	-	-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-
UK	-	-	834	12 497	35 718
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	-	-	-	-	-
NO	-	71	-	-	-

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Eastern Central Atlantic (Major Fishing Area 34)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	by CECAF divisions and sub-divisions (from 1970) and by major fishing area (from 1950)
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, CECAF and FAO.

7% of EU-27 catches were taken in the Eastern Central Atlantic in 2007.

Four Member States (Spain 14%, Latvia 16%, Lithuania 29%, the Netherlands 19%,) accounted for 77% of the EU-27 catches in 2008.

EU-27 catches in 2008 showed a 23% decrease to those in 1995.

Catches

Mediterranean

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	718 448	583 575	516 089	532 786	446 384
BE	-	-	-	-	-
BG	7 250	6 137	3 408	7 808	7 668
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	-	-	-	-	-
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	-	-	-	-	-
IE	-	-	-	-	-
EL	139 547	90 767	87 899	90 345	85 493
ES	149 007	140 208	107 779	119 094	105 225
FR	37 977	45 547	30 802	37 387	21 908
IT	375 976	293 411	279 866	273 256	221 652
CY	2 505	2 230	1 850	2 205	1 992
LV	-	-	-	-	-
LT	-	-	-	-	-
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	1 170	1 074	1 336	1 245	1 282
NL	-	-	-	-	-
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	-	-	-	-	-
PT	446	96	98	13	34
RO	2 719	2 476	2 026	518	444
SI	1 851	1 630	1 025	915	687
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	-	-	-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-
UK	-	-	-	-	-
HR	15 904	21 051	34 650	40 145	:
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	585 995	460 531	380 381	589 129	:
IS	-	-	-	-	-
NO	-	-	-	-	-

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Mediterranean (Major Fishing Area 37)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	by GFCM divisions and sub-divisions (from 1970) and by major fishing area (from 1950)
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, GFCM and FAO.

10% of EU-27 catches were taken from the Mediterranean area in 2007.

Three Member States (Greece 19%, Spain 24% and Italy 50%) accounted for 92% of the EU-27 catches in 2008

The EU-27 catch decreased by 38% in the period 1995-2008.

Catches

Southwest Atlantic

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	124 760	93 589	84 262	65 172	32 255
BE	-	-	-	-	-
BG	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	-	-	-	-	-
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	-	-	1 355	-	-
IE	-	-	-	-	-
EL	-	-	-	-	-
ES	96 511	84 740	74 412	57 019	18 275
FR	7 332	2 053	-	4 864	3 934
IT	960	-	-	-	-
CY	-	-	-	-	-
LV	1 825	-	-	-	-
LT	-	-	-	-	-
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	-	-	-	-	-
NL	-	-	-	-	-
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	9 205	970	-	-	-
PT	6 847	325	2 778	2 517	5 407
RO	-	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	-	-	-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-
UK	2 080	5 501	5 718	772	4 639
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	-	-	-	-	-
NO	-	-	-	-	-

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Southwest Atlantic (Major Fishing Area 41)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	for the major fishing area
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

Less than 2% of EU-27 catches were taken from the Southwest Atlantic in 2007.

57% of the EU catch was caught by Spain with France (12%), PRT (17%) and the UK (14%) accounting for the remainder of the EU catches.

In the period 1990-2008 the EU-27 catch decreased by 88%. A major cause of this was the virtual withdrawal of the new Member States (Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland) from the fisheries of the area.

Catches

Southeast Atlantic

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	50 382	20 797	12 124	22 966	266 583
BE	-	-	-	-	-
BG	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	-	-	-	-	-
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	28 836	-	-	-	-
IE	-	-	-	-	-
EL	-	-	-	-	-
ES	17 011	17 404	8 644	18 742	264 699
FR	-	-	-	20	-
IT	109	-	-	-	-
CY	-	-	-	-	-
LV	-	-	-	-	-
LT	-	-	-	-	-
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	-	-	-	-	-
NL	-	-	-	-	-
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	3 178	-	805	-	-
PT	1 248	3 393	2 674	3 347	1 617
RO	-	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	-	-	-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-
UK	-	-	-	857	266
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	-	-	-	-	-
NO	-	242	-	-	-

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Southeast Atlantic (Major Fishing Area 47)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	by ICSEAF divisions and sub-divisions (from 1975) and by major fishing area (from 1950)
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, ICSEAF and FAO.

Less than 1% of EU-27 catches were taken from the Southeast Atlantic in 2007.

Only three Member States (Spain, Portugal and the UK) fished in the area in 2008, with Spain accounting for 99% of the EU catches.

As regard to the important increase between 2007 and 2008 Catches for Spain, figures were confirmed by the official sources; one explanation is an important shift of catches activities from area 51 to area 47.

Catches

Western Indian Ocean

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	245 150	234 440	186 342	126 683	95 385
BE	-	-	-	-	-
BG	-	-	-	-	-
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	-	-	-	-	-
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	-	-	-	-	-
IE	-	-	-	-	-
EL	-	-	-	-	-
ES	147 583	148 205	67 499	50 680	8 718
FR	95 917	84 716	106 870	67 805	76 181
IT	1 650	102	8 766	4 523	7 644
CY	-	-	-	-	-
LV	-	-	-	-	-
LT	-	-	-	-	-
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	-	-	-	-	-
NL	-	-	-	-	-
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	-	-	-	-	-
PT	-	1 417	3 206	2 879	813
RO	-	-	-	-	-
SI	-	-	-	-	-
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	-	-	-	-	-
SE	-	-	-	-	-
UK	-	-	-	796	2 028
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	-	-	-	-	-
NO	-	870	-	-	-

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches Western Indian Ocean (Major Fishing Area 51)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	for the major fishing area
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

3% of EU-27 catches were taken from the Western Indian Ocean in 2007.

One Member State, France, was responsible for 80% of the EU catch. Spain and Italy accounted for 9% and 8% respectively

In the period 1995-2008 the EU-27 catch decreased by 61%.

Catches

Inland waters

tonnes live weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	163 975	126 686	121 008	123 332	:
BE	511	511	496	512	:
BG	762	861	2 025	1 068	1 196
CZ	3 929	4 654	4 242	4 276	:
DK	264	183	61	41	30
DE	22 987	22 868	21 400	21 462	3 262
EE	2 366	3 190	2 472	2 665	2 836
IE	3 761	881	521	178	:
EL	3 606	3 433	1 580	1 439	:
ES	8 869	8 000	6 000	6 000	:
FR	4 500	2 131	2 110	2 100	:
IT	10 035	4 565	3 823	3 944	:
CY	65	78	30	20	:
LV	514	612	356	310	350
LT	1 260	1 912	1 547	1 874	:
LU	0	0	0	0	0
HU	7 314	7 101	7 609	7 024	7 394
MT	0	0	-	-	:
NL	4 107	2 250	2 100	2 000	:
AT	404	439	370	350	:
PL	24 889	17 543	19 469	19 059	:
PT	2	0	6	1	:
RO	9 048	4 896	4 042	5 666	3 310
SI	316	226	202	196	190
SK	1 950	1 368	1 693	2 872	:
FI	48 436	34 782	36 265	36 212	:
SE	1 934	1 459	1 417	1 546	1 614
UK	2 146	2 743	1 172	2 517	:
HR	364	17	33	60	:
MK	208	208	246	122	:
TR	44 983	42 824	46 115	43 321	:
IS	739	176	219	185	:
NO	413	578	507	851	:

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Catches in inland waters (Major Fishing Areas 01-08)
Years:	1950 onwards
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Areas:	all Inland Waters combined
Countries:	EU members, EU-candidate countries, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes live weight
Data source:	Eurostat; For fishing areas, countries and years not covered by EU legislation, FAO.

In 2007 EU-27 catches from inland waters accounted for only 2% of the catches from all EU-27 fisheries.

The contribution of the 12 new Member States to the EU-27 total from inland fisheries (37%) was relatively high compared with their contribution to the catches from marine areas (12%).

Landings

Total quantity

tonnes product weight

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	:	:	:	5 297 815	:
BE	21 137	17 987	19 601	19 120	17 349
BG	:	:	3 408	7 858	7 645
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	2 303 108	1 144 088	1 090 673	1 063 873	984 766
DE	141 674	89 193	140 420	308 197	225 246
EE	:	:	69 406	76 726	83 143
IE	342 217	202 909	198 958	244 296	209 667
EL	133 120	90 381	89 903	93 640	87 461
ES	1 080 748	983 806	703 249	836 771	876 192
FR	:	371 264	294 990	310 958	285 861
IT	359 304	295 096	281 987	276 743	227 160
CY	:	:	1 329	2 019	1 868
LV	:	:	90 598	80 998	85 767
LT	:	:	6 875	15 293	:
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	:	:	1 332	1 252	1 298
NL	533 691	508 971	621 101	882 233	574 570
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	:	:	81 688	79 054	:
PT	235 645	163 949	105 910	181 403	185 209
RO	:	:	:	518	444
SI	:	:	1 011	914	687
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	:	96 418	84 098	92 793	90 686
SE	216 678	314 329	268 799	242 223	226 982
UK	740 006	419 988	485 889	480 935	464 174
HR	-	-	-	-	-
MK	-	-	-	-	-
TR	-	-	-	-	-
IS	:	1 947 010	1 680 246	1 370 013	1 257 896
NO	2 352 184	2 792 387	2 077 930	2 182 349	2 216 894

Landings

Total value

million ECU/EUR

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	:	:	:	8 176	:
BE	57	64	80	80	67
BG	:	:	2	0	3
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	499	423	442	503	433
DE	118	95	122	119	127
EE	:	:	10	17	19
IE	139	183	149	1 038	250
EL	270	236	308	524	487
ES	1 895	1 751	1 513	1 672	1 855
FR	:	845	775	790	706
IT	882	823	1 413	1 365	1 107
CY	:	:	6	4	13
LV	:	:	16	17	20
LT	:	:	5	9	:
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	:	:	6	7	8
NL	325	357	310	736	511
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	:	:	32	36	:
PT	280	272	127	241	257
RO	:	:	:	1	1
SI	:	:	0	2	1
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	:	20	15	18	19
SE	77	112	106	122	105
UK	630	693	537	874	740
HR	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	:
TR	:	:	:	:	:
IS	:	829	940	989	751
NO	1 105	1 540	1 607	1 677	1 663

Contents of Eurostat's data-base of fishery statistics

Sector:	Landings
Years:	from January 1992, at the earliest
Periodicity:	annual
Species:	individually identified species
Other	Presentation Form, Destination (Use),
Parameters:	Vessel Nationality
Countries:	EU members, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	tonnes product weight and value (ECU/EUR)
Data source:	Eurostat

Spain and Italy have the highest value landings in the EU.

Norway's landings have a value higher than that of all the EU countries except Spain.

Fishing fleet

Number of vessels

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	:	:	:	88 998	86 587
BE	154	127	120	102	100
BG	:	:	:	2 847	2 852
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	5 180	4 139	3 268	2 960	2 895
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	:	:	1 047	964	966
IE	2 044	1 615	1 419	1 952	2 023
EL	20 718	19 962	18 269	17 568	17 353
ES	18 385	16 678	13 700	13 011	11 420
FR	6 598	8 181	7 857	8 148	7 941
IT	19 359	17 369	14 401	13 780	13 683
CY	:	:	883	867	1 169
LV	:	:	928	879	841
LT	:	:	268	251	221
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	:	:	1 424	1 389	1 152
NL	1 023	1 101	829	840	825
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	:	:	974	867	833
PT	11 746	10 692	9 155	8 632	8 585
RO	:	:	:	439	438
SI	:	:	171	179	181
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	4 106	3 663	3 266	3 162	3 240
SE	2 508	2 016	1 603	1 511	1 486
UK	9 655	7 643	6 768	6 778	6 555
HR	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	:
TR	:	:	:	:	:
IS	:	1 997	1 756	1 608	1 533
NO	:	13 017	7 723	7 041	6 790

* From 1997 the French data (and hence EU totals) include vessels of the French Overseas Departments

Fishing fleet

Total tonnage

tons

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	:	:	:	1 927 085	1 869 329
BE	22 870	23 054	22 584	19 292	19 007
BG	:	:	:	9 006	9 047
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	107 124	107 471	91 469	76 472	73 040
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	:	:	24 219	19 330	17 808
IE	60 717	68 282	87 801	70 672	69 867
EL	110 224	107 407	93 515	90 386	88 805
ES	607 493	521 838	487 556	470 709	461 071
FR	179 207	224 077	215 052	214 046	199 269
IT	258 540	232 467	212 929	196 998	196 313
CY	:	:	9 044	4 999	5 383
LV	:	:	38 549	33 694	38 228
LT	:	:	64 399	60 965	50 478
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	:	:	15 321	15 195	10 961
NL	180 205	212 466	171 672	163 725	146 925
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	:	:	30 260	29 972	40 971
PT	127 880	117 313	107 566	106 700	106 516
RO	:	:	:	2 426	1 670
SI	:	:	1 065	970	983
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	24 668	20 819	17 171	15 994	16 046
SE	58 220	51 394	44 222	43 251	41 807
UK	270 586	265 145	218 532	213 200	206 000
HR	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	:
TR	:	:	:	:	:
IS	:	180 203	181 390	167 559	160 246
NO	:	392 316	373 282	354 833	363 169

* From 1997 the French data (and hence EU totals) include vessels of the French Overseas Departments

Fishing fleet

Total power

KW

	1995	2000	2005	2007	2008
EU-27	:	:	:	7 060 096	6 878 037
BE	65 817	63 502	65 422	60 620	60 620
BG	:	:	:	70 134	70 512
CZ	-	-	-	-	-
DK	423 564	393 373	324 865	276 662	263 914
DE	-	-	-	-	-
EE	:	:	62 039	49 118	45 974
IE	212 680	211 894	216 435	206 761	193 409
EL	669 956	623 043	537 181	517 299	510 993
ES	1 631 154	1 332 708	1 124 363	1 064 176	1 029 530
FR	990 784	1 108 229	1 069 764	1 111 068	1 082 260
IT	1 495 689	1 394 483	1 223 721	1 153 021	1 149 081
CY	:	:	46 707	39 314	49 023
LV	:	:	64 486	57 170	61 080
LT	:	:	70 608	68 931	59 794
LU	-	-	-	-	-
HU	-	-	-	-	-
MT	:	:	99 273	98 287	86 161
NL	516 630	522 305	401 270	388 801	344 073
AT	-	-	-	-	-
PL	:	:	105 410	96 701	98 958
PT	395 846	397 326	380 521	382 156	383 099
RO	:	:	:	8 106	6 241
SI	:	:	11 119	10 352	10 653
SK	-	-	-	-	-
FI	224 802	197 703	171 589	167 729	169 707
SE	268 888	244 610	218 728	212 518	208 913
UK	1 122 119	974 901	881 298	860 296	832 794
HR	:	:	:	:	:
MK	:	:	:	:	:
TR	:	:	:	:	:
IS	:	528 711	526 057	502 452	477 014
NO	:	1 321 060	1 272 375	1 248 882	1 240 252

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Years:	from 1990 at the earliest
Periodicity:	annual
Parameters:	by tonnage, length, power and age classes
Countries:	EU members, Iceland, Norway
Unit:	Number, total Tonnage (tonnes GRT and/or GT) and total Power (kW)
Data source:	Eurostat (data are derived from DG MARE's Community Fishing Fleet Register)

Of the EU Member States, Greece has the largest number of fishing vessels. However on average these vessels are small compared with the vessels from most of the other countries.

In 2008 Greece(21%), Spain (13%) and Italy(16%) had the largest number of fishing vessels of the EU-27 Member States. The biggest total power had Spain(15%), France(16%), and Italy(17%). The biggest total tonnage had Spain (25%).

In the period 1995 to 2008 the EU-15 fishing fleet has decreased by 25% in number, by 19% in total tonnage and by 22% in total power.

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