

Fisheries Statistics
2013

Fishery catches decreased by 1,2% mainly due to sardine landings reduction

In 2013 catches by fishing fleet (195 065 tonnes) decreased by 1.2%, despite an increase of 2.3% in external waters.

The fresh and chilled fishery products traded in auction declined for the third year in succession, standing at 144 654 tonnes (-4.4% compared to 2012), corresponding to the lowest volume of the last 7 years, mostly due to the reduction of the volume of marine fish catches, namely sardines and swordfish in the Mainland and tunas in Madeira.

This drop was accompanied by a decrease in value, especially in species such as horse mackerel, mackerel and octopus.

The trade balance in fisheries or related products from this activity showed a deficit of around 641 million Euros, corresponding to an improvement of 21 million Euros when compared to the previous year.
