



FISHERY STATISTICS 2021

The publication “Fisheries Statistics 2021” is organized into 9 chapters, comprising analysis of the results and corresponding data tables. Data included are related to landings and catches of fish, market and structures, fishery activity, number of fishery workers, fish and aquaculture processing industry, international trade and fish stocks.

FISHERY POPULATION, ON THE JOB ACCIDENTS AND TRAINING

The number of registered fishermen in 2021 stood at 14 917, less 407 (-2.7%) than in 2020. From the total number of fishermen, 64.5% were registered in polyvalent fishing, followed by seine fishing (14.1%), trawl fishing (10.8%) and finally inland fresh waters (10.6%).

For pedestrian fishing activity without the help of vessels, the number of licensed persons, both gatherers of sea animals and pedestrian fishermen, increased by 10.1% when compared to 2020.

FOR-MAR carried out 537 actions of training in the Fishery and Sea sector (120 plus than is 2020), which involved 7,249 trainees, 38.6% more relatively to 2020.

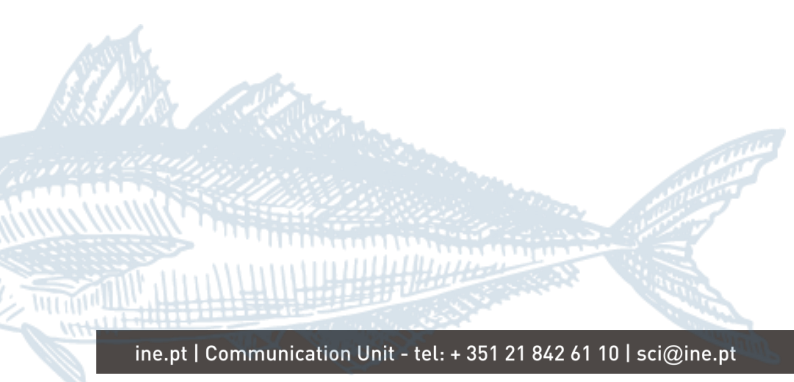
FISHERY STRUCTURES

In 2021 there were 3,894 fishing vessels authorized to operate, 14 more than in 2020.

The licensed fleet in 2021 represented, relatively to the registered fleet, 50.9% in total number of vessels, 85.0% in capacity (GT) and 81.5% in power engine.

There were 101 vessels which left the fleet, 21 units more vis-à-vis 2020, of which 80 were demolished.

There were 48 new entries in 2021, an increase of 12 vessels vis-à-vis 2020.





FISHERY PRODUCTS MARKET AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

Fish landings of Producer's Organizations (PO) in the Mainland increased by 30.6%, when compared to 2020, mainly due to larger volumes of sardine (+85.4%), horse mackerel, (+46.6%), Atlantic mackerel (+44.1%) and other species (+25.0%).

PO's were associated with 2 059 vessels in 2021 (1 999 in 2020), corresponding to 52.9% of total fishing vessels authorized to operate in Portugal.

The annual price of fish landed at national level dropped by 0.8% in 2021, from 2.30 €/kg in 2020 to 2.28 €/kg.

LANDINGS AND CATCHES

In 2021 total catches of the Portuguese fleet led to 185,417 tonnes, an increase of 13.2% of the national fishery production.

The growth of total catches was justified by more fish captured in national waters (+24.8%), since catches in foreign fishing areas decreased by 16.6%, vis-à-vis 2020.

Fresh and chilled fishery caught in 2021 represented 335, 044 thousand Euros, a raise of 27.8%, comparing to 2020.

AQUACULTURE AND SEA SALT PRODUCTION

Aquaculture production in 2020 (16,999 tonnes) reflected a raise of 18.6% relatively to 2019.

Sales in aquaculture created an income of 99.9 million Euros, lower than in 2019 by 15.6%.

The production of sea salt in the Mainland for 2021 was 90.3 thousand tonnes, 2.8% less than in 2020 (92.9 thousand tonnes).

FISH AND AQUACULTURE PROCESSING INDUSTRY

In 2020 (most recent information available) fish and aquaculture processing industry produced 239 thousand tonnes (233 thousand tonnes in 2019) of overall frozen, salted and dry and canned fish products, with sales accounting for 94% of national production (95% in 2019).

In 2020 the value of sales was 1,209 million Euros, plus 3.1% than in the previous year.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Exports of Fishery products in 2021 stood at 1,120.9 million Euros, an increase of 22.3% when compared with the previous year (-15.6% in 2020). This evolution indicates a recovery from the first pandemic year of COVID-19, which was also reflected in global exports (+18.2%; -10.3% in 2020). Comparing with 2019, exports of fishery products grew by 3.2%.

In 2021 the international trade balance of the fishery activity was -949.0 million Euros, an improvement of the deficit of 59.1 million Euros towards 2020, with a coverage rate of 54.2% (+6.5 p.p. vis-à-vis 2020).

FISHERY ECONOMY

Fishery operational program, Mar2020 (2014-2020) showed, at the end of 2021, an execution of 414 million Euros, representing 62% of the total Fisheries Fund (EMFF) allocation programmed for this period.

In 2019 fisheries and aquaculture accounts registered a growth of 10.0% in value, an increase of 6.2% in volume and a raise of 3.5% in terms of price, vis-à-vis 2018.

MAIN STOCKS AND RESOURCES EXPLOITATION LEVELS

Fishing quota for Portugal maintained a similar level in 2021, when compared with the previous year, with a total of 164 thousand tonnes.

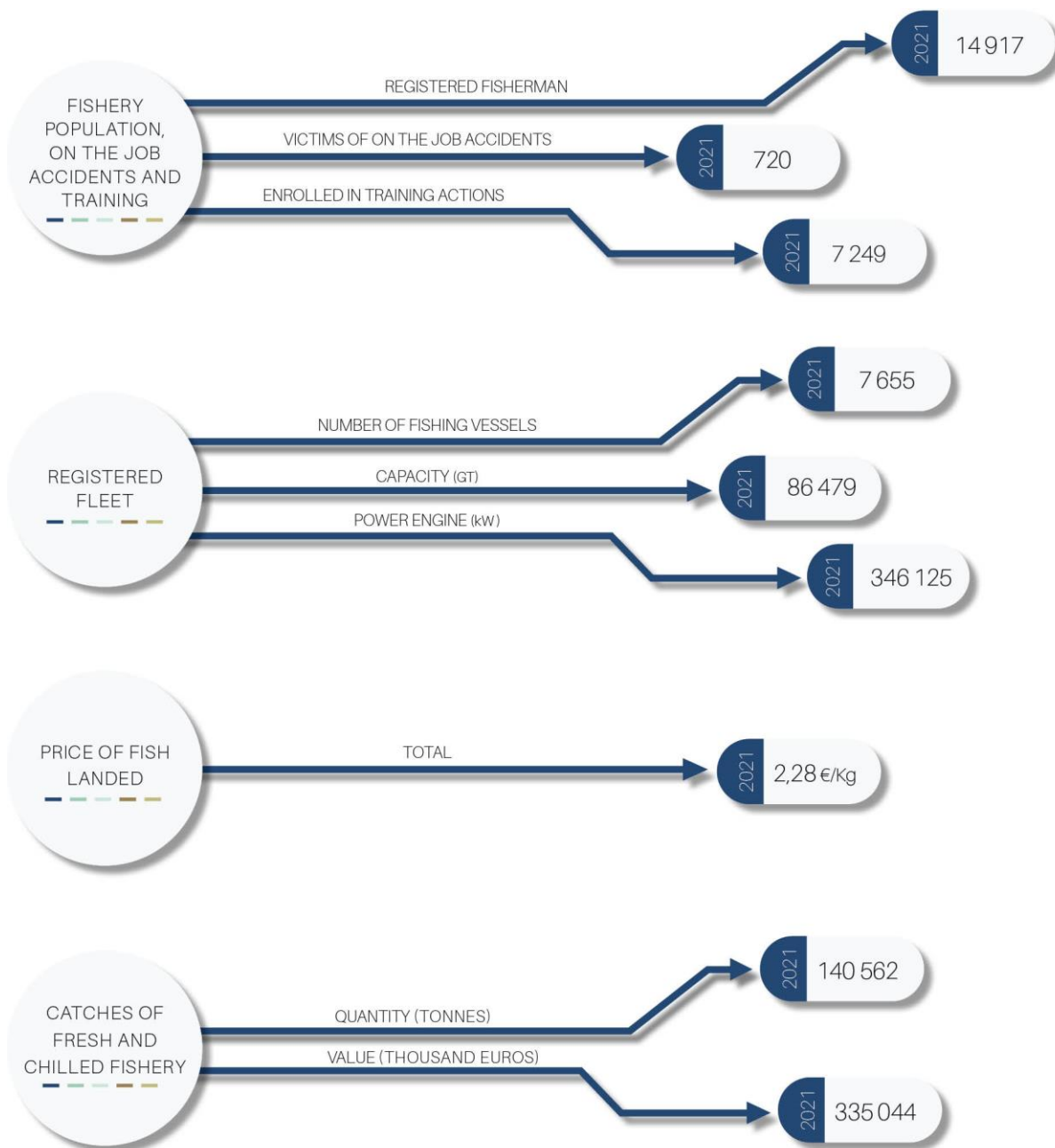
Considering the overall species under EU capture restrictions in 2021, the most relevant increases of national quota were for Rays, Horse mackerel and European anchovy.

Relatively to 2020, the most significant decreases occurred on quota for Sole, Common sole and Blue whiting.





MAIN RESULTS





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