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In 2023 total catches of the Portuguese fleet led to 171,235 tonnes, an increase of 3.3% of the national fishery production. Fresh and chilled fishery caught in 2023 represented 339,794 thousand Euros, reflecting an increase of 1.3% relative to the year 2022.

The annual price of fish landed at national level dropped by 6.6% in 2023, from 2.65 €/kg in 2022 to 2.47 €/kg.

In 2023, the deficit in the international trade balance of the fishery activity reduced by 105.4 million euros (-8.2%) to 1,176.2 million euros. This growth resulted from an increase in exports and a reduction in imports of this type of products, increasing the coverage rate to 53.7% (+3.2 p.p. compared to 2022).

Fishery operational program, Mar2020 (2014-2020) showed, at the end of 2023, an execution rate of 98% of the EMFF allocation programmed for this period.

Fishing quota for Portugal in 2023 increased by 14%, when compared with the previous year, with a total of 198 thousand tonnes. Of the relevant species subject to catch limitations in 2023, the most significant increases occurred in the quotas for horse mackerel, megrim, monkfish, hake and cod in the traditional NAFO 3M fishing area.

The publication “Fishery Statistics 2023” 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 2023 stood at 14,125 that was close to the numbers of 2022 (-0.2%). From the total number of fishermen, 72.3% were registered in polyvalent fishing, followed by seine fishing (13.7%), trawl fishing (9.1%) and finally inland fresh waters (4.9%).

For pedestrian fishing activity without the help of vessels, the number of licensed persons, both gatherers of sea animals and pedestrian fishermen, decreased by 5.1% when compared to 2022.

FOR-MAR carried out 618 actions of training in the Fishery and Sea sector (36 plus than is 2022), which involved 8,502 trainees, 17.7% more, when compared with the previous year.

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FISHERY STRUCTURES

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There were 47 new entries in 2023, a decrease of 6 vessels vis-a-vis 2022.

FISHERY PRODUCTS MARKET AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES

Fish landings of Producer's Organizations (PO) increased 11.1%, when compared to 2022, due to greater catches of sardine (+2.7%) and other species (+36.9%).

PO's counted 1,813 vessels in 2023 (72 more than in 2022), corresponding to 48.6% of total fishing vessels authorized to operate in Portugal.

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LANDINGS AND CATCHES

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The raise of total catches was justified by more fish captured in national waters (+8.6%), since catches in foreign fishing areas decreased by 14.4% when compared to 2022.

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AQUACULTURE AND SEA SALT PRODUCTION

Aquaculture production in 2022 (18,822 tons) increased by 4.8%, compared to 2021.

Sales in aquaculture created an income of 159.8 million Euros, higher than in 2021 by 1.7%.

The production of sea salt in the mainland for 2023 reached 134.2 thousand tonnes, 14.0% more than in 2022 (117.7 thousand tons).

FISH AND AQUACULTURE PROCESSING INDUSTRY

In 2022 fish and aquaculture processing industry produced 254 thousand tonnes (258 thousand tonnes in 2021) of overall frozen, salted and dry and canned fish products, with sales accounting for 97.7% of national production (94.4% in 2021).

In 2022 the value of sales was 1,453 million Euros, plus 9.3% than in the previous year.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Exports of Fishery products in 2023 reached 1,366.5 million euros, corresponding to an increase of 4.2% over the previous year (+17.1% in 2022), in counter-cycle to the decrease of the overall exports of goods (-1.1%; +23.2% in 2022).

Imports of these products decreased 1.9% in 2023 vis-a-vis 2022 (+24.5% in 2022), reaching 2,542.7 million euros. This drop was, however, less significant than in the overall national imports (-4.2%; +31.7% in 2022).

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FISHERY ECONOMY

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In 2021 fisheries and aquaculture accounts grew 26.1% in value and increased 20.5% in volume and 4.7% in terms of price, vis-à-vis 2020.

MAIN STOCKS AND RESOURCES EXPLOITATION LEVELS

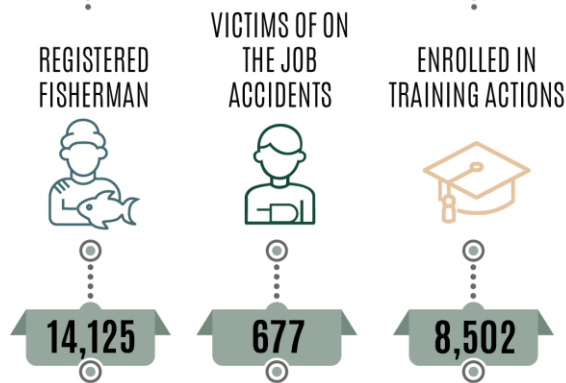
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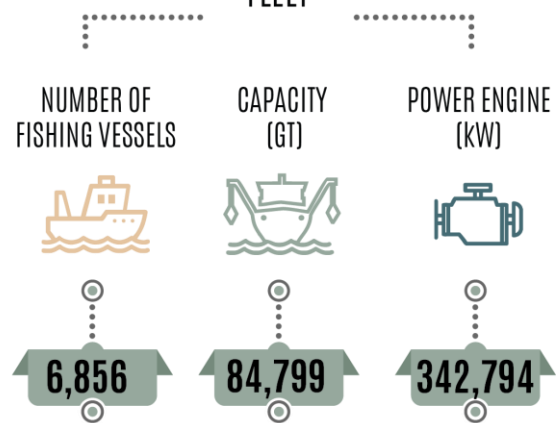


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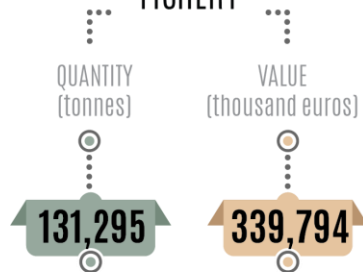
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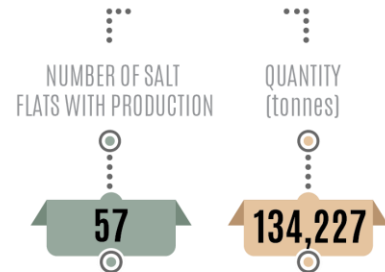
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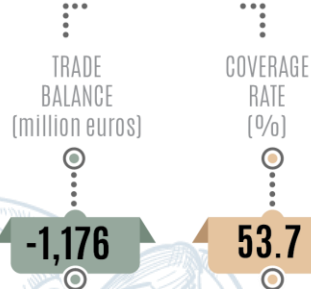
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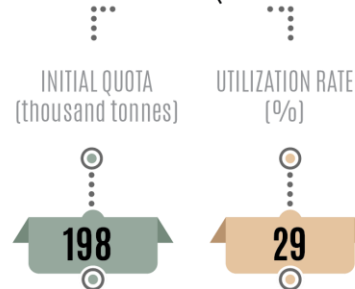
SEA SALT PRODUCTION ON THE MAINLAND



INTERNATIONAL TRADE BALANCE



NATIONAL FISHING QUOTA



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