

2. Fisheries and aquaculture



Fisheries

- In 2002, the EU-25 produced nearly **7.6 million tonnes of fisheries products**. This makes the EU 3rd producer in the world.
- **Fisheries production declined by 17% between 1995 and 2002 in the EU-25.**
- Denmark (1.47 million tonnes) had the highest production of all the Member States in 2002, followed by Spain (1.15 million tonnes), France (0.95 million tonnes) and the United Kingdom (0.87 million tonnes). These four Member States accounted for **almost 60% of the EU-25 total production**.
- Total catches in all regions made up **83% of EU-25 fishery production in 2002**. At 4.62 million tonnes, catches in the North-East Atlantic alone accounted for more than 60% of EU-25 total production, while catches in the Central-East Atlantic and in the Mediterranean accounted for 8% and 7% respectively of the total.
- Among EU-15 Member States, Greece had **the highest number of fishing vessels in 2003** with 19,000 followed by Italy (15,700), Spain (14,400) and Portugal (10,300). These four Member States accounted for two thirds of the total number of EU-15 fishing vessels.
- Between 1995 and 2003, the EU-15 fishing fleet was reduced by 15%, from 104,000 to 88,000 vessels.

- **Total catches (2002)**
(volume in tonnes)

Belgium	29 027
Czech Republic	4 983
Denmark	1 442 042
Germany	224 453
Estonia	102 360
Greece	95 642
Spain	882 981
France	699 013
Ireland	282 323
Italy	269 852
Cyprus	1 978
Latvia	113 677
Lithuania	150 146
Luxembourg	-
Hungary	6 750
Malta	1 004
Netherlands	464 036
Austria	350
Poland	222 439
Portugal	202 329
Slovenia	1 686
Slovakia	1 746
Finland	144 807
Sweden	294 963
United Kingdom	689 925
EU-25	6 328 513

- **Fishing fleet (2004)**

	Number of vessels	Total tonnage
Belgium	123	23 289
Cyprus	894	11 999
Croatia	2 171	68 177
Denmark	3 427	96 744
Spain	14 400	487 880
Estonia	1 032	24 939
Finland	3 396	18 270
France	7 897	217 151
United Kingdom	7 061	222 289
Greece	19 000	93 878
Ireland	1 419	85 192
Italy	15 700	212 712
Lithuania	290	76 445
Latvia	941	41 932
Malta	2 252	4 623
Netherlands	759	178 689
Poland	1 282	46 457
Portugal	10 300	115 857
Slovenia	139	822
Sweden	1 600	44 581
EU-25	94 083	2 071 928



Aquaculture

- **Aquaculture accounts for 17% of the Union's total fisheries production.**
- Aquaculture produced **1.27 million tonnes of fisheries products in 2002** and has increased its share in EU-25 total production from one eighth in 1995 to one sixth in 2002.
- Of the 25 Member States, Spain was the **biggest aquaculture producer** in 2002 with 260,000 tonnes, followed by France (250,000 tonnes), and Italy and the United Kingdom (180,000 tonnes each).

- **Total aquaculture production** (2002)

(value in thousands of EUR)

Belgium	4 600
Czech Republic	35 309
Denmark	118 092
Germany	206 780
Estonia	806
Greece	257 929
Spain	374 442
France	499 303
Ireland	119 755
Italy	356 534
Cyprus	11 090
Latvia	570
Lithuania	2 567
Luxembourg	-
Hungary	27 310
Malta	3 963
Netherlands	96 864
Austria	11 461
Poland	63 651
Portugal	61 695
Slovenia	3 742
Slovakia	1 928
Finland	39 345
Sweden	15 577
United Kingdom	576 057
EU-25	2 889 370

- **Total aquaculture production** (2002)

(volume in tonnes)

Belgium	1 600
Czech Republic	19 210
Denmark	32 026
Germany	49 852
Estonia	257
Greece	87 928
Spain	263 762
France	249 734
Ireland	62 728
Italy	183 962
Cyprus	1 862
Latvia	430
Lithuania	1 750
Luxembourg	-
Hungary	11 574
Malta	1 116
Netherlands	54 442
Austria	2 333
Poland	32 709
Portugal	8 437
Slovenia	1 290
Slovakia	829
Finland	15 132
Sweden	5 618
United Kingdom	179 036
EU-25	1 267 457