

SEA FISHERIES: 2025

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of sea fisheries statistics for the year 2025. From the 2025 reference year onwards, the compilation of sea fisheries statistics is based on administrative data sources, whereas up until the 2024 reference year it was based on the sample survey on sea fisheries by motor-propelled vessels. Specifically, data from the Integrated Fisheries Monitoring and Recording System (OSPA), maintained by the General Directorate of Fisheries of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food are used. These data are collected on a census basis by the General Directorate of Fisheries in accordance with the obligations arising from the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, as amended and in force.

NUMBER OF FISHING VESSELS

The total number of motor-propelled fishing vessels amounted to 11,399 in 2025, of which 231 were bottom otter trawls, 219 were purse seines and 10,949 vessels were classified as other inshore fishing gears (Table 1).

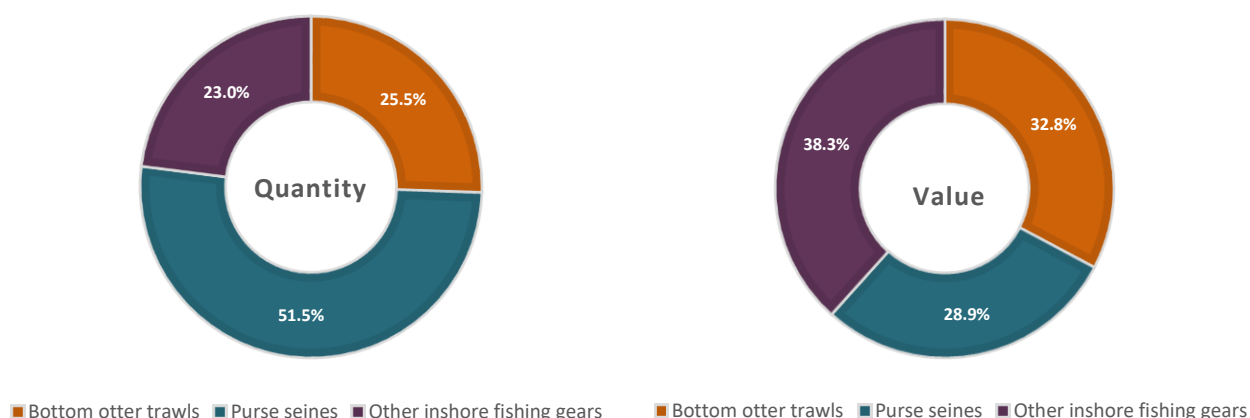
Table 1. Number of fishing vessels by type of fishing gear, 2025

Type of fishing gear	Number of vessels
Total	11,399
Bottom otter trawls	231
Purse seines	219
Other inshore fishing gears	10,949

QUANTITY AND VALUE OF FISHERY PRODUCTS

The total production of fishery products amounted to 42,100.8 tonnes in 2025, of which 10,750.1 tonnes (25.5%) were caught by bottom otter trawls, 21,667.5 tonnes (51.5%) by purse seines, and 9,683.2 tonnes (23.0%) by vessels using other inshore fishing gears. The total value of fishery products amounted to 166,620.3 thousand euros, of which 54,581.7 thousand euros (32.8%) were generated by bottom otter trawls, 48,158.5 thousand euros (28.9%) by purse seines, and 63,880.1 thousand euros (38.3%) by vessels using other inshore fishing gears (Table 2, Graph 1).

Graph 1. Percentage (%) distribution of quantity and value of fishery products by type of fishing gear, 2025



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Table 2. Quantity and value of fishery products by type of fishing gear, 2025*Quantity in tonnes, value in thousand euro*

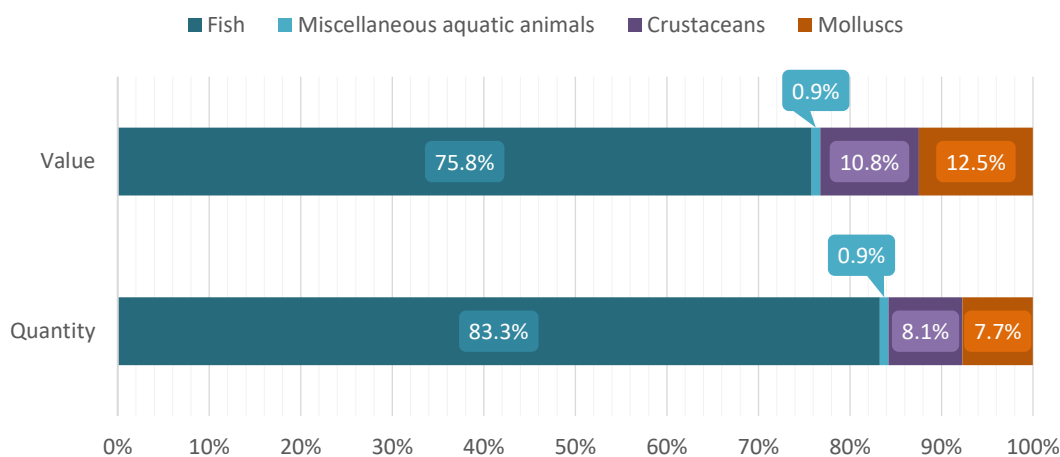
Type of fishing gear	Quantity	Value
Total	42,100.8	166,620.3
Bottom otter trawls	10,750.1	54,581.7
Purse seines	21,667.5	48,158.5
Other inshore fishing gears	9,683.2	63,880.1

Note: Any differences between totals and sums, as well as percentages are due to rounding.

FISHERY PRODUCTS BY MAIN SPECIES

In 2025, of the 42,100.8 tonnes of total fishery production, 83.3% corresponded to fish (35,057.1 tonnes), 8.1% to crustaceans (3,407.4 tonnes), 7.7% to molluscs (3,239.1 tonnes), and 0.9% to miscellaneous aquatic animals (397.1 tonnes). Of the total value of fishery products, amounting to 166,620.3 thousand euros, 75.8% corresponded to fish (126,318.2 thousand euros), 10.8% to crustaceans (17,979.1 thousand euros), 12.5% to molluscs (20,770.4 thousand euros), and 0.9% to miscellaneous aquatic animals (1,552.6 thousand euros) (Table 3, Graph 2).

Graph 2. Percentage (%) distribution of quantity and value of fishery products by taxonomic group, 2025



The species with the highest quantities were European anchovy, with 10,445.1 tonnes, European pilchard, with 4,541.6 tonnes, round sardinella, with 2,603.6 tonnes, deep-water rose shrimp and caramote prawn (DPS and TGS), with 2,067.5 tonnes, and European hake, with 1,949.2 tonnes. Together, these species accounted for 51.3% of the total quantity. The species with the highest value were European anchovy, with a value of 19,553.6 thousand euros, European hake, with 16,879.4 thousand euros, European pilchard, with 14,173.7 thousand euros, red mullet, with 9,300.5 thousand euros, and deep-water rose shrimp and caramote prawn (DPS and TGS), with a value of 8,236.7 thousand euros. Together, these species accounted for 40.8% of the total value of fishery products (Table 3, Graphs 3 and 4).

Graph 3. Percentage (%) distribution of quantity and value by main species, 2025

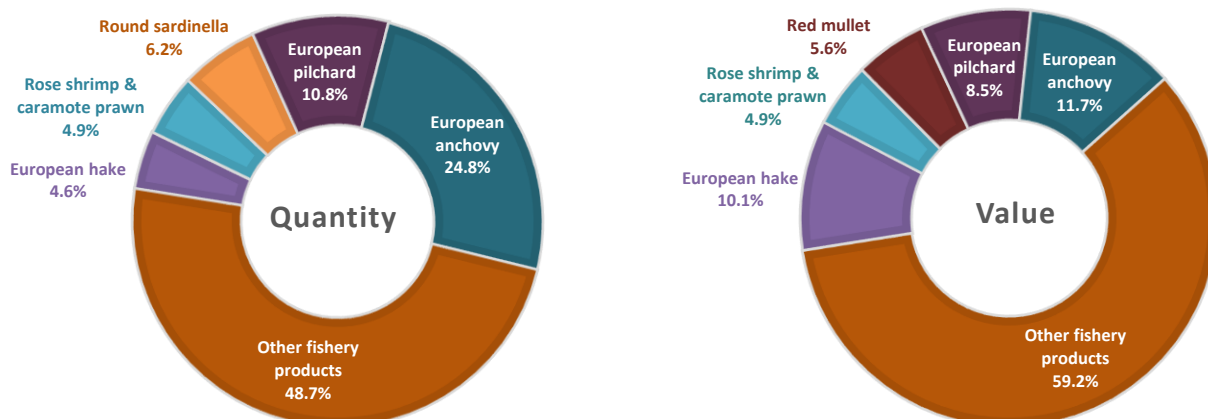


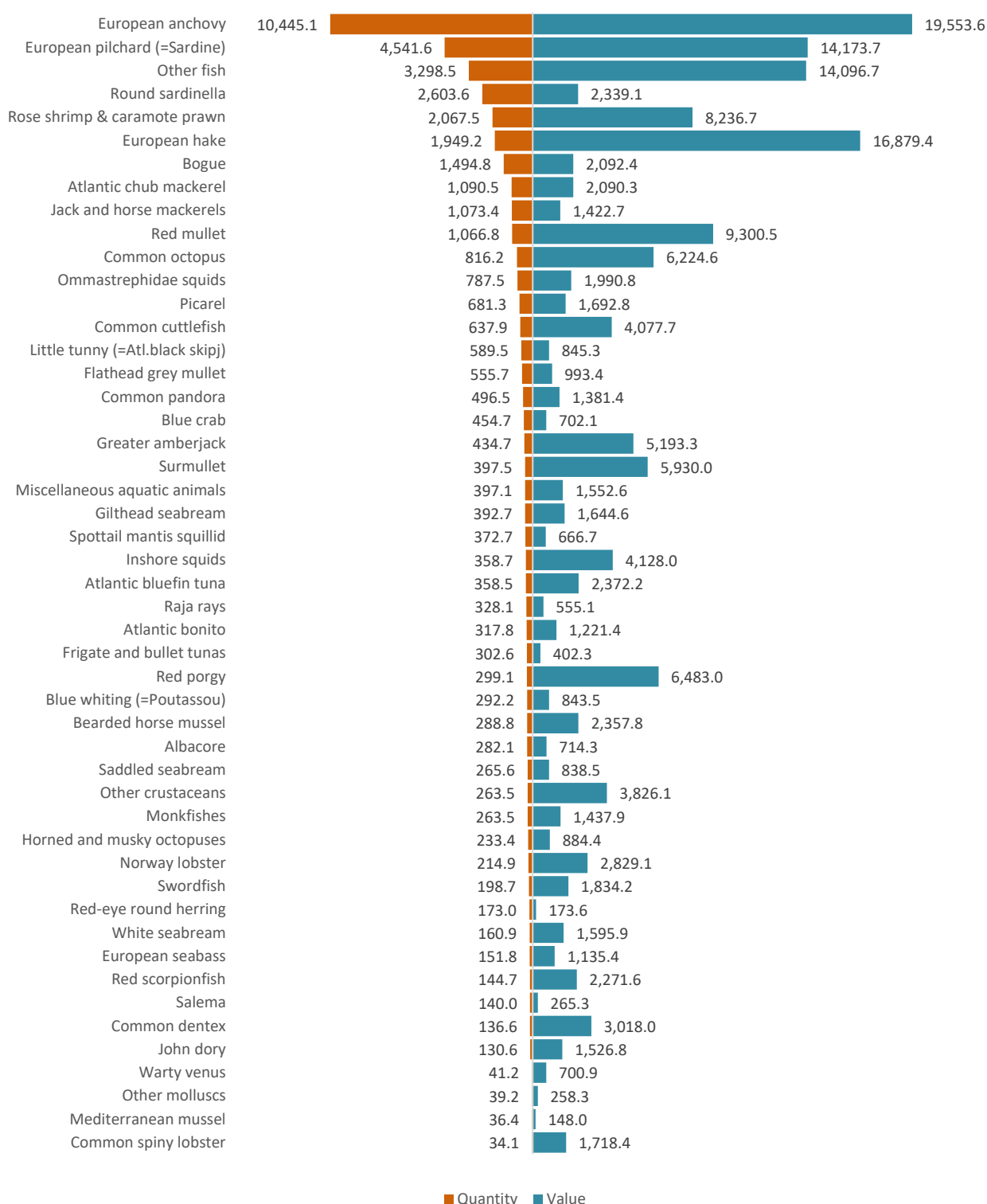
Table 3. Quantity and value of fishery products by main species, 2025*Quantity in tonnes, value in thousand euro*

Species of fishery product	Quantity	Value
Total	42,100.8	166,620.3
Fish	35,057.1	126,318.2
Albacore	282.1	714.3
Atlantic bluefin tuna	358.5	2,372.2
Atlantic bonito	317.8	1,221.4
Atlantic chub mackerel	1,090.5	2,090.3
Blue whiting (=Poutassou)	292.2	843.5
Bogue	1,494.8	2,092.4
Common dentex	136.6	3,018.0
Common pandora	496.5	1,381.4
European anchovy	10,445.1	19,553.6
European hake	1,949.2	16,879.4
European pilchard (=Sardine)	4,541.6	14,173.7
European seabass	151.8	1,135.4
Flathead grey mullet	555.7	993.4
Frigate and bullet tunas	302.6	402.3
Gilthead seabream	392.7	1,644.6
Greater amberjack	434.7	5,193.3
Jack and horse mackerels	1,073.4	1,422.7
John dory	130.6	1,526.8
Little tunny (=Atl.black skipj)	589.5	845.3
Monkfishes	263.5	1,437.9
Picarel	681.3	1,692.8
Raja rays	328.1	555.1
Red mullet	1,066.8	9,300.5
Red porgy	299.1	6,483.0
Red scorpionfish	144.7	2,271.6
Red-eye round herring	173.0	173.6
Round sardinella	2,603.6	2,339.1
Saddled seabream	265.6	838.5
Salema	140.0	265.3
Surmullet	397.5	5,930.0
Swordfish	198.7	1,834.2
White seabream	160.9	1,595.9
Other fish	3,298.5	14,096.7
Crustaceans	3,407.4	17,979.1
Blue crab	454.7	702.1
Common spiny lobster	34.1	1,718.4
Deep-water rose shrimp and caramote prawn (DPS and TGS)	2,067.5	8,236.7
Norway lobster	214.9	2,829.1
Spottail mantis squillid	372.7	666.7
Other crustaceans	263.5	3,826.1
Molluscs	3,239.1	20,770.4
Bearded horse mussel	288.8	2,357.8
Common cuttlefish	637.9	4,077.7
Common octopus	816.2	6,224.6
Horned and musky octopuses	233.4	884.4
Inshore squids	358.7	4,128.0
Mediterranean mussel	36.4	148.0
Ommastrephidae squids	787.5	1,990.8
Warty venus	41.2	700.9
Other molluscs (bivalvia, gastropods and cephalopods)	39.2	258.3
Miscellaneous aquatic animals	397.1	1,552.6
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Graph 4. Quantity and value of fishery products by main species, 2025

Quantity in tonnes, value in thousand euro



QUANTITY AND VALUE OF FISHERY PRODUCTS BY FISHING AREA

The highest fishery production in 2025 was recorded in the Northern Aegean, amounting to 28,452.9 tonnes with a total value of 101,017.0 thousand euros (Table 4, Graph 5).

Graph 5. Quantity and value of fishery products by fishing area, 2025

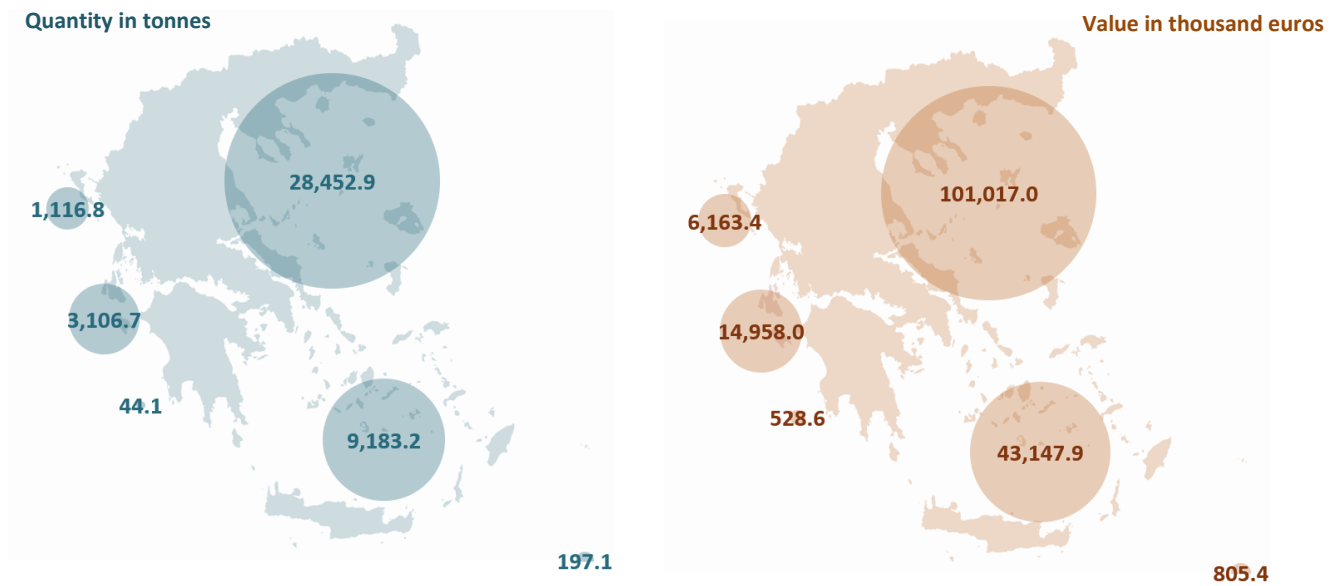


Table 4. Quantity and value of fishery products by fishing area, 2025

Quantity in tonnes, value in thousand euro

Fishing area	Quantity	Value
Total	42,100.8	166,620.3
Northern Ionian	1,116.8	6,163.4
Central Ionian	3,106.7	14,958.0
Southern Ionian	44.1	528.6
Levant	197.1	805.4
Southern Aegean	9,183.2	43,147.9
Northern Aegean	28,452.9	101,017.0

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Sea Fisheries	Up until the reference year 2024, the production of sea fisheries statistics was based on the sample survey on sea fisheries by motor-propelled vessels. From the year 2025 onwards, data from administrative sources are used for the compilation of sea fisheries statistics, specifically census data collected by the General Directorate of Fisheries of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food and maintained in the Integrated Fisheries Monitoring and Recording System (OSPA) in accordance with the obligations arising from the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy, as amended and in force.
Purpose	The main purpose is to produce statistics on the number of motor-propelled fishing vessels and on the quantity and value of fishery products by main species, type of fishing gear and fishing area.
Legal Framework	The legal framework is set by Regulation (EC) No 1921/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the submission of statistical data on landings of fishery products in Member States and also by Regulation (EC) No 216/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic.
Reference Period	The data refer to the reference year 2025.
Definitions and methodology	1. Data on the fishing fleet are derived from the Register of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food, which is maintained in accordance with Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/218 of 6 February 2017 on the Union fishing fleet register. The published data exclude non-motorised fishing vessels (with zero engine power). Fishing vessels are classified according to their primary fishing gear, as recorded in the Register. 2. The quantity refers to the production of fishery products, as recorded through the Electronic Reporting System (ERS) for vessels with overall length of 10 metres or more and for vessels holding fishing licences for international waters or highly migratory species, as well as through the electronic submission of monthly production data for all other vessels. 3. Fishing gear is classified into three main types: (a) bottom otter trawls (OTB), (b) purse seines (PS) and (c) other inshore fishing gear. 4. Fishery products are classified into the following groups in accordance with the International Standard Statistical Classification of Aquatic Animals and Plants (ISSCAAP) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO): (a) fish, (b) molluscs, (c) crustaceans, and (d) miscellaneous aquatic animals. 5. The species <i>Parapenaeus longirostris</i> and <i>Penaeus kerathurus</i> are grouped under the category “deep-water rose shrimp and caramote prawn (DPS and TGS)”. The species <i>Todarodes sagittatus</i>, <i>Todaropsis eblanae</i>, <i>Ommastrephes bartramii</i> and <i>Illex coindetii</i> are grouped under the common name “omastrephidae squids”. Similarly, the species <i>Loligo vulgaris</i> and <i>Alloteuthis media</i> are grouped under the common name “inshore squids”. All other reported species that are not presented separately in this announcement are classified under the general categories “other fish”, “other crustaceans”, and “other molluscs (bivalvia, gastropods and cephalopods)”, according to the ISSCAAP classification. 6. For the division of fishing areas, the official FAO fishing subareas and divisions for statistical purposes within FAO Major Fishing Area 37, covering the Ionian, the Aegean and the Levant, were used as the basis. These areas were further subdivided into smaller geographical units by grouping the statistical rectangles of the statistical grid of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), as follows: (a) Northern Ionian, Central Ionian, Southern Ionian, Levant, Southern Aegean (including Crete) and Northern Aegean. 7. For vessels reporting data through the Electronic Reporting System (ERS), the fishing area is determined on the basis of the reported statistical rectangle, in accordance with

the GFCM Statistical Grid. For vessels for which this information is not available, the fishing area is estimated using a combination of the reported FAO fishing area and the vessel's port of registration.

8. The value of fishery products is calculated on the basis of the annual weighted average prices at first sale by species, as derived from first-sale declarations submitted by approved first buyers and recorded in the database of the Integrated Fisheries Monitoring and Recording System (OSPA) maintained by the General Directorate of Fisheries of the Ministry of Rural Development and Food. For species for which first-sale price information is not available, average annual prices by species, as recorded at the country's wholesale fish markets, are used. These prices are based on data provided by Fishing Development Corporation (ETANAL S.A.), which was merged by absorption with the Central Market and Fishery Organisation (CMFO S.A.).

References More information on sea fisheries statistics, such as tabulated data, methodological notes etc, are available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) www.statistics.gr/en, under the link <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPA03/->.