

Sea Fishery by Motor-propelled Vessels

I. General

The Hellenic Statistical Authority has been conducting, since 1964, a sample survey on sea fishery. Until the reference year 2015, the sample of the Sea Fishery Survey included only professional motor-propelled fishing vessels with horsepower of 20HP and over. From the reference year 2016 onwards, survey sample includes all professional motor-propelled fishing vessels, irrespective of their horsepower.

The legal framework of the Survey 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.

II. Objective goals

The survey aims at the collection of data concerning:

a. number, horsepower and tonnage of vessels by category of

- overseas fishery,
- open sea fishery,
- inshore fishery.

b. quantity of catches:

- by category of fishery,
- by type of fishing tool,
- by principal species,
- by taxonomic group (fish, cephalopods, crustaceans, shellfish) and
- by fishing areas,

c. value of catches,

d. employment,

e. distribution of catches at fish-piers.

III. Method of the survey

The statistical unit of this survey is the motor propelled fishing vessel which fishes individually, that is with its own means. For each vessel, a statistical questionnaire is answered by the fishermen, either recording the quantity of fish caught in the previous month or declaring that the vessels did not work. The data are collected every month for each unit by the local customs authorities.

IV. Results of the survey

From 2008 onwards, results of the survey are published in the form of Press Releases accompanied with the relative analytical tables at the website of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr/en) and more specifically at the link <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPA03/>.

Before 2008, the results of the survey were published in printed form and are available at the digital library of ELSTAT:

http://dlib.statistics.gr/portal/page/portal/ESYE/categoryyears?p_cat=10007977&p_topic=10007977.