

## User oriented quality report

**Survey on Aquaculture** The Hellenic Statistical Authority is being conducting since 1995 a statistical survey on Aquaculture.

**Purpose** The main purpose of the Survey on Aquaculture is to compile data on the cultivation methods, production and value of the cultivated species, by cultivation method, production of fish larva in hatcheries and nurseries, as well as on the number of employed persons.

**Legal basis** At European level, the legal framework of the survey is governed by EU Regulation 788/96, as amended by Regulation 762/2008 of the European Parliament.

**Reference period** Aquaculture survey conducts results from 1995 onwards, on an annual basis.

**Methodology and geographical coverage**

1. The statistical unit of the Survey on Aquaculture is the enterprise activated in the rearing or cultivation of aquatic organisms (fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants) under controlled breeding and rearing environment, aiming at achieving the biggest production at the most economical manner.
2. Rearing/culture is every form of intervention in the growing procedure aiming at reinforcing production (e.g. renewal of stock, food, protection from natural enemies, etc.).
3. The cultivation methods in freshwater, brackish water and seawater are distinguished into the following categories:
  - a) Artificial ponds and pools.
  - b) Enclosures and pens.
  - c) Cages.
  - d) Circular tanks or raceways.
  - e) Barriers.
  - f) Other methods.

From 2011 onwards, pursuant to the new Regulation, the cultivation methods are as follows:

- a) Ponds (natural or artificial).
- b) Enclosures and pens.
- c) Cages.
- d) Artificial tanks (raceways or circular tanks).
- e) Recirculation systems.
- f) Other (barriers, etc.).

The survey is a census survey and it covers all the aquaculture units operating in Greece.

**References** More information, such as tables, samples of questionnaires, etc., on Survey on Aquaculture are available on the portal of ELSTAT [www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr) and at the following link: Statistical Themes > Fisheries > Aquaculture.