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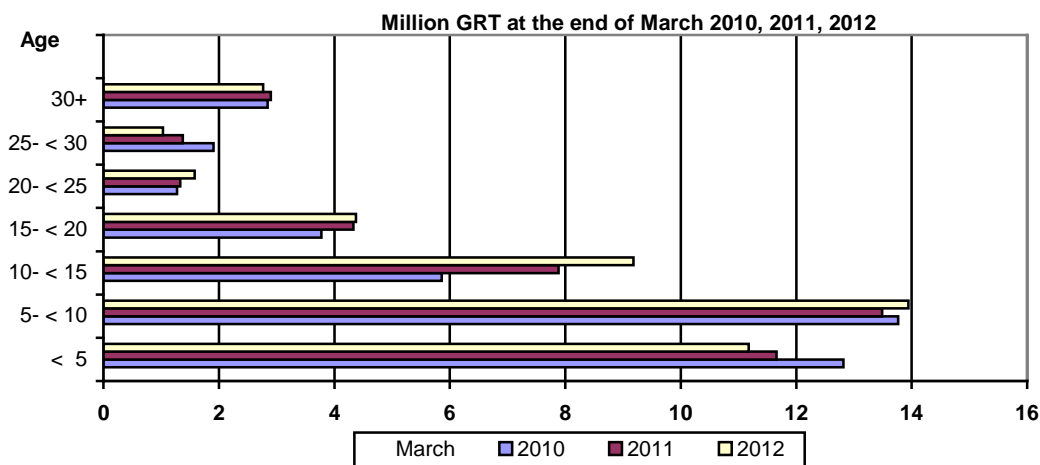
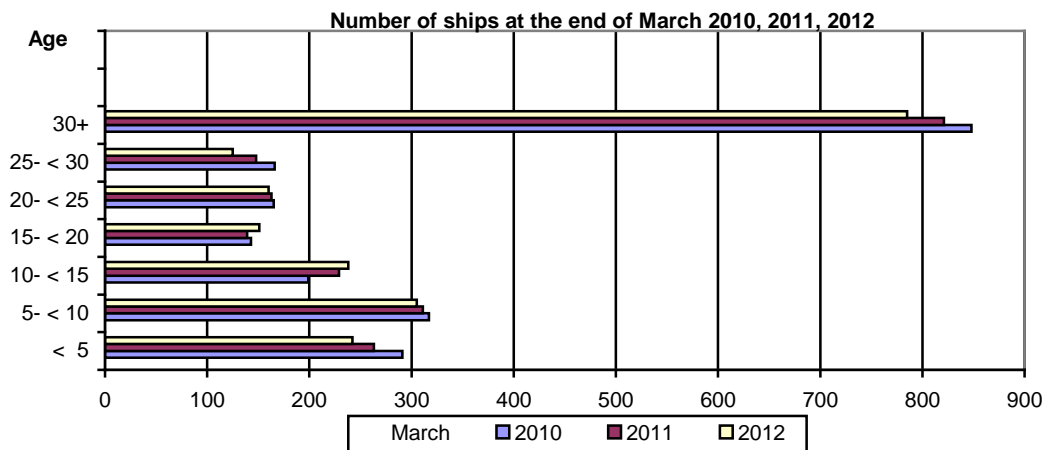
GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: March 2012

(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 3.3% in March 2012 compared with March 2011. The Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2.6% in March 2011 compared with March 2010 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, increased by 2.5% in March 2012 compared with March 2011, while in March 2011 compared with March 2010 it was up by 1.7% (Table 1).

Chart 1. Distribution of the Greek merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups.



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Table 1. Greek Merchant Fleet of 100 GRT and over : March 2010, 2011, 2012

Type of ships	March									
	2010		2011		2012		Change%			
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	2011/2010		2012/2011	
							Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.129	42.237.994	2.074	42.969.229	2.006	44.052.753	-2,6	1,7	-3,3	2,5
Cargo	601	15.052.453	576	15.962.586	547	16.112.854	-4,2	6,0	-5,0	0,9
Tankers	564	25.523.121	542	25.360.988	541	26.375.345	-3,9	-0,6	-0,2	4,0
Passenger ships	729	1.598.713	723	1.581.698	686	1.498.896	-0,8	-1,1	-5,1	-5,2
Other	235	63.707	233	63.957	232	65.658	-0,9	0,4	-0,4	2,7

**Table 2. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over by tonnage groups:
March 2010, 2011, 2012.**

Tonnage groups	March					
	2010		2011		2012	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.129	42.237.994	2.074	42.969.229	2.006	44.052.753
100 -< 500	880	222.053	856	215.492	816	206.099
500- < 3.000	417	520.538	392	478.272	367	460.622
3.000 -< 7.000	73	335.734	79	356.885	78	350.472
7.000- < 10.000	33	275.607	29	245.131	28	236.565
10.000- < 20.000	73	1.085.709	63	950.831	56	837.765
20.000 -< 30.000	118	3.090.981	100	2.629.804	91	2.406.051
30.000 +	535	36.707.372	555	38.092.814	570	39.555.179

**Table3. Distribution of the Greek Merchant ships of 100 GRT and over, by age groups :
March 2010, 2011, 2012**

Age groups	March					
	2010		2011		2012	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.129	42.237.994	2.074	42.969.229	2.006	44.052.753
< 5	291	12.817.109	263	11.661.257	242	11.177.166
5- < 10	317	13.764.080	311	13.489.288	305	13.944.484
10- < 15	199	5.858.956	229	7.882.255	238	9.180.858
15- < 20	143	3.777.204	139	4.329.753	151	4.372.617
20- < 25	165	1.272.774	163	1.332.773	160	1.579.364
25- < 30	166	1.906.302	148	1.374.935	125	1.033.420
30+	848	2.841.569	821	2.898.968	785	2.764.844

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

- Greek Merchant Fleet Survey** The Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet has been producing results since 1964. It has been conducted on a monthly basis without any major methodological changes ever since. The purpose of the survey is to fully record statistical data on the number and basic characteristics of the Greek merchant ships, thus depicting the evolution over the course of time of the Greek merchant fleet.
- Legal Framework** The survey is conducted in compliance with the joint Ministerial Decision (No 6792/G-81/11-4-97) signed by the Minister of National Economy and the Minister of Mercantile Marine.
- Reference Period** The results of the survey refer to the end of March 2012.
- Coverage** The survey covers all domestic Port Authorities, as well as Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which keep ship registers. These Authorities have to send a report on a monthly basis to the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) pertaining to the changes in the Greek merchant ships registered in their ship registers.
- Definitions**
- Merchant ship:** Seagoing self-propelled vessel, at least of 10 GRT, designed for the carriage of goods, transport of passengers, for fishing, towing or specially fitted out for other commercial maritime activities.
- Greek merchant fleet:** The total number of the merchant ships registered in Greece, which belong to natural or legal persons residing on the Greek territory. The Greek flag carried by these ships means that all their maritime activities (subsidies for ship building, cargo limitations and other tax provisions) are governed by commercial and economic rules which are laid down by the respective Greek authorities.
- Gross Register Tonnage (GRT):** unit of measurement of the total volume in cubic feet of the spaces within the hull and of the enclosed spaces above the deck which are available for carrying goods, food, passengers and crew. It equals to the volume of 100 cubic feet or 2.83 m³.
- Net Register Tonnage (NRT):** unit of measurement derived from the gross tonnage by deducting allowances in respect of spaces used for the crew, navigating and propelling machinery, fuel and water ballasts, and other spaces not used for passengers or cargo.
- Age of ship:** indicated by the year of original construction of the hull or that of the hull containing the engine room.
- Methodology** .
It is an exhaustive survey conducted by all domestic Port Authorities and Greek Consular Port Authorities abroad, which report to ELSTAT, on a monthly basis, on changes in the ships pertaining to: a) new registrations of ships in the ship registers, b) change in the name of a ship, c) change of ownership, d) transfers to or from a different port, e) deletion of a ship from a ship register, f) final measurement – remeasurement of ships, g) replacement of the ship's engine.
All these data, after being fully processed, are used to update, through a specially designed software application, the Official Register of Greek Merchant Ships. This Register is used for the production of monthly and annual statistical results.
- References** Further information (tables, charts) concerning the Survey on the Greek Merchant Fleet can be found on the webpage of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr), under the link: - *Statistical Themes - Transport- Maritime transport – Greek Merchant Fleet of 10 GRT and over.*