

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 HP of 20 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 and

d. employment.

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 by species caught in the previous month or declaring that the vessel did not work, as well as the fishing area, the fishing gear used and information about employment. The data are collected every month for each unit by the local customs authorities.

IV. Results of the survey

The results of the survey are published in the form of Press Releases (from the year 2012 onwards) accompanied with the relative analytical tables (from the year 2004 onwards) at the website of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr/en/home) and more specifically at the link <http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SPA03/->.

Before 2004, 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.