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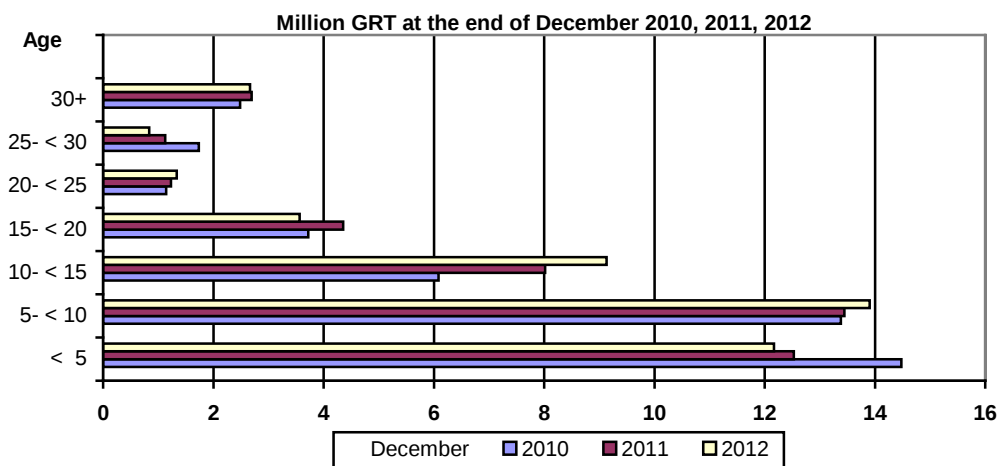
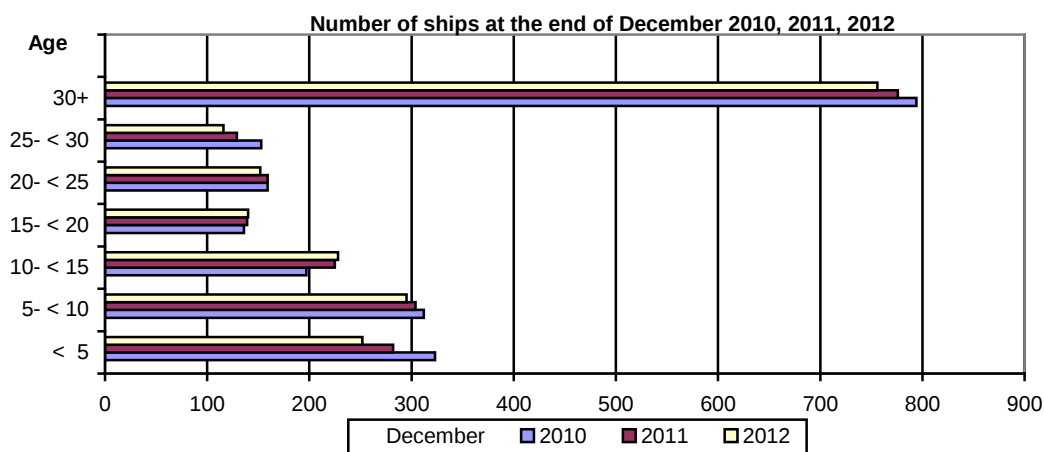
GREEK MERCHANT FLEET: December 2012

(Provisional data)

The Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, decreased by 3.7% in December 2012 compared with December 2011. The Greek Merchant Fleet recorded a decline of 2.9% in December 2011 compared with December 2010 (Table 1).

The gross tonnage of the Greek Merchant Fleet, for vessels of 100 GRT and over, increased by 0.5% in December 2012 compared with October 2011, while in December 2011 compared with December 2010 it was up by 0.9% (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 : December 2010, 2011, 2012

December										
	2010		2011		2012		Change%			
							2011/2010		2012/2011	
Type of ships	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.074	43.026.265	2.014	43.397.583	1.939	43.613.921	-2,9	0,9	-3,7	0,5
Cargo	553	15.868.940	540	16.005.932	522	16.024.377	-2,4	0,9	-3,3	0,1
Tankers	543	25.538.261	538	25.796.929	530	26.148.497	-0,9	1,0	-1,5	1,4
Passenger ships	729	1.543.232	691	1.520.053	648	1.367.205	-5,2	-1,5	-6,2	-10,1
Other	249	75.832	245	74.669	239	73.842	-1,6	-1,5	-2,4	-1,1

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

Tonnage groups	December					
	2010		2011		2012	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.074	43.026.265	2.014	43.397.583	1.939	43.613.921
100 -< 500	859	215.603	824	208.051	780	198.498
500- < 3.000	392	487.924	368	461.548	353	444.894
3.000 -< 7.000	75	337.850	79	353.536	73	327.686
7.000- < 10.000	29	245.436	28	234.684	27	228.670
10.000- < 20.000	65	987.873	59	889.242	51	777.368
20.000 -< 30.000	101	2.650.307	95	2.496.057	91	2.426.966
30.000 +	553	38.101.272	561	38.754.465	564	39.209.839

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

Age groups	December					
	2010		2011		2012	
	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)	Number of ships	Tonnage (GRT)
Total	2.074	43.026.265	2.014	43.397.583	1.939	43.613.921
< 5	323	14.476.558	282	12.528.040	252	12.170.387
5- < 10	312	13.379.195	304	13.448.258	295	13.905.334
10- < 15	197	6.083.561	225	8.018.226	228	9.134.847
15- < 20	136	3.722.897	139	4.356.516	140	3.565.055
20- < 25	159	1.143.003	159	1.228.512	152	1.337.701
25- < 30	153	1.736.613	129	1.124.897	116	835.988
30+	794	2.484.438	776	2.693.134	756	2.664.609

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 December 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: - <i>Statistical Themes - Transport- Maritime transport – Greek Merchant Fleet of 10 GRT and over.</i>