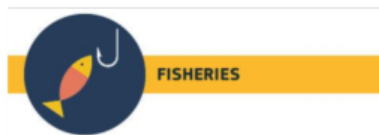


Coronavirus response

EUMOFA's weekly data and trends analysis

Week 18

The fishery and aquaculture sectors are among the most immediately impacted by the crisis. EUMOFA is releasing a weekly COVID-19 bulletin in order to inform the sector as quickly as possible on the evolution of the markets along the entire value chain, based on the most recent data on first sales, production and trade of fishery and aquaculture products. The data and analyses proposed are accurate to EUMOFA experts' best knowledge but are of course subject to availability of information in the short-term and to intrinsic volatility of the current situation.



LOWER PRODUCTION IN WEEK 18:¹

In several Member States, fishing activity and landings decreased in week 18. Impacts on first sales prices vary across countries:

[GFCM](#) reports moorings of 80% of the operating **Mediterranean** fleet and a general drop in first-sale prices (between -20% and -70%). The small-scale coastal fleet is the most affected by the crisis while the large-scale fleet has managed to maintain its activity in a range that varies between 40% and 100%. This reduced fish production by 75% in most countries.

In **Italy**, the [current situation](#) is heterogeneous and represents an exception: hardest impacts on trawler fleet, whereas small-scale fleet can survive through direct sales and local fishmongers. The sector fears that some fishing companies may request support for scrapping of fishing vessels by the end of the year due to economic difficulties.

In **France**, first sales in Atlantic auctions decreased in week 18. Auction sales data from [FranceAgriMer](#) (excluding the Mediterranean seaboard) show a 29%-decrease in volume and 9%-increase in prices for 31 main species over week 17. Saithe, scallop, whelk and sardine drove this drop in volume whereas significant price increases were reported for sardine, ray, whiting and monkfish.

For the third week in a row, the average prices decreased in [five auctions](#) in **Denmark** (Hanstholm, Hirtshals, Strandby, Grenaa and Skagen). From week 17 to week 18, sales decreased by 17% and their value dropped by 35%. The prices were at their lowest in the beginning of week 18 - mainly caused by large landings of saithe, hake, cod and pollack - then started to increase towards the end of the week, together with lower volumes.

¹ Weekly data on first sale are conceived to be disseminated as rapidly as possible. For this reason, they only cover some representative products in a selection of locations in some countries. They do not aim to give complete coverage of the market, and so it is recommended to use them as a mere indication of ongoing trends. For more information on species, countries and locations covered, please see [here](#).