

Coronavirus response

EUMOFA's weekly data and trends analysis

Week 21

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.

This bulletin is the last one released on a weekly basis. In June, two bi-weekly bulletins will be released.

Several Member States have been gradually lifting restrictions. Some countries have already opened kindergartens and schools. With continued distancing measures, larger gatherings start to be allowed, leading restaurants, cafes, schools and shops to re-open.

Prospects of increased demand from HORECA gives rise to cautious optimism throughout the value chain. However, stakeholders are generally concerned of reduced demand and tourism.



FISHERIES

INCREASING FIRST-SALES VOLUMES IN FRANCE AND DENMARK¹

In **France**, [FranceAgriMer](#) data on weekly auction sales (excluding the Mediterranean seaboard) show that for the 31 main species, the overall trend in week 21 compared to week 20 is a significant 24%-increase of volume due to remarkable increases for most species (especially sardine and mackerel). However, the average price increased a slight 3%, mostly because of decreased sales of some lower valued species (especially scallop and saithe) and significant sales increases of some higher valued species (rays, Norway lobster, monk, pollack, sole, etc.). The volume-increases of small pelagics resulted in price decreases for sardine and mackerel (-11% and -37%, respectively). In the Mediterranean seaboard, the [bluefin tuna campaign](#) started on May 26th and should last 5 weeks, with an increased quota but concerns about possible lower prices.

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](#).