

Coronavirus response

EUMOFA's weekly data and trends analysis

Weeks 24 - 25

The fishery and aquaculture sectors are among the most immediately impacted by the crisis. Over the last weeks, EUMOFA has released weekly bulletins in order to inform these sectors as quickly as possible on the impact of COVID-19 on the evolution of the markets along the entire value chain, based on the most recent data on first sales, production and trade. 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.

As several Member States have been gradually lifting restrictions, this is the last release of a regular bulletin. Starting from July, relevant updates will be included in the Monthly Highlights.

Most of 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 but still with relatively low activity. Prospects of increased demand from HORECA gives rise to cautious optimism throughout the value chain.



FISHING ACTIVITIES SLOWLY RECOVERING DUE TO MODERATE INCREASE OF DEMAND FROM HORECA¹

In five auctions in **Denmark** (Hansthalm, Hirtshals, Strandby, Grenaa and Skagen), first sales increased in both week 24 and 25. Volumes increased by 14% from week 23 to week 24, mainly due to higher sales of saithe. In week 25, 191 tonnes of Atlantic herring were sold, causing overall volumes to increase 16% from week 24 and reach its highest level since March (1.217 tonnes). The value increased by 15% and 9% in weeks 24 and 25 respectively. However, due to the increased sales of the lower valued Atlantic herring in week 25, the overall average weekly price (total value/total volume) decreased by 6%. The overall average daily prices showed an increasing trend during week 24 and 25 and increased 21% from Monday 5th June to Thursday 18th June. However, all the 191 tonnes of Atlantic herring were sold Friday 19th June, causing the overall average daily price to drop by 35%.

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](#).