

FACTS ABOUT FINFISH AQUACULTURE

Additional information and references to the FEAP infographics

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FISH FARMING PRODUCTION

The global finfish aquaculture sector experienced an average annual growth rate of 3.82% between 2012 and 2022. During the same period, European finfish aquaculture grew at an annual rate of 3.3%, resulting in an increase of nearly 1 million tonnes. Within the EU-27 member states, the annual growth rate was 2.03%, contributing an additional 101 thousand tonnes to total finfish production¹ (Table 3Table 1).

Currently, the finfish production of the EU-27 accounts for 30% of the apparent consumption of aquaculture fish products within the EU. These figures highlight the EU aquaculture sector's significant production growth capacity and strong market potential for further expansion. (Table 3)

Table 1. Production volumes of the main European finfish aquaculture species and FEAP member's production (including Türkiye) in 2022 (tonnes)

	FAO FISHSTAT J Data. ¹			FEAP report	FEAP share from world production
	World production	European production	EU 27 production	FEAP production	
Atlantic salmon	2,869,418	1,910,055	13,081	1,899,674	66%
Rainbow trout	1,004,300	334,723	169,930	402,551	40%
Gilthead seabream	344,393	110,947	106,837	245,402	71%
European seabass	293,619	93,597	90,882	256,577	87%
Common carp	4,012,665	155,816	63,866	53,464	1%
Turbot	72,634	12,632	12,632	12,721	18%
Sole (Solea solea and Solea senegalensis)	1,730	1,728	1,728	1,728*	100%
Atlantic Bluefin Tuna	37,107	32,231	32,231	25,700	69%
Meagre	49,724	11,489	11,431	12,108	24%
North african catfish	252,870	10,562	10,012	7,901	2%

¹ Data reference: FAO. 2024. FishStat: Global aquaculture production 1950-2022. [Accessed on 29 March 2024]. In: FishStatJ. Available at www.fao.org/fishery/en/statistics/software/fishstatj. Licence: CC-BY-4.0.