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## Fish Landings: Q2/2015

Fish landings in the second quarter amounted to 187,078 kilograms, down by 24.6 per cent over the comparative period in 2014. This was due to drops in almost all the landings except for stone bass which registered an increase of 17.9 per cent (Table 1). Similarly, the wholesale value of landings declined by 18.5 per cent to €1.5 million (Table 2).

### Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 169,780 kilograms, a decrease of 22.5 per cent over 2014. Landings of Maltese fishermen accounted for 90.8 per cent of total landings. The two main species landed, swordfish and blue fin tuna decreased by 14.8 and 45.5 per cent respectively. The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €1.4 million, a decrease of 16.1 per cent over the same quarter last year.

Fish landings by Gozitan fishermen declined by 40.4 per cent over the comparative period a year earlier. This was mainly brought about by drops in blue fin tuna (84.5 per cent) and swordfish (59.5 per cent), as well as in most other species. In contrast, increases of 53.4 and 47.8 per cent were registered for stone bass and bogue respectively. In terms of volume, landings by Gozitan fishermen comprised 9.2 per cent of total landings. Wholesale value amounted to €105,336, a drop of 41.6 per cent over the second quarter of 2014.

### Indices

The quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the second quarter stood at 149.48 points, an increase of 12.88 points (9.4 per cent) over 2014. The decrease in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish volume index, which stood at 57.41 points, down by 18.72 points, or 24.6 per cent less over the second quarter last year (Table 4) ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2013	2014	2015				% change 2015/2014
	Maltese	English	April-June (Q2)		April	May	June	April-June (Q2)	April-June (Q2)
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,780	4,991	743	633	1,399	2,775	-44.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,853	3,785	1,820	1,656	988	4,464	17.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	526	703	-	190	360	550	-21.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	7,818	9,598	2,096	2,189	2,247	6,532	-31.9
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	71,816	85,459	5,583	15,419	48,325	69,327	-18.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	76,117	78,762	-	29,182	12,907	42,089	-46.6
	Vopa	Bogue	9,100	3,773	-	-	3,265	3,265	-13.5
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	68,391	60,995	15,988	23,740	18,348	58,076	-4.8
	<b>Total</b>		<b>241,401</b>	<b>248,066</b>	<b>26,230</b>	<b>73,009</b>	<b>87,839</b>	<b>187,078</b>	<b>-24.6</b>
Malta <sup>1</sup>	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,924	3,467	624	559	473	1,656	-52.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	2,524	2,341	887	481	881	2,249	-3.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	435	618	-	190	314	504	-18.4
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	5,688	7,849	1,223	1,742	2,160	5,125	-34.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	64,044	77,601	5,470	14,829	45,845	66,144	-14.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	73,409	76,615	-	29,182	12,575	41,757	-45.5
	Vopa	Bogue	4,559	2,309	-	-	1,101	1,101	-52.3
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	60,496	48,252	14,294	21,330	15,620	51,244	6.2
	<b>Total</b>		<b>214,079</b>	<b>219,052</b>	<b>22,498</b>	<b>68,313</b>	<b>78,969</b>	<b>169,780</b>	<b>-22.5</b>
Gozo and Comino <sup>2</sup>	Gamblu	Shrimp	856	1,524	119	74	926	1,119	-26.6
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,329	1,444	933	1,175	107	2,215	53.4
	Lampuka	Dorado	91	85	-	-	46	46	-45.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	2,130	1,749	873	447	87	1,407	-19.6
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	7,772	7,858	113	590	2,480	3,183	-59.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	2,708	2,147	-	-	332	332	-84.5
	Vopa	Bogue	4,541	1,464	-	-	2,164	2,164	47.8
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	22,740	12,743	1,694	2,410	2,728	6,832	-46.4
	<b>Total</b>		<b>42,167</b>	<b>29,014</b>	<b>3,732</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>8,870</b>	<b>17,298</b>	<b>-40.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> landings of vessels owned by persons residing in mainland Malta and landings of foreign-flagged vessels

<sup>2</sup> landings of vessels owned by persons residing in Gozo and Comino

Table 2. Wholesale value (in €) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2013	2014	2015				% change 2015/2014
	Maltese	English	April-June (Q2)		April	May	June	April-June (Q2)	April-June (Q2)
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	52,689	78,731	12,239	8,392	19,661	40,292	-48.8
	Dott	Stone Bass	35,848	31,476	11,827	12,675	9,004	33,506	6.4
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,467	4,590	-	1,131	2,122	3,253	-29.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	20,174	22,844	4,011	4,788	4,583	13,382	-41.4
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	583,827	607,453	47,229	141,740	369,262	558,231	-8.1
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	648,872	664,841	-	279,027	111,203	390,230	-41.3
	Vopa	Bogue	22,848	11,701	-	-	8,148	8,148	-30.4
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	463,669	443,907	126,186	198,374	148,187	472,747	6.5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,830,394</b>	<b>1,865,543</b>	<b>201,492</b>	<b>646,127</b>	<b>672,170</b>	<b>1,519,789</b>	<b>-18.5</b>
Malta <sup>1</sup>	Gamblu	Shrimp	45,676	53,770	10,815	6,782	6,027	23,624	-56.1
	Dott	Stone Bass	23,409	19,280	6,202	5,252	8,011	19,465	1.0
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,036	4,163	-	1,131	1,811	2,942	-29.3
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	15,608	18,708	2,496	3,999	4,322	10,817	-42.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	519,713	545,579	46,220	136,084	355,356	537,660	-1.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	629,246	647,410	-	279,027	108,742	387,769	-40.1
	Vopa	Bogue	13,932	8,271	-	-	3,230	3,230	-60.9
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	410,398	388,080	115,149	179,032	134,765	428,946	10.5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,660,018</b>	<b>1,685,261</b>	<b>180,882</b>	<b>611,307</b>	<b>622,264</b>	<b>1,414,453</b>	<b>-16.1</b>
Gozo and Comino <sup>2</sup>	Gamblu	Shrimp	7,013	24,961	1,424	1,610	13,634	16,668	-33.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	12,439	12,196	5,625	7,423	993	14,041	15.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	431	427	-	-	311	311	-27.2
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,566	4,136	1,515	789	261	2,565	-38.0
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	64,114	61,874	1,009	5,656	13,906	20,571	-66.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	19,626	17,431	-	-	2,461	2,461	-85.9
	Vopa	Bogue	8,916	3,430	-	-	4,918	4,918	43.4
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	64,125	55,827	11,037	19,342	13,422	43,801	-21.5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>181,230</b>	<b>180,282</b>	<b>20,610</b>	<b>34,820</b>	<b>49,906</b>	<b>105,336</b>	<b>-41.6</b>

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**Table 3. All Items fresh fish index by month and year**  
(2010=100)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2014</b>												
Price index	96.34	118.54	121.37	134.78	152.28	122.74	115.81	106.75	103.29	85.37	123.30	134.64
Volume index	53.52	26.10	20.69	29.64	117.09	81.67	89.88	107.05	113.87	95.43	35.42	28.13
<b>2015</b>												
Price index	116.87	125.53	129.85	142.44	164.10	141.89						
Volume index	23.84	16.03	19.94	24.15	67.22	80.87						

**Table 4. All Items fresh fish index by quarter and year**  
(2010=100)

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>2014</b>				
Price index	112.08	136.60	108.62	114.44
Volume index	33.44	76.13	103.60	52.99
<b>2015</b>				
Price index	124.08	149.48		
Volume index	19.94	57.41		

## Methodological Notes

1. Statistical data for fish landings are collected through the daily returns of sales submitted by middlemen at the fish market.
2. The information is submitted to the NSO on a monthly basis by the Department of Fisheries. Data on fish landings by species, volume, average monthly unit prices and total value paid out to fishermen are used in this compilation.
3. The indices are used to monitor developments in price and volume movements over a particular period. The price and volume indices are fixed-weight Laspeyres type indices with 2010 as the base year. Price and volume indices with base year 2005=100 may be provided on request.
4. The news release is designed to specify the seven dominant species landed. No individual species under the heading 'Other species' exceed 10 per cent of total landings. Statistical information on all species may be made available on request.
5. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.
6. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:  
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>