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During the third quarter this year, the volume and wholesale value of fish landings increased by 35.0 and 25.1 per cent respectively over the comparative period in 2014.

Fish Landings: Q3/2015

Fish landings in the third quarter amounted to 455,862 kilograms, up by 35.0 per cent over the comparative period in 2014. This was due to increases in almost all the landings except for shrimp which registered a decrease of 27.4 per cent (Table 1). Similarly, the wholesale value of landings increased by 25.1 per cent to €2.5 million (Table 2).

Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 390,491 kilograms, an increase of 37.4 per cent over the comparative period in 2014. Landings of Maltese fishermen accounted for 85.7 per cent of total landings. The two main species landed, swordfish and dorado increased by 72.3 and 17.1 per cent respectively. The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €2.2 million, an increase of 30.7 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year.

Fish landings by Gozitan fishermen increased by 22.7 per cent over the comparative period a year earlier. This was mainly brought about by increases in most of the species mainly swordfish (48.1 per cent) and dorado (27.1 per cent). In terms of volume, landings by Gozitan fishermen comprised 14.3 per cent of total landings. Wholesale value amounted to €280,057, a drop of 6.1 per cent over the second quarter of 2014.

Indices

The quarterly All Items fresh fish price index for the third quarter stood at 99.74 points, a decrease of 8.88 points or 8.2 per cent over the comparative period in 2014. The increase in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the quarterly All Items fresh fish volume index, which stood at 139.90 points, up by 36.30 points, or 35.0 per cent more over the third quarter of 2014 (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	July-September (Q3)	July	August	September	July-September (Q3)	July-September (Q3)	
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	12,682	6,550	2,543	872	1,342	4,757	-27.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,596	2,523	1,936	453	457	2,846	12.8
	Lampuka	Dorado	149,969	110,996	125	48,409	83,492	132,026	18.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,093	2,353	1,765	340	799	2,904	23.4
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	199,586	144,579	130,393	52,868	61,341	244,602	69.2
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	4,159	159	1,761	-	-	1,761	1,007.5
	Vopa	Bogue	4,321	5,996	4,479	1,657	1,448	7,584	26.5
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	74,000	64,403	28,009	14,101	17,272	59,382	-7.8
		Total	452,406	337,559	171,011	118,700	166,151	455,862	35.0
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	11,468	4,848	1,648	457	1,046	3,151	-35.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,092	2,394	1,866	453	457	2,776	16.0
	Lampuka	Dorado	104,829	90,675	116	40,047	66,035	106,198	17.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,923	2,306	1,551	323	733	2,607	13.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	179,125	126,053	122,597	49,416	45,148	217,161	72.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	3,926	159	1,761	-	-	1,761	1,007.5
	Vopa	Bogue	2,645	3,335	2,305	1,265	616	4,186	25.5
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	59,218	54,513	24,257	12,516	15,878	52,651	-3.4
		Total	368,226	284,283	156,101	104,477	129,913	390,491	37.4
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,214	1,702	895	415	296	1,606	-5.6
	Dott	Stone Bass	504	129	70	-	-	70	-45.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	45,140	20,321	9	8,362	17,457	25,828	27.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	170	47	214	17	66	297	531.9
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	20,461	18,526	7,796	3,452	16,193	27,441	48.1
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	233	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,676	2,661	2,174	392	832	3,398	27.7
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	14,782	9,890	3,752	1,585	1,394	6,731	-31.9
		Total	84,180	53,276	14,910	14,223	36,238	65,371	22.7

¹ landings of vessels owned by persons residing in mainland Malta and landings of foreign-flagged vessels

² 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	July-September (Q3)	July	August	September	July-September (Q3)	July-September (Q3)	
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	217,219	97,154	33,129	6,999	10,752	50,880	-47.6
	Dott	Stone Bass	34,672	26,015	12,360	5,250	4,566	22,176	-14.8
	Lampuka	Dorado	576,741	531,771	775	212,099	342,389	555,263	4.4
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,944	6,059	3,319	746	1,589	5,654	-6.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,304,516	902,947	794,508	287,857	274,546	1,356,911	50.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	21,257	953	14,376	-	-	14,376	1,408.5
	Vopa	Bogue	10,369	16,130	11,638	4,098	2,571	18,307	13.5
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	474,359	386,922	206,661	108,143	123,400	438,204	13.3
		Total	2,649,077	1,967,951	1,076,766	625,192	759,813	2,461,771	25.1
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	197,916	63,431	18,351	2,062	7,436	27,849	-56.1
	Dott	Stone Bass	30,409	24,734	11,821	5,250	4,566	21,637	-12.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	410,492	433,741	718	178,462	255,239	434,419	0.2
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,237	5,841	2,928	695	1,417	5,040	-13.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,155,609	787,307	745,390	267,973	243,429	1,256,792	59.6
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	20,250	953	14,376	-	-	14,376	1,408.5
	Vopa	Bogue	6,547	8,755	6,472	3,364	1,213	11,049	26.2
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	408,992	345,044	188,783	104,082	117,687	410,552	19.0
		Total	2,239,452	1,669,806	988,839	561,888	630,987	2,181,714	30.7
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	19,303	33,723	14,778	4,937	3,316	23,031	-31.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	4,263	1,281	539	-	-	539	-57.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	166,249	98,030	57	33,637	87,150	120,844	23.3
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	707	218	391	51	172	614	181.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	148,907	115,640	49,118	19,884	31,117	100,119	-13.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	1,007	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	3,822	7,375	5,166	734	1,358	7,258	-1.6
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	65,367	41,878	17,878	4,061	5,713	27,652	-34.0
		Total	409,625	298,145	87,927	63,304	128,826	280,057	-6.1

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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
2014												
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
2015												
Price index	116.87	125.53	129.85	142.44	164.10	141.89	116.75	97.66	84.80			
Volume index	23.84	16.03	19.94	24.15	67.22	80.87	157.45	109.29	152.98			

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

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2014				
Price index	112.08	136.60	108.62	114.44
Volume index	33.44	76.13	103.60	52.99
2015				
Price index	124.08	149.48	99.74	
Volume index	19.94	57.41	139.90	

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>