

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the volume of fish landings increased by 5.3 per cent while the wholesale value of fish landings decreased by 2.3 per cent over the same quarter in 2014.

Fish Landings: Q4/2015

Fish landings in the fourth quarter amounted to 181,891 kilograms, up by 5.3 per cent over 2014. The main agent was a substantial increase of 99.1 per cent in dorado landings. This was partially offset by drops of 54.3, 40.5 and 40.1 per cent in landings of other species, swordfish and shrimp respectively (Table 1). In contrast, the wholesale value of landings declined by 2.3 per cent to €0.9 million (Table 2).

Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 141,018 kilograms, an increase of 3.5 per cent over the comparative period in 2014. Landings of Maltese fishermen accounted for 77.5 per cent of total volume. The main species landed, dorado, went up by 142.7 per cent. The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €0.8 million, an upturn of 2.9 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year.

Fish landings by Gozitan fishermen increased by 12.2 per cent when compared to the same period last year. This was mainly brought about by increases of 40.1 and 36.4 per cent in dorado and shrimp landings respectively. In terms of volume, Gozitan fishermen's contributions amounted to 22.5 per cent of total landings. Wholesale value amounted to €168,066, a downturn of 20.8 per cent over the fourth quarter of 2014.

Indices

The quarterly All Items Fresh Fish Price index for the fourth quarter stood at 100.68 points, a decrease of 13.76 points or 12.0 per cent over the comparative quarter in 2014. The increase in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the quarterly All Items Fresh Fish Volume index, which stood at 55.82 points, up by 2.83 points, or 5.3 per cent more over the respective period (Table 4) ■

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Chart 1. Percentage distribution of fish landings: Q4/2015

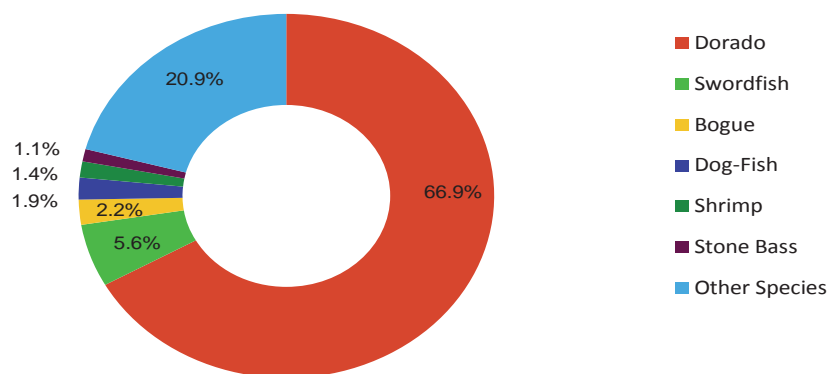


Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2013	2014	2015				% change 2015/2014
	Maltese	English	October-December (Q4)	October-December (Q4)	October	November	December	October-December (Q4)	October-December (Q4)
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,141	4,366	1,391	770	453	2,614	-40.1
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,440	1,811	995	862	132	1,989	9.8
	Lampuka	Dorado	120,318	61,077	48,012	18,741	54,874	121,627	99.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,822	2,214	945	1,444	1,130	3,519	58.9
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	52,888	17,081	6,213	-	3,955	10,168	-40.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	45	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,886	3,152	685	937	2,405	4,027	27.8
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	46,889	82,971	14,703	9,748	13,496	37,947	-54.3
		Total	230,429	172,672	72,944	32,502	76,445	181,891	5.3
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,972	3,882	960	657	337	1,954	-49.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,440	1,811	995	682	132	1,809	-0.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	47,367	35,150	38,350	11,527	35,429	85,306	142.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,794	2,163	883	1,407	1,012	3,302	52.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	45,040	15,802	6,174	0	3,781	9,955	-37.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	45	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,154	1,209	207	616	1,988	2,811	132.5
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	40,689	76,236	14,295	8,760	12,826	35,881	-52.9
		Total	142,501	136,253	61,864	23,649	55,505	141,018	3.5
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	169	484	431	113	116	660	36.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	-	-	-	180	-	180	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	72,951	25,927	9,662	7,214	19,445	36,321	40.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	28	51	62	37	118	217	325.5
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	7,848	1,279	39	-	174	213	-83.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	732	1,943	478	321	417	1,216	-37.4
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	6,200	6,735	408	988	670	2,066	-69.3
		Total	87,928	36,419	11,080	8,853	20,940	40,873	12.2

¹ landings of vessels owned by persons residing in mainland Malta and landings of foreign-flagged vessels² 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	October-December (Q4)	October-December (Q4)	October	November	December	October-December (Q4)	October-December (Q4)
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	50,546	35,512	12,759	11,736	4,548	29,043	-18.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	13,461	12,611	8,320	7,525	1,375	17,220	36.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	504,614	387,646	256,720	97,545	157,166	511,431	31.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	8,571	4,621	2,291	3,753	2,879	8,923	93.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	313,930	131,574	33,516	-	27,734	61,250	-53.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	225	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	4,478	8,303	1,306	2,400	6,467	10,173	22.5
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	334,498	374,601	113,084	93,184	88,131	294,399	-21.4
		Total	1,230,323	954,868	427,996	216,143	288,300	932,439	-2.3
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	48,600	29,186	11,189	11,028	2,615	24,832	-14.9
	Dott	Stone Bass	13,461	12,611	8,320	5,725	1,375	15,420	22.3
	Lampuka	Dorado	204,935	222,720	201,318	62,954	102,598	366,870	64.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	8,486	4,512	2,036	3,646	2,560	8,242	82.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	263,573	121,752	33,365	-	26,690	60,055	-50.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	225	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	3,123	3,174	535	2,042	5,618	8,195	158.2
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	304,873	348,628	109,958	87,280	83,521	280,759	-19.5
		Total	847,276	742,583	366,721	172,675	224,977	764,373	2.9
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,946	6,326	1,570	708	1,933	4,211	-33.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	-	-	-	1,800	-	1,800	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	299,679	164,926	55,402	34,591	54,568	144,561	-12.3
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	85	109	255	107	319	681	524.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	50,357	9,822	151	-	1,044	1,195	-87.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,355	5,129	771	358	849	1,978	-61.4
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	29,625	25,973	3,126	5,904	4,610	13,640	-47.5
		Total	383,047	212,285	61,275	43,468	63,323	168,066	-20.8

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 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	108.80	123.31	69.93
Volume index	23.84	16.03	19.94	24.15	67.22	80.87	157.45	109.29	152.98	67.16	29.92	70.38

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	100.68
Volume index	19.94	57.41	139.90	55.82

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>