

During the second half of 2016, the total volume of fish landings amounted to 1.4 million kilograms with a wholesale value of €5.0 million.

Fish Landings: July-December 2016

The volume of fish landings amounted to 1.4 million kilograms during the period under review. The main species landed were mackerel, dorado and swordfish which accounted for 53.2 per cent of the total landings.

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Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 1.2 million kilograms, which accounted for 85.8 per cent of total landings and 87.0 per cent of the wholesale value. As regards to volume, the main species landed were mackerel, dorado and swordfish which made up 50.5 per cent of the landings.

In terms of volume, landings by Gozitan fishermen comprised 14.2 per cent of the total landings. The wholesale value amounted to €653,463 or 13.0 per cent of the total value ■

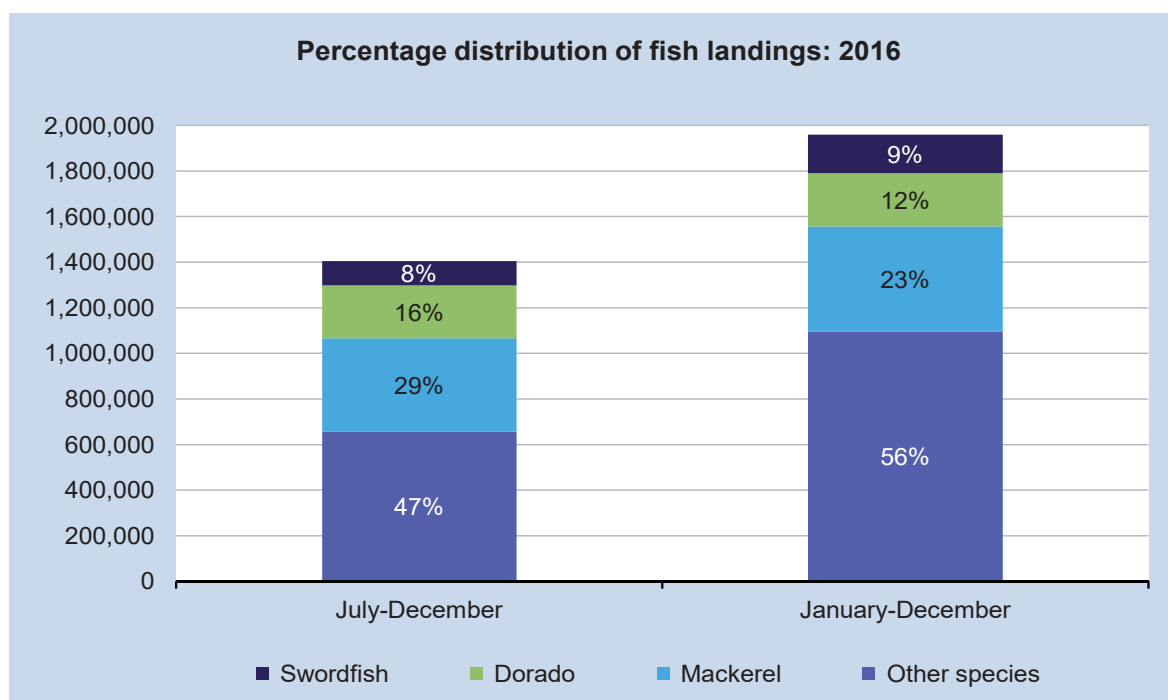


Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) and wholesale value of fish landings: July-December 2016

Administrative area	Species designation		July-December					
	Maltese	English	Quantity (Kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
			2014	2015	2016 ³	2014	2015	2016 ³
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	10,916	7,371	23,574	132,666	79,923	365,120
	Dott	Stone Bass	4,334	4,835	7,109	38,626	39,396	66,847
	Lampuka	Dorado	172,073	253,653	231,683	919,417	1,066,694	1,294,224
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,861	1,366	408,419	2,846	3,517	214,871
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,567	6,423	13,754	10,680	14,577	30,259
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	161,660	254,770	106,843	1,034,521	1,418,161	666,703
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	159	1,761	1,966	953	14,376	17,792
	Vopa	Bogue	9,148	11,611	23,907	24,433	28,480	67,872
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	145,513	95,963	587,411	758,677	729,086	2,291,234
		Total		510,231	637,753	1,404,666	2,922,819	3,394,210
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	8,730	5,105	18,381	92,617	52,681	281,962
	Dott	Stone Bass	4,205	4,585	6,698	37,345	37,057	62,999
	Lampuka	Dorado	125,825	191,504	179,170	656,461	801,289	1,009,833
	Kavall	Mackerel	589	1,010	324,716	1,637	2,698	171,320
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,469	5,909	12,739	10,353	13,282	27,255
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	141,855	227,116	104,552	909,059	1,316,847	649,899
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	159	1,761	1,966	953	14,376	17,792
	Vopa	Bogue	4,544	6,997	18,457	11,929	19,244	54,997
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	130,160	87,522	537,887	692,035	688,613	2,085,402
		Total		420,536	531,509	1,204,566	2,412,389	2,946,087
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,186	2,266	5,194	40,049	27,242	83,159
	Dott	Stone Bass	129	250	411	1,281	2,339	3,848
	Lampuka	Dorado	46,248	62,149	52,513	262,956	265,405	284,391
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,272	356	83,703	1,209	819	43,551
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	98	514	1,015	327	1,295	3,004
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	19,805	27,654	2,290	125,462	101,314	16,805
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Vopa	Bogue	4,604	4,614	5,449	12,504	9,236	12,874
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	15,353	8,441	49,524	66,642	40,473	205,832
		Total		89,695	106,244	200,100	510,430	448,123

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 Comino³ For 2016 the data includes direct sales declared by the fishermen

Table 2. Quantity (in kgs) and wholesale value of fish landings: January-December 2016

Administrative area	Species designation		January-December					
	Maltese	English	Quantity (Kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
			2014	2015	2016 ³	2014	2015	2016 ³
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	16,756	13,371	38,085	221,389	142,715	609,103
	Dott	Stone Bass	9,719	9,853	14,920	84,603	77,630	137,591
	Lampuka	Dorado	172,827	254,203	232,548	924,227	1,069,947	1,298,683
	Kavall	Mackerel	8,464	3,499	461,942	12,626	7,726	249,653
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	26,384	21,355	39,262	66,374	51,154	85,582
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	298,551	339,925	170,462	1,925,122	2,092,332	1,133,724
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	78,921	43,850	84,268	665,794	404,606	676,709
	Vopa	Bogue	17,862	20,366	58,365	49,349	53,816	159,960
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	237,760	176,619	859,914	1,469,179	1,398,931	3,672,143
		Total		867,244	883,041	1,959,766	5,418,663	5,298,857
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	12,871	9,914	28,944	154,062	98,345	459,047
	Dott	Stone Bass	7,452	7,388	13,756	65,675	61,250	127,152
	Lampuka	Dorado	126,456	192,008	179,930	660,694	804,231	1,013,795
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,844	1,777	360,134	4,486	4,796	192,876
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	22,223	17,081	35,317	54,749	41,038	76,014
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	263,453	306,996	166,058	1,693,257	1,956,508	1,098,218
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	76,774	43,518	84,268	648,363	402,145	676,709
	Vopa	Bogue	9,620	9,508	45,174	28,151	27,823	125,703
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	210,200	160,114	734,949	1,324,366	1,301,287	3,226,963
		Total		730,893	748,304	1,648,530	4,633,803	4,697,423
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,885	3,457	9,142	67,327	44,370	150,057
	Dott	Stone Bass	2,267	2,465	1,164	18,928	16,380	10,439
	Lampuka	Dorado	46,371	62,195	52,618	263,533	265,716	284,888
	Kavall	Mackerel	6,620	1,722	101,808	8,140	2,930	56,777
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,161	4,274	3,945	11,625	10,116	9,568
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	35,098	32,929	4,403	231,865	135,824	35,507
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	2,147	332	0	17,431	2,461	0
	Vopa	Bogue	8,242	10,858	13,190	21,198	25,993	34,256
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	27,560	16,505	124,965	144,813	97,644	445,180
		Total		136,351	134,737	311,236	784,860	601,434

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² landings of vessels owned by persons residing in Gozo and Comino

³ For 2016 the data includes direct sales declared by the fishermen

Methodological Notes

1. Statistical data for fish landings are collected through the daily returns of sales submitted by fishermen at the fish market and directly by themselves.
2. From 2016 onwards, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture carried out more enforcement on the fishermen to declare all the fish sales including the direct sales. This resulted in a break in time-series.
3. The information is submitted to the NSO on a monthly basis by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Data on fish landings by species, volume, average monthly unit prices and total value paid out to fishermen are used in this compilation.
4. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.
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