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## Agriculture and Fisheries Statistics

### Fish Landings at the Organised market: December Quarter 2003

In the quarter under review, 341,455 kilograms of fish were landed at the fishmarket, an increase of 14.0 per cent over 299,514 kilograms in the same quarter of 2002. On the other hand, the wholesale value decreased by 26.9 per cent from Lm460,923 to Lm337,078. Whilst the most notable increases in volume were recorded in Pilot fish and Dorado landings, the drop in the total wholesale value was mainly due to lower income from Dorado, stone bass, swordfish and shrimp.

#### Annual Statistics

The total fish landings in 2003 increased by 129,355 kilograms (+13.7%) from 940,864 kilograms in 2002 to 1,070,219 kilograms in 2003. The increase was mainly due to the rise in landings of dorado (+46.0%), tuna (+25.3%), and shrimps (+26.7%). On the other hand, swordfish and stone bass landings dropped by 29.6 and 30.0 per cent respectively. A slight increase in the wholesale value of 1.8 per cent was recorded.

#### Regional Statistics

On a regional basis, the Maltese fishermen landed a total of 944,288 kilograms or 88.2 per cent of the total landings. Dorado was the dominant species landed by both Maltese and Gozitan fishermen; this accounted for 46.4 per cent and 55.0 per cent of total regional landings respectively. For Maltese and Gozitan fishermen, tuna landings accounted for 20.8 per cent and 18.8 per cent of total landings respectively.

#### Indices

In December, the 'All Items' fish price index stood at 109.62, down by 8.99 points or 7.58 per cent when compared to December 2002. Of the most important landings during the month in question, shrimp and stone bass prices increased by 19.6 and 4.8 per cent respectively. The fall in the index was mainly due to the drop in the prices of dorado and swordfish 16.9 per cent and 20.3 per cent respectively, when compared to the same period in 2002.

The 'All Items' fresh fish volume index increased by 13.7 per cent or 13.98 points from 101.63 points in 2002 to 115.61 points in 2003. Although declines in most of the species were registered, Stone Bass (-30.0%) and Swordfish (-29.6%), increases in the catches of Dorado (+46.0%) and Blue Fin Tuna (+25.3%) contributed to the increase in the volume index.

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## Aquaculture exports

Aquaculture exports for the 4th quarter of 2003 amounted to 135,047 kilograms. When compared to the same quarter of 2002, the volume of aquacultural exports increased by 37.4 per cent, while the export value of farmed fish increased substantially by 78.2 per cent from Lm157,259 in the fourth quarter of 2002 to Lm280,268 in the fourth quarter of 2003.

Although aquaculture exports registered increases in volume and value when comparing the quarter under review with the same quarter of 2002, on an annual basis, the volume of exports of farmed fish in 2003 fell by 21.1 per cent from 1,116,404 kilograms in 2002 to 881,373 kilograms in 2003. The export value of farmed fish increased by 4.4 per cent from Lm1,628,674 in 2002 to Lm1,700,950 in the year 2003.

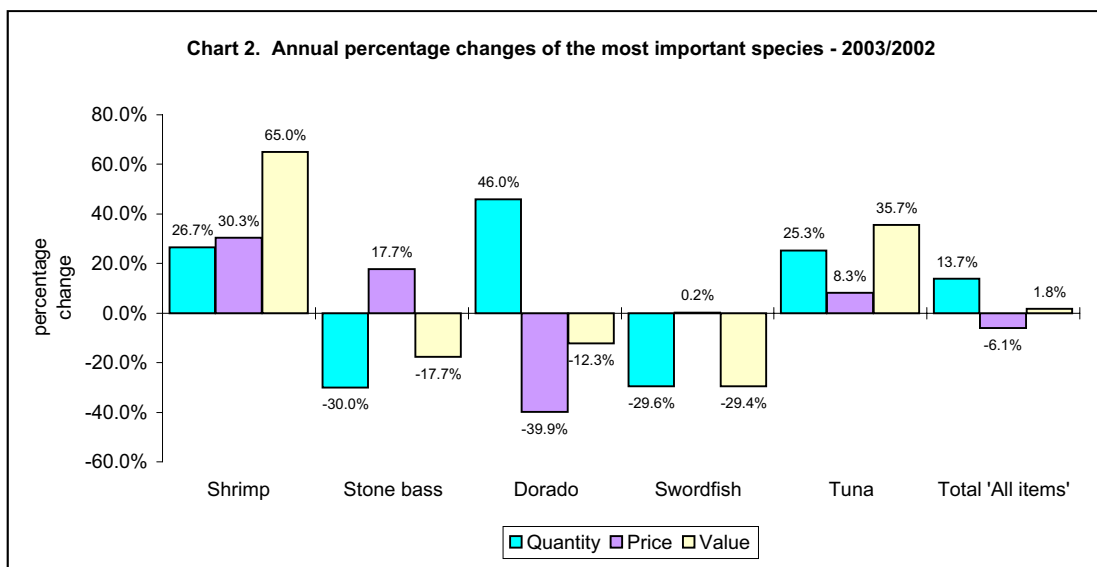
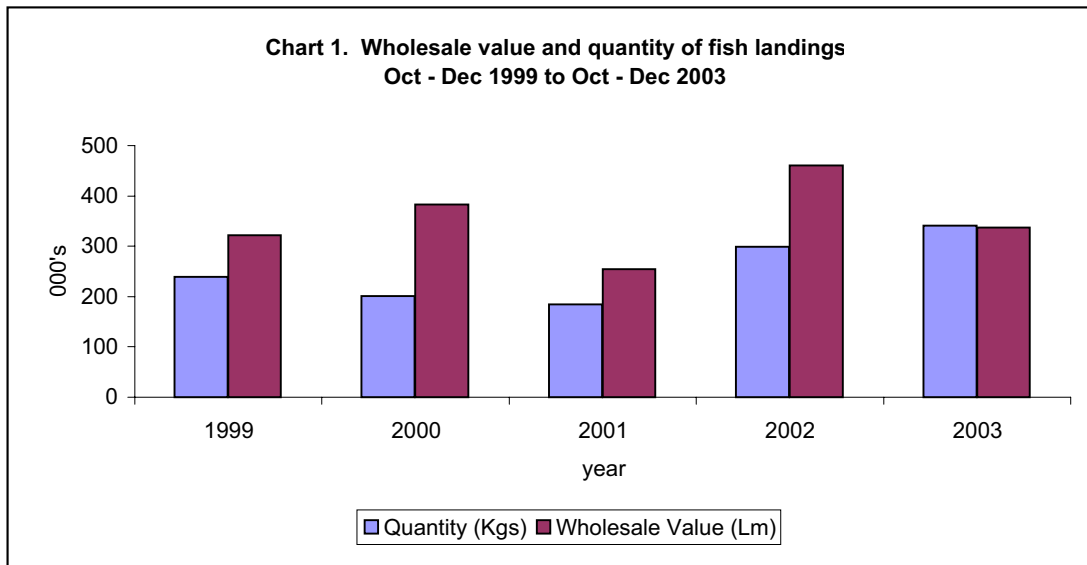


Table 1. Quantity and Wholesale Value of fish landings at fishmarket ...

Species Designation		2002						2003					
		January/December		October		November		December		October/December		January/December	
Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
Aċċola	Amber	3,381	8,479	944	2,773	228	719	34	158	1,206	3,650	4,002	11,071
Arznell/Munqara	Picarel	3,055	1,809	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	539	469
Boll/Rejja/Hamiema	Ray	4,946	3,916	-	-	-	-	338	69	338	69	5,392	4,029
Dentiċi	Dentex	1,650	8,247	-	-	39	227	-	-	39	227	534	2,915
Fanfru	Pilot Fish	8,293	12,507	5,498	4,528	2,017	1,531	565	577	8,080	6,636	15,791	12,951
Gallina	Gurnard	766	2,100	-	-	36	117	-	-	36	117	1,260	2,999
Gamblu	Shrimp	29,017	159,432	2,635	21,345	1,406	9,337	507	2,790	4,548	33,472	36,753	263,116
Gringu/Morina	Conger Eel/Morane	3,496	2,935	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,429	2,147
Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	47,107	111,778	932	3,254	639	2,888	766	2,316	2,337	8,458	32,961	92,043
Fluta Kaħla	Blue Shark	556	1,104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	446	501
Kaħlija	Saddles Bream	1,397	3,589	35	153	-	17	46	176	81	329	1,244	4,160
Kavall	Mackerel	2,693	4,115	-	-	15	17	-	-	15	17	303	372
Klamar	Squid	2,291	9,355	326	1,458	79	357	206	881	611	2,696	2,037	8,787
Lampuka	Dorado	347,315	440,129	105,199	103,492	163,330	99,185	18,149	14,064	286,678	216,741	507,081	385,983
Makku	Pellucia Sole	917	1,471	161	176	119	199	-	-	280	375	769	1,234
Mazzola	Dog-Fish	23,538	25,037	-	-	110	80	431	494	541	574	17,049	17,716
Mulett	Mullet	28	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	28
Paġella	Red Bream	1,811	6,285	69	225	46	292	-	-	115	517	2,530	8,914



Table 2. Quantity and Wholesale Value of fish landings by Maltese fishermen ...

Species Designation		2003											
		October		November		December		October/December		January/December			
Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
Aċċola	Amber	809	2,378	199	608	34	158	1,042	3,144	3,136	9,948		
Arznejl/Munqara	Picarel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382	349		
Boll/Rajja/Hamiema	Ray	-	-	-	-	338	69	338	69	5,023	3,711		
Dentici	Dentex	-	-	39	227	-	-	39	227	479	2,646		
Fanfru	Pilot Fish	4,254	3,387	1,981	1,503	565	577	6,800	5,467	13,372	11,019		
Gallina	Gurnard	-	-	36	117	-	-	36	117	1,127	2,638		
Gamblu	Shrimp	2,426	20,041	1,088	7,708	219	963	3,733	28,712	25,951	194,033		
Gringu/Morina	Conger Eel/Morane	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,374	2,089		
Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	868	3,070	639	2,888	766	2,316	2,273	8,274	32,815	91,595		
Huta Kaħla	Blue Shark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	446	501		
Kaħija	Saddles Bream	35	153	-	-	46	176	81	329	1,211	4,024		
Kavall	Mackerel	-	-	15	17	-	-	15	17	303	372		
Klamar	Squid	326	1,458	79	357	206	881	611	2,696	1,998	8,636		
Lampuka	Dorado	81,085	79,185	140,346	83,395	16,260	12,704	237,691	175,284	437,860	328,844		
Makku	Pellucia Sole	161	176	119	199	-	-	280	375	769	1,234		
Mazzola	Dog-Fish	-	-	110	80	431	494	541	574	15,707	15,971		
Mulett	Mullet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	28		
Paġella	Red Bream	69	225	46	292	-	-	115	517	2,530	8,914		

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Pagru	Common Sea Bream	691	3,341	154	975	124	822	969	5,138	7,379	41,099		
Pixxiplamtu	Porbeagle Shark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	222		
Pixxispad	Sword Fish	14,769	21,484	8,695	14,763	1,078	2,017	24,542	38,264	130,767	263,160		
Qarnita	Octopus	435	1,142	126	295	143	330	704	1,767	4,530	10,836		
Sargu	Bream	461	1,952	10	45	210	1,011	681	3,008	3,713	18,248		
Sawrella	Scad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,281	1,524		
Sirrana	Comber	24	28	-	-	-	-	24	28	748	802		
Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	196,605	483,591		
Trilja	Red Mullet	296	603	-	-	59	152	355	755	3,087	6,651		
Tumbrell	Frigate Mackerel	-	-	656	322	-	-	656	322	1,812	755		
Tunnagġa	Little Tunny	1,704	1,095	269	230	516	345	2,489	1,670	3,391	2,291		
Vopa	Bogue	1,752	933	546	404	-	-	2,298	1,337	8,075	6,548		
Xilpa/Gerwiela	Saloma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	71		
Żagħrun	Rough Shark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	480	314		
Hut lehor	Other Species	2,022	6,104	726	3,151	415	911	3,163	10,166	36,717	93,402		
<b>Total</b>		<b>112,187</b>	<b>146,755</b>	<b>155,879</b>	<b>117,576</b>	<b>21,410</b>	<b>23,926</b>	<b>289,476</b>	<b>288,257</b>	<b>944,288</b>	<b>1,616,066</b>		

Table 3. Quantity and Wholesale Value of fish landings by Gozitan fishermen ...

Species Designation		2003											
		October		November		December		October/December		January/December			
Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
Aċċola	Amber	135	395	29	111	-	-	164	506	866	1,123	-	-
Arznejl/Munqara	Picarel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	157	120	-	-
Boll/Rajja/Hamiema	Ray	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	369	318	-	-
Dentiċi	Dentex	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	269	-	-
Fanfru	Pilot Fish	1,244	1,141	36	28	-	-	1,280	1,169	2,419	1,932	-	-
Gallina	Gurnard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	133	361	-	-
Gamblu	Shrimp	209	1,304	318	1,629	288	1,827	815	4,760	10,802	69,083	-	-
Gringu/Morina	Conger Eel/Morane	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	58	-	-
Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	64	184	-	-	-	-	64	184	146	448	-	-
Fluta Kahla	Blue Shark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kahlija	Saddles Bream	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	136	-	-
Kavall	Mackerel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klamar	Squid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	151	-	-
Lampuka	Dorado	24,114	24,307	22,984	15,790	1,889	1,360	48,987	41,457	69,221	57,139	-	-
Makku	Pellucia Sole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mazzola	Dog-Fish	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,342	1,745
Mulett	Mullet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paġella	Red Bream	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

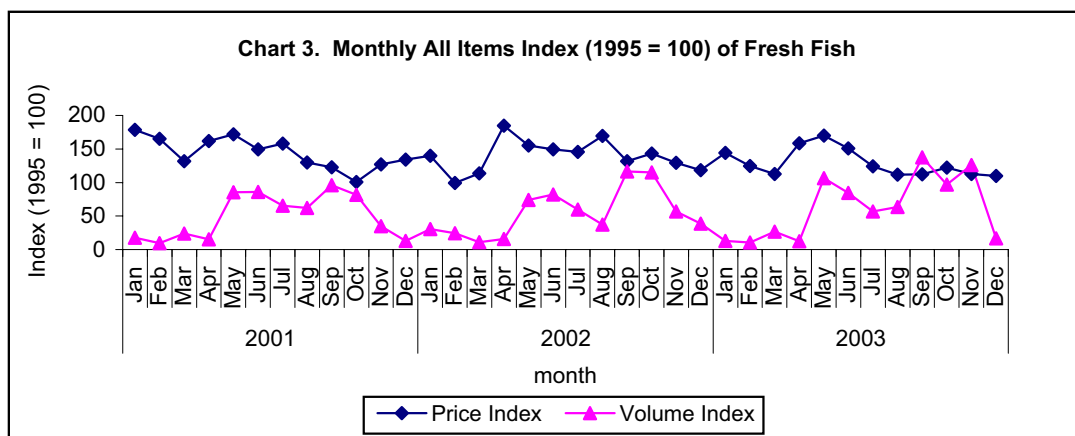
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Pagru	Common Sea Bream	23	147	-	-	-	-	23	147	89	578	-	-
Pixxiplamtu	Porbeagle Shark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pixxispad	Sword Fish	-	-	-	64	24	64	24	64	2,750	6,986	-	-
Qamita	Octopus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sargu	Bream	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	195	-	-
Sawrella	Scad	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sirrana	Comber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,613	60,180	-	-
Trilja	Red Mullet	-	-	16	47	-	-	16	47	21	58	-	-
Tumbrell	Frigate Mackerel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	538	214	-	-
Tunnagga	Little Tunny	18	14	-	-	-	-	18	14	96	64	-	-
Vopa	Bogue	305	134	-	-	215	160	520	294	10,411	7,064	-	-
Xilpa/Gerwiela	Saloma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zaghrun	Rough Shark	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flut lehor	Other Species	33	90	24	61	11	28	68	179	2,738	7,335	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,145</b>	<b>27,716</b>	<b>23,407</b>	<b>17,666</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>3,439</b>	<b>51,979</b>	<b>48,821</b>	<b>125,931</b>	<b>215,557</b>		



Table 4. Fresh Fish Indices

Month	Fresh Fish Index (1995=100)	
	Price Index	Volume Index
	2001	
Jan	178.31	17.71
Feb	165.10	9.64
Mar	131.90	23.87
Apr	161.60	15.29
May	171.82	85.60
Jun	149.37	86.04
Jul	157.89	65.50
Aug	130.06	61.84
Sep	122.63	95.82
Oct	100.64	81.53
Nov	126.84	34.85
Dec	134.23	13.00
	2002	
Jan	139.92	30.51
Feb	99.14	24.30
Mar	113.61	10.90
Apr	184.83	15.67
May	155.24	73.83
Jun	149.61	81.89
Jul	145.82	59.78
Aug	169.26	37.18
Sep	131.68	116.26
Oct	143.32	114.87
Nov	129.35	56.98
Dec	118.61	38.46
	2003	
Jan	144.24	12.81
Feb	124.37	10.38
Mar	112.60	26.59
Apr	158.50	12.62
May	169.76	106.53
Jun	150.93	84.61
Jul	124.20	56.94
Aug	111.75	63.60
Sep	111.94	137.61
Oct	122.08	97.13
Nov	112.71	125.88
Dec	109.62	16.74



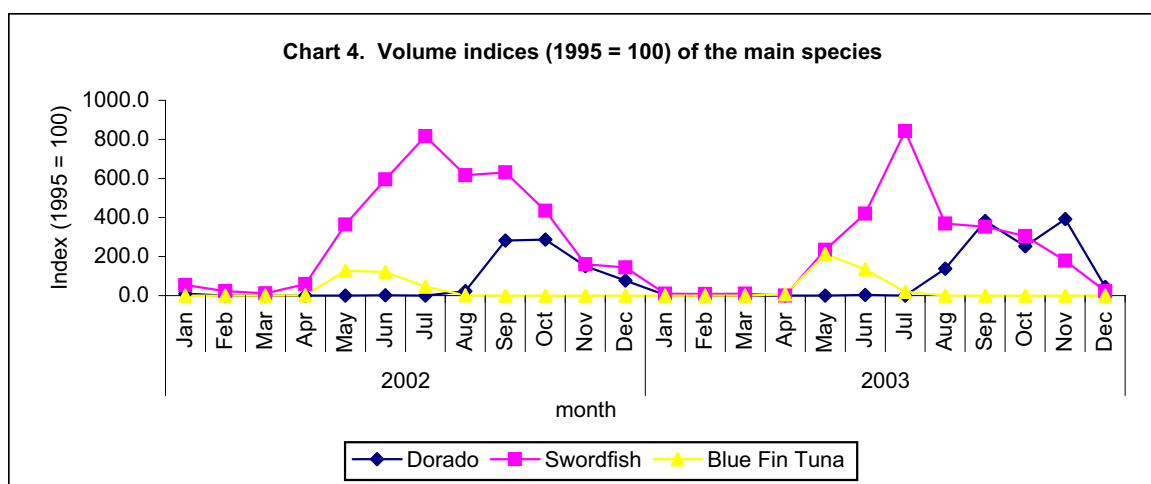
**Table 5. Wholesale price indices (1995 = 100) of the main species - Annual 2003**

Species	Index Annual 02	Index Annual 03	Points change	Percentage change
Shrimp	93.32	121.60	28.3	30.3
Stone Bass	80.09	94.25	14.2	17.7
Dorado	235.49	141.45	-94.0	-39.9
Swordfish	80.49	80.67	0.2	0.2
Blue Fin Tuna	142.09	153.84	11.8	8.3

**Table 6. Volume indices (1995 = 100) of the main species - Annual 2003**

Species	Index Annual 02	Index Annual 03	Points change	Percentage change
Shrimp	600.39	760.46	160.1	26.7
Stone Bass	209.11	146.32	-62.8	-30.0
Dorado	104.07	151.95	47.9	46.0
Swordfish	325.78	229.45	-96.3	-29.6
Blue Fin Tuna	49.77	62.38	12.6	25.3

**Chart 4. Volume indices (1995 = 100) of the main species**



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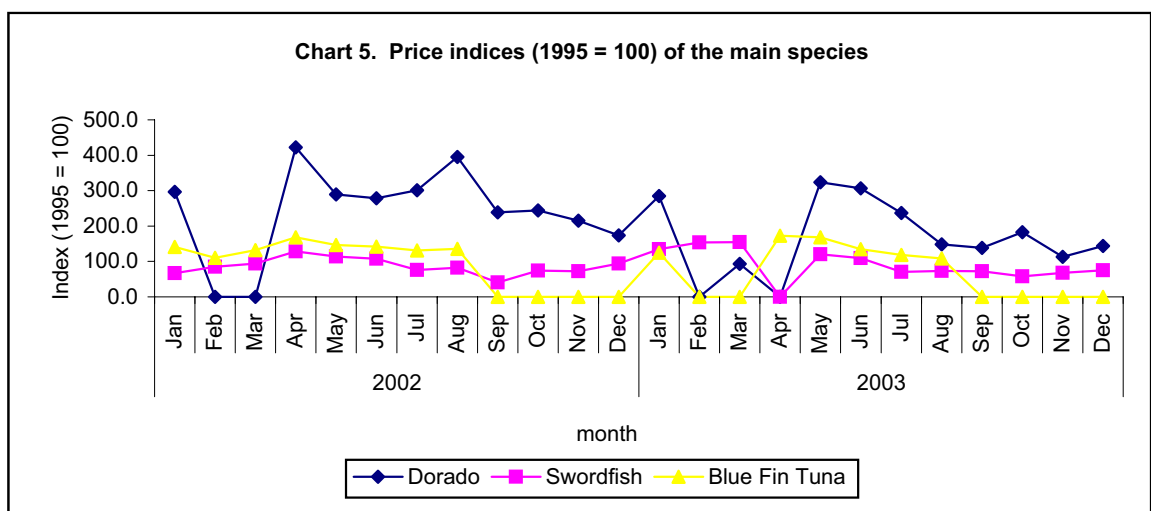


Table 7. Aquaculture: Exports of Sea bream and Sea bass

	Gilthead Sea bream		Sea bass		Total	
	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm	Kg	Lm
<b>2001</b>	1,038,639	1,142,503	196,230	245,288	<b>1,234,869</b>	<b>1,387,790</b>
<b>2002</b>	1,066,117	1,538,158	50,287	90,517	<b>1,116,404</b>	<b>1,628,674</b>
<b>2003</b>	788,174	1,317,658	93,199	383,292	<b>881,373</b>	<b>1,700,950</b>
<b>2001</b>						
January	17,000	18,700	-	-	<b>17,000</b>	<b>18,700</b>
February	24,500	26,950	-	-	<b>24,500</b>	<b>26,950</b>
March	120,475	132,523	45,780	57,225	<b>166,255</b>	<b>189,748</b>
April	95,552	105,107	27,150	33,938	<b>122,702</b>	<b>139,045</b>
May	124,652	137,117	37,860	47,325	<b>162,512</b>	<b>184,442</b>
June	116,409	128,050	51,910	64,888	<b>168,319</b>	<b>192,937</b>
July	106,624	117,286	33,530	41,913	<b>140,154</b>	<b>159,199</b>
August	188,369	207,206	-	-	<b>188,369</b>	<b>207,206</b>
September	76,974	84,671	-	-	<b>76,974</b>	<b>84,671</b>
October	11,000	12,100	-	-	<b>11,000</b>	<b>12,100</b>
November	39,349	43,284	-	-	<b>39,349</b>	<b>43,284</b>
December	117,735	129,509	-	-	<b>117,735</b>	<b>129,509</b>
<b>2002</b>						
January	40,000	44,000	-	-	<b>40,000</b>	<b>44,000</b>
February	94,056	103,462	-	-	<b>94,056</b>	<b>103,462</b>
March	201,203	221,323	-	-	<b>201,203</b>	<b>221,323</b>
April	89,124	142,598	29,860	53,748	<b>118,984</b>	<b>196,346</b>
May	85,490	136,784	17,427	31,369	<b>102,917</b>	<b>168,153</b>
June	139,696	223,514	-	-	<b>139,696</b>	<b>223,514</b>
July	161,273	258,037	1,000	1,800	<b>162,273</b>	<b>259,837</b>
August	91,748	146,797	2,000	3,600	<b>93,748</b>	<b>150,397</b>
September	65,240	104,384	-	-	<b>65,240</b>	<b>104,384</b>
October	7,756	12,410	-	-	<b>7,756</b>	<b>12,410</b>
November	504	806	-	-	<b>504</b>	<b>806</b>
December	90,027	144,043	-	-	<b>90,027</b>	<b>144,043</b>
<b>2003</b>						
January	17,066	26,452	-	-	<b>17,066</b>	<b>26,452</b>
February	38,506	59,684	-	-	<b>38,506</b>	<b>59,684</b>
March	99,204	153,766	1,681	4,034	<b>100,885</b>	<b>157,801</b>
April	74,355	130,121	9,318	34,943	<b>83,673</b>	<b>165,064</b>
May	125,167	219,042	11,859	44,471	<b>137,026</b>	<b>263,514</b>
June	121,757	213,075	10,175	38,156	<b>131,932</b>	<b>251,231</b>
July	81,924	143,367	19,753	74,074	<b>101,677</b>	<b>217,441</b>
August	63,644	111,377	12,592	47,220	<b>76,236</b>	<b>158,597</b>
September	50,785	88,874	8,540	32,025	<b>59,325</b>	<b>120,899</b>
October	24,080	38,528	6,067	30,274	<b>30,147</b>	<b>68,802</b>
November	14,924	22,834	-	-	<b>14,924</b>	<b>22,834</b>
December	76,762	110,537	13,214	78,095	<b>89,976</b>	<b>188,632</b>

