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## Fisheries

### Fish Landings - June Quarter 2005

#### An increase of 28.4 per cent in volume

During the second quarter of 2005, a total of 415,975 kilograms of fresh fish were landed. When compared to the 324,088 kilograms landed in the same period last year, the volume increased by 91,887 kilograms (+28.4 per cent). Similarly, the wholesale value increased by Lm268,328 (+34.2 per cent), from Lm785,118 recorded in the second quarter of 2004 to Lm1,053,446 in the second period this year. The increase in volume was a result of an increase in all major fish species, the most noticeable increase being the Blue fin tuna landings which increased by 25.1 per cent. Blue fin tuna landings increased by 54,310 kilograms, from 216,321 kilograms in the second quarter of 2004 to 270,631 kilograms in the second quarter this year.

#### Maltese landings

On a regional level, Maltese fishermen landed a total of 365,943 kilograms, an increase of 73,079 kilograms (+25.0 per cent) when compared to the same period last year. The sharp increase was mainly due to Blue fin tuna landings which increased by 56,078 kilograms (+29.2 per cent) from 192,139 kilograms in the second quarter of 2004 to 248,217 kilograms in the second quarter this year. The total wholesale value of all fish landings increased by Lm221,679 (+31.0 per cent) from Lm714,173 in the second quarter of 2004 to Lm935,852 in the second quarter this year. This increase was the result of contrasting developments of the main fish species.

Whilst the wholesale value of Blue Fin Tuna landings increased by Lm213,836 (+ 54.2 per cent), from Lm394,413 in June Qtr. 2004 to Lm608,249 in the second quarter this year, the wholesale value of Swordfish landings decreased by Lm21,929 (-11.7 per cent) from Lm187,333 in the second quarter of 2004 to Lm165,404 in the second quarter this year. Maltese fishermen's share of the total landings amounted to 88.0 per cent, down 2.4 percentage points (-2.6 per cent) when compared to the corresponding period last year.

#### Gozitan landings

Comparing the second quarter to the same period last year, Gozitan fishermen landed a total of 50,032 kilograms of fish. This represented an increase of 18,808 kilograms (+60.2 per cent) from last year's landings of 31,224 kilograms. Contrary to their Maltese counterparts, Gozitan landings of Blue fin tuna dropped by 1,768 kilograms (-7.3 per cent) from last year's figure of 24,182 kilograms. However, large increases in the volume and value of the other main species were recorded. There was an increase of Lm46,649 (+65.8 per cent) from Lm70,945 in the second quarter of 2004 to Lm117,594 in the second quarter this year. All the main species registered increases in their respective wholesale values, most notably Swordfish, whose wholesale value rose by Lm10,437 (+181.4 per cent) from Lm5,753 in the second quarter last year to Lm16,190 in the second quarter this year.

#### Indices

The 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the month of June stood at 149.26, up 21.22 points (+16.57 per cent) from 128.04 points in June 2004. Similarly, the 'All Items' fresh fish volume index rose by 13.58 points (+16.17 per cent) from 84.00 points in June 2004 to 97.58 points in the month of June in 2005 ■

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Table 1. Quantity and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area*	Species designation		2005									
			April		May		June		April/June		January/June	
	Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
MALTA	<b>Total</b>		<b>33,539</b>	<b>91,260</b>	<b>243,466</b>	<b>632,781</b>	<b>138,970</b>	<b>329,405</b>	<b>415,975</b>	<b>1,053,446</b>	<b>481,003</b>	<b>1,199,352</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,269	16,641	3,033	16,158	3,633	17,971	9,935	50,770	14,875	86,426
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	3,824	11,657	4,324	13,327	4,825	14,191	12,973	39,175	17,151	51,852
	Lampuka	Dorado	24	67	143	194	1,593	2,694	1,760	2,955	11,820	13,623
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	2,914	3,214	1,887	2,094	836	863	5,637	6,171	13,507	14,216
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	7,544	23,385	21,576	66,797	34,593	91,412	63,713	181,594	71,957	198,951
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	3,025	8,977	192,498	492,348	75,108	161,461	270,631	662,786	270,631	662,786
	Vopa	Bogue	564	375	1,755	1,576	3,782	3,204	6,101	5,155	9,643	9,343
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	12,375	26,944	18,250	40,287	14,600	37,609	45,225	104,840	71,419	162,155
Malta	<b>Total</b>		<b>29,867</b>	<b>81,893</b>	<b>215,612</b>	<b>564,228</b>	<b>120,464</b>	<b>289,731</b>	<b>365,943</b>	<b>935,852</b>	<b>414,526</b>	<b>1,053,937</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,157	11,914	2,034	11,791	2,177	11,994	6,368	35,699	10,231	64,585
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	3,536	10,829	3,904	12,147	4,612	13,538	12,052	36,514	15,654	47,446
	Lampuka	Dorado	24	67	143	194	1,473	2,469	1,640	2,730	7,826	10,200
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	2,706	2,954	1,595	1,792	671	715	4,972	5,461	11,703	12,370
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	7,494	23,180	19,384	59,857	31,287	82,367	58,165	165,404	65,298	180,237
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	3,025	8,977	176,536	451,342	68,656	147,930	248,217	608,249	248,217	608,249
	Vopa	Bogue	119	95	418	489	470	449	1,007	1,033	2,552	3,118
	Hut ieħor	Other species	10,806	23,877	11,598	26,616	11,118	30,269	33,522	80,762	53,045	127,732
Gozo and Comino	<b>Total</b>		<b>3,672</b>	<b>9,367</b>	<b>27,854</b>	<b>68,553</b>	<b>18,506</b>	<b>39,674</b>	<b>50,032</b>	<b>117,594</b>	<b>66,477</b>	<b>145,415</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,112	4,727	999	4,367	1,456	5,977	3,567	15,071	4,644	21,841
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	288	828	420	1,180	213	653	921	2,661	1,497	4,406
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	-	-	120	225	120	225	3,994	3,423
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	208	260	292	302	165	148	665	710	1,804	1,846
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	50	205	2,192	6,940	3,306	9,045	5,548	16,190	6,659	18,714
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	15,962	41,006	6,452	13,531	22,414	54,537	22,414	54,537
	Vopa	Bogue	445	280	1,337	1,087	3,312	2,755	5,094	4,122	7,091	6,225
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	1,569	3,067	6,652	13,671	3,482	7,340	11,703	24,078	18,374	34,423

\* see methodological notes

Table 2. Quantity and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area*	Species designation		April/June							
			2003		2004		2005		±% 2005/2004	
	Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
MALTA	<b>Total</b>		<b>290,208</b>	<b>799,420</b>	<b>324,088</b>	<b>785,118</b>	<b>415,975</b>	<b>1,053,446</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>34.2</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	14,371	106,602	7,028	64,992	9,935	50,770	41.4	-21.9
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	6,241	19,125	6,771	19,663	12,973	39,175	91.6	99.2
	Lampuka	Dorado	1,290	2,138	1,149	1,570	1,760	2,955	53.2	88.2
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	1,432	1,752	2,615	2,740	5,637	6,171	115.6	125.2
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	31,753	90,323	62,969	193,086	63,713	181,594	1.2	-6.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	208,352	521,297	216,321	443,772	270,631	662,786	25.1	49.4
	Vopa	Bogue	5,552	3,336	2,886	3,224	6,101	5,155	111.4	59.9
Hut ieħor	Other Species	21,217	54,847	24,349	56,071	45,225	104,840	85.7	87.0	
Malta	<b>Total</b>		<b>251,957</b>	<b>690,475</b>	<b>292,864</b>	<b>714,173</b>	<b>365,943</b>	<b>935,852</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>31.0</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	8,986	71,648	5,654	54,142	6,368	35,699	12.6	-34.1
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	6,227	19,092	6,713	19,486	12,052	36,514	79.5	87.4
	Lampuka	Dorado	1,272	2,110	1,149	1,570	1,640	2,730	42.7	73.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	1,177	1,442	2,615	2,740	4,972	5,461	90.1	99.3
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	29,191	83,977	61,046	187,333	58,165	165,404	-4.7	-11.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	185,615	462,790	192,139	394,413	248,217	608,249	29.2	54.2
	Vopa	Bogue	1,490	929	2,437	2,726	1,007	1,033	-58.7	-62.1
Hut ieħor	Other species	17,999	48,487	21,111	51,763	33,522	80,762	58.8	56.0	
Gozo and Comino	<b>Total</b>		<b>38,251</b>	<b>108,945</b>	<b>31,224</b>	<b>70,945</b>	<b>50,032</b>	<b>117,594</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>65.8</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	5,385	34,954	1,374	10,850	3,567	15,071	159.6	38.9
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	14	33	58	177	921	2,661	1,487.9	1,403.4
	Lampuka	Dorado	18	28	-	-	120	225	-	-
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	255	310	-	-	665	710	-	-
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	2,562	6,346	1,923	5,753	5,548	16,190	188.5	181.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	22,737	58,507	24,182	49,359	22,414	54,537	-7.3	10.5
	Vopa	Bogue	4,062	2,407	449	498	5,094	4,122	1,034.5	727.7
Hut ieħor	Other Species	3,218	6,360	3,238	4,308	11,703	24,078	261.4	458.9	

\* see methodological notes

Table 3. Quantity and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area*	Species designation		January/June							
			2003		2004		2005		±% 2005/2004	
	Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
MALTA	<b>Total</b>		<b>361,105</b>	<b>987,764</b>	<b>430,290</b>	<b>979,591</b>	<b>481,003</b>	<b>1,199,352</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>22.4</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	21,689	155,607	14,838	107,513	14,875	86,426	0.2	-19.6
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	17,380	49,754	17,490	49,434	17,151	51,852	-1.9	4.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,948	4,504	29,698	18,357	11,820	13,623	-60.2	-25.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	14,496	15,808	18,165	18,121	13,507	14,216	-25.6	-21.5
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	33,081	95,230	67,011	206,017	71,957	198,951	7.4	-3.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	208,361	521,315	216,321	443,772	270,631	662,786	25.1	49.4
	Vopa	Bogue	8,329	6,310	9,064	8,501	9,643	9,343	6.4	9.9
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	54,821	139,236	57,703	127,876	71,419	162,155	23.8	26.8
Malta	<b>Total</b>		<b>317,563</b>	<b>861,655</b>	<b>385,744</b>	<b>886,636</b>	<b>414,526</b>	<b>1,053,937</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	14,277	108,538	9,887	83,322	10,231	64,585	3.5	-22.5
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	17,345	49,648	17,386	49,109	15,654	47,446	-10.0	-3.4
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,930	4,476	22,213	13,708	7,826	10,200	-64.8	-25.6
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	13,168	14,073	17,613	17,402	11,703	12,370	-33.6	-28.9
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	30,450	88,598	65,028	200,073	65,298	180,237	0.4	-9.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	185,624	462,808	192,139	394,413	248,217	608,249	29.2	54.2
	Vopa	Bogue	3,458	3,327	8,468	7,856	2,552	3,118	-69.9	-60.3
	Ħut ieħor	Other species	50,311	130,187	53,010	120,753	53,045	127,732	0.1	5.8
Gozo and Comino	<b>Total</b>		<b>43,542</b>	<b>126,109</b>	<b>44,546</b>	<b>92,955</b>	<b>66,477</b>	<b>145,415</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>56.4</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	7,412	47,069	4,951	24,191	4,644	21,841	-6.2	-9.7
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	35	106	104	325	1,497	4,406	1,339.4	1,255.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	18	28	7,485	4,649	3,994	3,423	-46.6	-26.4
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	1,328	1,735	552	719	1,804	1,846	226.8	156.7
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	2,631	6,632	1,983	5,944	6,659	18,714	235.8	214.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	22,737	58,507	24,182	49,359	22,414	54,537	-7.3	10.5
	Vopa	Bogue	4,871	2,983	596	645	7,091	6,225	1,089.8	865.1
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	4,510	9,049	4,693	7,123	18,374	34,423	291.5	383.3

\* see methodological notes

**Table 4. Fresh Fish Indices**

	<b>Fresh Fish Index (1995 = 100)</b>	
	<b>Price Index</b>	<b>Volume Index</b>
<b>2003</b>		
January	144.24	12.81
February	124.37	10.38
March	112.60	26.59
April	158.50	12.62
May	169.76	106.53
June	150.93	84.61
July	124.20	56.94
August	111.75	63.60
September	111.94	137.61
October	122.08	97.13
November	112.71	125.88
December	109.62	16.74
<b>2004</b>		
January	103.17	32.63
February	145.60	21.94
March	118.71	20.00
April	133.11	16.69
May	159.47	126.86
June	128.04	84.00
July	125.56	46.07
August	129.49	75.29
September	117.01	97.46
October	105.69	144.92
November	117.58	47.87
December	115.95	36.03
<b>2005</b>		
January	131.33	14.99
February	104.31	8.69
March	114.65	21.98
April	204.96	23.55
May	153.29	170.95
June	149.26	97.58

## Methodological Notes

1. According to the fisheries regulation, fish caught by local fishermen has to be sold through the wholesale fish market and statistical data for fish landings is collected through the daily returns of sales submitted by middlemen at the fishmarket. Aquaculture statistics are provided by the Food and Veterinary Regulation Division of the Ministry of Rural Affairs and Environment.
2. The information is submitted to the NSO on a monthly basis. Fish landings by species, data on volume, average monthly unit prices and total value paid out to fishermen are available to compile the news release.
3. The indices are used to monitor developments in price and volume movements over a particular period. The price and volume indices are fixed weights Laspayres type indices with 1995 as the base year.
4. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.
5. The news release has been re-designed to include the 7 dominant species landed. No individual species under the heading 'Other species' exceed 10 per cent of the total landings. All species will be made available upon request.
6. The aquaculture statistics are not being published in this release in order to respect confidentiality.
7. These statistics are published and disseminated by the National Statistics Office and can also be found on the NSO website <http://www.nso.gov.mt>.

## NUTS classification

The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a common classification that is used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics with regard to the European Union. It was adopted on 26 May 2003 by means of a Regulation<sup>1</sup> of the European Parliament and of the Council.

<sup>1</sup> (EC) No. 1059/2003

NUTS levels					
Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
<b>MALTA</b>	x	x	x	x	x
Malta			x		
Gozo & Comino			x		
Southern Harbour				x	
Northern Harbour				x	
South Eastern				x	
Western				x	
Northern				x	
Gozo & Comino				x	

### COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS - NUTS level V

- Southern Harbour:** Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa Paola, Santa Luċġja, Tarxien, Xgħajra.
- Northern Harbour:** Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Ħamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.
- South Eastern:** Żejtun, B'Bugia, Gudja, Għaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.
- Western:** Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siggiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.
- Northern:** Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mgarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.
- Gozo and Comino:** Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.