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## Fisheries

### Fish Landings - June Quarter 2006

A total of 350,434 kilograms of fish were landed during June Quarter 2006. When compared to the same period last year, the volume of landings decreased by 65,541 kilograms (-15.8 per cent), from 415,975 kilograms. Although Blue fin tuna was the major species landed and accounting for 33 per cent of the total landings, the volume declined by 26.1 per cent, from 270,631 kilograms in the second quarter of 2005 to 199,960 kilograms in the second quarter this year. Swordfish, registered a decline of 1.3 per cent over the comparative period.

The wholesale value of fish landings dropped by Lm90,478 (-8.5 per cent) over the comparative period. This dropped from Lm1,053,446 in the second quarter of 2005 to Lm957,061 in the second quarter this year. There were contrasting patterns which were responsible for this decline. While the drop in the volume of landings of Blue fin tuna resulted in a decline in the wholesale value, this pattern was not followed with the swordfish landings as these fetched better prices notwithstanding a drop in volume.

#### Maltese landings

The volume of Maltese fishermen's landings decreased by 17.0 per cent, from 365,943 kilograms in June Quarter 2005 to 303,648 kilograms in the second quarter this year. Declines in the landings of Blue fin tuna (-24.5 per cent) and Swordfish (-1.7 per cent) were responsible for such a decline.

When compared to the second quarter in 2005, a drop of Lm104,770 (-11.2 per cent) worth of fish landings were recorded. A total of Lm831,082 worth of fish landings were landed in the second quarter this year. A drop in the wholesale value of Blue fin tuna and Stone Bass was responsible for this decline although the wholesale value of Swordfish and Shrimp landings increased over the comparative period.

#### Gozitan landings

During the second quarter, Gozitan fishermen landed a total of 44,565 kilograms of fish, a drop of 5,467 kilograms (-10.9 per cent) when compared to the same quarter last year. Blue fin tuna was mainly responsible for this decrease. Although the wholesale value of Blue fin Tuna dropped by 40.3 per cent when compared to last year, the wholesale value of fish landings registered an increase of Lm8,385 (+7.1 per cent). The increase in the wholesale value was mainly due to higher unit prices fetched for Shrimp and Swordfish landings.

#### Foreign vessel landings

During the second quarter, foreign flagged vessels landed a total of 2,221 kilograms valued at Lm5,907.

#### Indices

The fish price index for the month of June stood at 153.27, up 4.01 points (+2.7 per cent) from 149.26 points in June 2005. The volume index increased by 5.41 points (+5.5 per cent) from 97.58 points in June 2005 to 102.99 points in June 2006■

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Table 1. Quantity and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area*	Species designation		2006									
			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>29,920</b>	<b>89,030</b>	<b>173,837</b>	<b>481,075</b>	<b>146,677</b>	<b>392,863</b>	<b>350,434</b>	<b>962,968</b>	<b>433,759</b>	<b>1,133,634</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,369	18,377	3,333	23,627	4,456	29,570	10,158	71,574	14,666	102,571
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	5,146	15,801	1,166	3,711	1,379	4,508	7,691	24,020	10,621	33,491
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	782	1,767	2,552	3,725	3,334	5,492	26,468	22,433
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,392	3,732	1,623	1,812	1,381	1,472	6,396	7,016	14,187	15,880
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	2,139	7,766	31,040	107,628	29,711	97,920	62,890	213,314	72,326	243,383
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	17	48	114,626	295,084	85,317	209,337	199,960	504,469	200,062	504,695
	Vopa	Bogue	1,334	1,339	3,086	2,486	2,455	1,961	6,875	5,786	11,506	10,470
	Hut lehor	Other Species	15,523	41,967	18,181	44,960	19,426	44,370	53,130	131,297	83,923	200,711
Malta	<b>Total</b>		<b>23,394</b>	<b>70,812</b>	<b>149,800</b>	<b>415,869</b>	<b>130,454</b>	<b>344,401</b>	<b>303,648</b>	<b>831,082</b>	<b>353,022</b>	<b>954,708</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,471	12,611	1,845	15,017	2,365	15,738	5,681	43,366	8,394	63,981
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	4,769	14,563	938	2,903	1,117	3,741	6,824	21,207	9,526	29,864
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	622	1,155	2,536	3,696	3,158	4,851	4,779	6,141
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,311	3,634	1,389	1,580	1,216	1,324	5,916	6,538	12,536	13,853
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	1,734	6,349	27,535	94,929	27,898	91,231	57,167	192,509	65,782	219,688
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	17	48	106,922	274,632	80,585	197,237	187,524	471,917	187,626	472,143
	Vopa	Bogue	258	414	651	633	327	329	1,236	1,376	3,267	4,001
	Hut lehor	Other species	11,834	33,193	9,898	25,020	14,410	31,105	36,142	89,318	61,112	145,037
Gozo and Comino	<b>Total</b>		<b>5,491</b>	<b>15,514</b>	<b>23,590</b>	<b>64,234</b>	<b>15,484</b>	<b>46,231</b>	<b>44,565</b>	<b>125,979</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>166,026</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	898	5,766	1,445	8,242	2,091	13,832	4,434	27,840	6,229	38,222
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	279	896	228	808	262	767	769	2,471	805	2,569
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	160	612	16	29	176	641	21,646	16,248
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	76	79	203	209	158	141	437	429	1,239	1,556
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	222	749	3,505	12,699	1,813	6,689	5,540	20,137	6,101	22,021
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	7,704	20,452	4,732	12,100	12,436	32,552	12,436	32,552
	Vopa	Bogue	1,076	925	2,435	1,853	2,128	1,632	5,639	4,410	8,239	6,469
	Hut lehor	Other Species	2,940	7,099	7,910	19,359	4,284	11,041	15,134	37,499	18,605	46,389
Foreign Vessels	<b>Total</b>		<b>1,035</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>5,437</b>	<b>12,900</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	-	-	43	368	-	-	43	368	43	368
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	98	342	-	-	-	-	98	342	290	1,058
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	44
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	5	19	31	23	7	7	43	49	412	471
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	183	668	-	-	-	-	183	668	443	1,674
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hut lehor	Other Species	749	1,675	373	581	732	2,224	1,854	4,480	4,206	9,285

\* see methodological notes

Table 2. Quantity and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area*	Species designation		April/June							
			2004		2005		2006		±% 2006/2005	
	Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
MALTA	<b>Total</b>		<b>324,088</b>	<b>785,118</b>	<b>415,975</b>	<b>1,053,446</b>	<b>350,434</b>	<b>962,968</b>	<b>-15.8</b>	<b>-8.6</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	7,028	64,992	9,935	50,770	10,158	71,574	2.2	41.0
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	6,771	19,663	12,973	39,175	7,691	24,020	-40.7	-38.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	1,149	1,570	1,760	2,955	3,334	5,492	89.4	85.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	2,615	2,740	5,637	6,171	6,396	7,016	13.5	13.7
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	62,969	193,086	63,713	181,594	62,890	213,314	-1.3	17.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	216,321	443,772	270,631	662,786	199,960	504,469	-26.1	-23.9
	Vopa	Bogue	2,886	3,224	6,101	5,155	6,875	5,786	12.7	12.2
	Hut lehor	Other Species	24,349	56,071	45,225	104,840	53,130	131,297	17.5	25.2
	Malta	<b>Total</b>		<b>292,864</b>	<b>714,173</b>	<b>365,943</b>	<b>935,852</b>	<b>303,648</b>	<b>831,082</b>	<b>-17.0</b>
Gamblu		Shrimp	5,654	54,142	6,368	35,699	5,681	43,366	-10.8	21.5
Hanzir/Dott		Stone Bass	6,713	19,486	12,052	36,514	6,824	21,207	-43.4	-41.9
Lampuka		Dorado	1,149	1,570	1,640	2,730	3,158	4,851	92.6	77.7
Mazzola		Dog-Fish	2,615	2,740	4,972	5,461	5,916	6,538	19.0	19.7
Pixxispad		Sword Fish	61,046	187,333	58,165	165,404	57,167	192,509	-1.7	16.4
Tonna		Blue Fin Tuna	192,139	394,413	248,217	608,249	187,524	471,917	-24.5	-22.4
Vopa		Bogue	2,437	2,726	1,007	1,033	1,236	1,376	22.7	33.2
Hut lehor		Other species	21,111	51,763	33,522	80,762	36,142	89,318	7.8	10.6
Gozo and Comino		<b>Total</b>		<b>31,224</b>	<b>70,945</b>	<b>50,032</b>	<b>117,594</b>	<b>44,565</b>	<b>125,979</b>	<b>-10.9</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,374	10,850	3,567	15,071	4,434	27,840	24.3	84.7
	Hanzir/Dott	Stone Bass	58	177	921	2,661	769	2,471	-16.5	-7.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	120	225	176	641	46.7	184.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	-	-	665	710	437	429	-34.3	-39.6
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	1,923	5,753	5,548	16,190	5,540	20,137	-0.1	24.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	24,182	49,359	22,414	54,537	12,436	32,552	-44.5	-40.3
	Vopa	Bogue	449	498	5,094	4,122	5,639	4,410	10.7	7.0
	Hut lehor	Other Species	3,238	4,308	11,703	24,078	15,134	37,499	29.3	55.7
	Foreign Vessels	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>-</b>
Gamblu		Shrimp	-	-	-	-	43	368	-	-
Hanzir/Dott		Stone Bass	-	-	-	-	98	342	-	-
Lampuka		Dorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mazzola		Dog-Fish	-	-	-	-	43	49	-	-
Pixxispad		Sword Fish	-	-	-	-	183	668	-	-
Tonna		Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vopa		Bogue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hut lehor		Other Species	-	-	-	-	1,854	4,480	-	-

\* see methodological notes

Table 3. Quantity and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area*	Species designation		January/June							
			2004		2005		2006		±% 2006/2005	
	Maltese	English	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm	Quantity Kg	Value Lm
MALTA	<b>Total</b>		<b>430,290</b>	<b>979,591</b>	<b>481,003</b>	<b>1,199,352</b>	<b>433,759</b>	<b>1,133,634</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>-5.5</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	14,838	107,513	14,875	86,426	14,666	102,571	-1.4	18.7
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	17,490	49,434	17,151	51,852	10,621	33,491	-38.1	-35.4
	Lampuka	Dorado	29,698	18,357	11,820	13,623	26,468	22,433	123.9	64.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	18,165	18,121	13,507	14,216	14,187	15,880	5.0	11.7
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	67,011	206,017	71,957	198,951	72,326	243,383	0.5	22.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	216,321	443,772	270,631	662,786	200,062	504,695	-26.1	-23.9
	Vopa	Bogue	9,064	8,501	9,643	9,343	11,506	10,470	19.3	12.1
	Ħut lehor	Other Species	57,703	127,876	71,419	162,155	83,923	200,711	17.5	23.8
Malta	<b>Total</b>		<b>385,744</b>	<b>886,636</b>	<b>414,526</b>	<b>1,053,937</b>	<b>353,022</b>	<b>954,708</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	9,887	83,322	10,231	64,585	8,394	63,981	-18.0	-0.9
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	17,386	49,109	15,654	47,446	9,526	29,864	-39.1	-37.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	22,213	13,708	7,826	10,200	4,779	6,141	-38.9	-39.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	17,613	17,402	11,703	12,370	12,536	13,853	7.1	12.0
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	65,028	200,073	65,298	180,237	65,782	219,688	0.7	21.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	192,139	394,413	248,217	608,249	187,626	472,143	-24.4	-22.4
	Vopa	Bogue	8,468	7,856	2,552	3,118	3,267	4,001	28.0	28.3
	Ħut ieħor	Other species	53,010	120,753	53,045	127,732	61,112	145,037	15.2	13.5
Gozo and Comino	<b>Total</b>		<b>44,546</b>	<b>92,955</b>	<b>66,477</b>	<b>145,415</b>	<b>75,300</b>	<b>166,026</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>14.2</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	4,951	24,191	4,644	21,841	6,229	38,222	34.1	75.0
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	104	325	1,497	4,406	805	2,569	-46.2	-41.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	7,485	4,649	3,994	3,423	21,646	16,248	442.0	374.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	552	719	1,804	1,846	1,239	1,556	-31.3	-15.7
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	1,983	5,944	6,659	18,714	6,101	22,021	-8.4	17.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	24,182	49,359	22,414	54,537	12,436	32,552	-44.5	-40.3
	Vopa	Bogue	596	645	7,091	6,225	8,239	6,469	16.2	3.9
	Ħut lehor	Other Species	4,693	7,123	18,374	34,423	18,605	46,389	1.3	34.8
Foreign Vessels	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,437</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	Gamblu	Shrimp	-	-	-	-	43	368	-	-
	Ħanżir/Dott	Stone Bass	-	-	-	-	290	1,058	-	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	-	-	-	-	43	44	-	-
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	-	-	-	-	412	471	-	-
	Pixxispad	Sword Fish	-	-	-	-	443	1,674	-	-
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Ħut lehor	Other Species	-	-	-	-	4,206	9,285	-	-

\* see methodological notes

**Table 4. Fresh Fish Indices**

	<b>All Items Fresh Fish Index (1995 = 100)</b>	
	<b>Price Index</b>	<b>Volume Index</b>
<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
July	120.45	77.02
August	104.00	145.87
September	106.65	175.30
October	124.31	90.44
November	148.59	58.70
December	119.18	53.61
<b>2006</b>		
January	125.63	30.42
February	187.62	12.47
March	121.78	15.62
April	150.32	21.01
May	181.01	122.06
June	153.27	102.99

## Methodological Notes

1. According to the fisheries regulation, fish caught by local fishermen have to be sold through the wholesale fish market. Statistical data for fish landings is collected through the daily returns of sales submitted by middlemen at the fishmarket.
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 Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

**Northern Harbour:** Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Ғamrun, 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, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

**Northern:** Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mjarr, 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.