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During the fourth quarter, the volume and wholesale value of fish landings advanced by 85.9 and 50.5 per cent respectively over the corresponding period in 2012.

Fish Landings: Q4/2013

Fish landings in the fourth quarter last year amounted to 230,429 kilograms, up by 85.9 per cent over the comparative period in 2012. This was due to increases in the main species landed, primarily Swordfish (+252.1 per cent) and Dorado (+88.2 per cent). Similarly, the wholesale value of fresh fish landed went up by 50.5 per cent from €0.8 million in the fourth quarter 2012 to €1.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 142,501 kilograms of fresh fish, an increase of 61.5 per cent over the last quarter of 2012. This made up 61.8 per cent of the total landings. Swordfish and Dorado, the main species landed advanced by 225.7 and 35.9 per cent respectively. The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €847,276, up by 43.6 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2012.

Gozitan fish landings amounted to 87,928 kilograms during the fourth quarter, an increase of 146.5 per cent over the corresponding quarter of 2012. This was mainly due to higher Swordfish and Dorado landings, of 558.4 and 151.0 per cent respectively. In volume terms, Gozitan fish landings comprised 38.2 per cent of total landings. These landings generated €383,047, an increase of 68.4 per cent over the fourth quarter of 2012.

Indices

The quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the fourth quarter stood at 98.66 points, a decrease of 22.04 points (-18.3 per cent) over the comparative period in 2012. The increase in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish volume index, which stood at 70.72 points, up by 85.9 per cent in the fourth quarter last year ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2012	2013			±% 2013/2012	
	Maltese	English	October-December	October	November	December	October-December	
MALTA	Total		123,921	87,552	49,185	93,692	230,429	85.9
	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,802	2,168	793	180	3,141	-17.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	940	1,023	417	0	1,440	53.2
	Lampuka	Dorado	63,918	59,168	32,238	28,912	120,318	88.2
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,885	1,592	901	1,329	3,822	-1.6
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	15,022	603	-	52,285	52,888	252.1
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	93	-	-	45	45	-51.6
	Vopa	Bogue	3,094	870	725	291	1,886	-39.0
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	33,167	22,128	14,111	10,650	46,889	41.4
Malta ¹	Total		88,251	50,446	27,412	64,643	142,501	61.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,824	2,055	749	168	2,972	5.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	868	1,023	417	0	1,440	65.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	34,859	27,219	11,784	8,364	47,367	35.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,861	1,590	901	1,303	3,794	-1.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	13,830	603	-	44,437	45,040	225.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	93	-	-	45	45	-51.6
	Vopa	Bogue	2,091	519	426	209	1,154	-44.8
	Ħut ieħor	Other species	29,825	17,437	13,135	10,117	40,689	36.4
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		35,670	37,106	21,773	29,049	87,928	146.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	978	113	44	12	169	-82.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	72	-	-	-	-	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	29,059	31,949	20,454	20,548	72,951	151.0
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	24	2	-	26	28	16.7
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,192	-	-	7,848	7,848	558.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,003	351	299	82	732	-27.0
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	3,342	4,691	976	533	6,200	85.5

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 2. Wholesale value (in €) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2012	2013			±% 2013/2012	
	Maltese	English	October-December	October	November	December	October-December	
MALTA	Total		817,499	486,938	255,313	488,072	1,230,323	50.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	39,590	36,573	12,472	1,501	50,546	27.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	8,854	9,840	3,621	0	13,461	52.0
	Lampuka	Dorado	408,301	283,492	130,441	90,681	504,614	23.6
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,248	2,604	2,718	3,249	8,571	-7.3
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	111,594	3,499	-	310,431	313,930	181.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	558	-	-	225	225	-59.7
	Vopa	Bogue	8,760	1,875	1,834	769	4,478	-48.9
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	230,594	149,055	104,227	81,216	334,498	45.1
Malta ¹	Total		590,085	311,620	165,191	370,465	847,276	43.6
	Gamblu	Shrimp	34,151	35,122	12,191	1,287	48,600	42.3
	Dott	Stone Bass	8,113	9,840	3,621	0	13,461	65.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	224,512	131,266	47,461	26,208	204,935	-8.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,204	2,598	2,718	3,170	8,486	-7.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	101,627	3,499	-	260,074	263,573	159.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	558	-	-	225	225	-59.7
	Vopa	Bogue	6,185	1,177	1,299	647	3,123	-49.5
	Flut ieħor	Other species	205,735	128,118	97,901	78,854	304,873	48.2
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		227,414	175,318	90,122	117,607	383,047	68.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	5,439	1,451	281	214	1,946	-64.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	741	-	-	-	-	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	183,789	152,226	82,980	64,473	299,679	63.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	44	6	-	79	85	93.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	9,967	-	-	50,357	50,357	405.2
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	2,575	698	535	122	1,355	-47.4
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	24,859	20,937	6,326	2,362	29,625	19.2

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Table 3. Quantity (in kgs) and wholesale value (in €) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		October-December					
			Quantity (kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	Maltese	English	2012	2013	±% 2013/2012	2012	2013	±% 2013/2012
MALTA	Total		123,921	230,429	85.9	817,499	1,230,323	50.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,802	3,141	-17.4	39,590	50,546	27.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	940	1,440	53.2	8,854	13,461	52.0
	Lampuka	Dorado	63,918	120,318	88.2	408,301	504,614	23.6
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,885	3,822	-1.6	9,248	8,571	-7.3
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	15,022	52,888	252.1	111,594	313,930	181.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	93	45	-51.6	558	225	-59.7
	Vopa	Bogue	3,094	1,886	-39.0	8,760	4,478	-48.9
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	33,167	46,889	41.4	230,594	334,498	45.1
Malta ¹	Total		88,251	142,501	61.5	590,085	847,276	43.6
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,824	2,972	5.2	34,151	48,600	42.3
	Dott	Stone Bass	868	1,440	65.9	8,113	13,461	65.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	34,859	47,367	35.9	224,512	204,935	-8.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,861	3,794	-1.7	9,204	8,486	-7.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	13,830	45,040	225.7	101,627	263,573	159.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	93	45	-51.6	558	225	-59.7
	Vopa	Bogue	2,091	1,154	-44.8	6,185	3,123	-49.5
	Hut ieħor	Other species	29,825	40,689	36.4	205,735	304,873	48.2
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		35,670	87,928	146.5	227,414	383,047	68.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	978	169	-82.7	5,439	1,946	-64.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	72	-	-	741	-	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	29,059	72,951	151.0	183,789	299,679	63.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	24	28	16.7	44	85	93.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,192	7,848	558.4	9,967	50,357	405.2
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,003	732	-27.0	2,575	1,355	-47.4
	Hut ieħor	Other Species	3,342	6,200	85.5	24,859	29,625	19.2

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Table 4. Fresh fish indices

	All Items Fresh Fish Index (2010=100)	
	Price Index	Volume Index
2012		
January	96.97	33.98
February	108.92	25.70
March	105.97	55.88
April	110.19	64.83
May	125.84	197.66
June	103.04	127.68
July	97.29	131.69
August	101.84	120.50
September	120.10	87.68
October	127.18	55.33
November	119.02	35.02
December	115.90	23.74
2013		
January	116.00	16.91
February	121.46	21.01
March	106.65	16.71
April	104.74	50.75
May	147.09	83.29
June	136.11	101.89
July	129.55	130.47
August	119.37	103.33
September	87.50	182.74
October	103.13	80.61
November	96.25	45.29
December	96.60	86.26

Table 5. Quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish indices

Quarter	Fresh Fish Index (2010=100)	
	Price Index	Volume Index
2012		
Q1/2012	103.95	38.52
Q2/2012	113.02	130.06
Q3/2012	106.41	113.29
Q4/2012	120.70	38.03
2013		
Q1/2013	114.70	18.21
Q2/2013	129.31	78.64
Q3/2013	112.14	138.84
Q4/2013	98.66	70.72

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 are 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. Data on fish landings by species, volume, average monthly unit prices and the total value paid out to fishermen are obtained 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-weight Laspeyres type indices with 2010 as the base year. Price and volume indices with base year 2005=100 will be provided upon request.
4. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.
5. 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 will be made available upon written request.