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The volume and wholesale value of fish landings advanced by 83.6 and 70.9 per cent during the first quarter over the comparative period last year.

Fish Landings: Q1/2014

Fish landings in the first quarter amounted to 108,947 kilograms, an increase of 83.6 per cent over the comparative period last year, on account of favourable weather conditions prevailing this year. Swordfish and Dog-Fish landings, the main species caught during the period under review, advanced by 271.0 and 29.8 per cent respectively. Similarly, the wholesale value of fish landings rose by 70.9 per cent to €630,301.

Regional overview

During the period under review, Maltese fishermen landed 91,305 kilograms (+98.6 per cent) of fresh fish, amounting to 83.8 per cent of total landings. These landings mainly comprised Swordfish (+266.0 per cent) and Dog-Fish (+74.9 per cent). The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen advanced by 77.9 per cent to €536,153.

Fresh fish landings by Gozitan fishermen increased by 32.1 per cent over the comparative period last year. This was mainly due to higher Swordfish and Bogue landings of 303.6 and 314.9 per cent respectively. In volume terms, Gozitan fish landings comprised 16.2 per cent of total landings, generating €94,148 in wholesale value. This resulted in an increase of 39.8 per cent over the first quarter last year.

Indices

The quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the first quarter stood at 112.08 points, down by 2.62 points (-2.28 per cent) over the comparative period in 2013. The increase in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish volume index, at 33.44 points, up by 83.6 per cent in the first quarter this year ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2013		2014				±% 2014/2013
	Maltese	English	January-March	January	February	March	January-March		
MALTA	Total		59,333	58,129	28,348	22,470	108,947	83.6	
	Gamblu	Shrimp	185	255	90	504	849	358.9	
	Dott	Stone Bass	625	374	662	564	1,600	156.0	
	Lampuka	Dorado	3,799	38	13	-	51	-98.7	
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,412	4,403	4,213	3,603	12,219	29.8	
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	13,862	39,364	9,823	2,245	51,432	271.0	
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vopa	Bogue	1,301	1,261	1,312	2,368	4,941	279.8	
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	30,149	12,434	12,235	13,186	37,855	25.6	
	Malta ¹	Total		45,978	49,213	23,332	18,760	91,305	98.6
Gamblu		Shrimp	167	196	46	432	674	303.6	
Dott		Stone Bass	368	286	151	469	906	146.2	
Lampuka		Dorado	1,016	-	13	-	13	-98.7	
Mazzola		Dog-Fish	5,664	3,395	3,533	2,977	9,905	74.9	
Pixxispad		Swordfish	12,020	34,426	8,143	1,428	43,997	266.0	
Tonna		Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vopa		Bogue	777	360	374	2,033	2,767	256.1	
Flut ieħor		Other species	25,966	10,550	11,072	11,421	33,043	27.3	
Gozo and Comino ²		Total		13,355	8,916	5,016	3,710	17,642	32.1
	Gamblu	Shrimp	18	59	44	72	175	872.2	
	Dott	Stone Bass	257	88	511	95	694	170.0	
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,783	38	-	-	38	-98.6	
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,748	1,008	680	626	2,314	-38.3	
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,842	4,938	1,680	817	7,435	303.6	
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vopa	Bogue	524	901	938	335	2,174	314.9	
	Flut ieħor	Other Species	4,183	1,884	1,163	1,765	4,812	15.0	

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		2013		2014				±% 2014/2013
	Maltese	English	January-March	January	February	March	January-March		
MALTA	Total		368,743	302,003	181,221	147,077	630,301	70.9	
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,021	1,586	644	7,762	9,992	394.4	
	Dott	Stone Bass	5,921	3,790	5,053	5,658	14,501	144.9	
	Lampuka	Dorado	16,957	150	70	-	220	-98.7	
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	25,425	12,038	10,170	10,642	32,850	29.2	
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	110,911	196,930	70,957	15,261	283,148	155.3	
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vopa	Bogue	5,156	3,158	3,922	6,135	13,215	156.3	
	Flut iefhor	Other Species	202,352	84,351	90,405	101,619	276,375	36.6	
		Total	301,396	261,821	151,962	122,370	536,153	77.9	
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,968	1,099	300	6,276	7,675	290.0	
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,634	2,870	1,358	4,822	9,050	149.0	
	Lampuka	Dorado	4,398	-	70	-	70	-98.4	
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	14,479	8,528	8,764	8,396	25,688	77.4	
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	95,308	170,493	58,730	9,396	238,619	150.4	
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vopa	Bogue	3,536	1,340	1,318	5,293	7,951	124.9	
	Flut iefhor	Other species	178,073	77,491	81,422	88,187	247,100	38.8	
		Total	67,347	40,182	29,259	24,707	94,148	39.8	
	Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	53	487	344	1,486	2,317	4,271.7
Dott		Stone Bass	2,287	920	3,695	836	5,451	138.3	
Lampuka		Dorado	12,559	150	-	-	150	-98.8	
Mazzola		Dog-Fish	10,946	3,510	1,406	2,246	7,162	-34.6	
Pixxispad		Swordfish	15,603	26,437	12,227	5,865	44,529	185.4	
Tonna		Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Vopa		Bogue	1,620	1,818	2,604	842	5,264	224.9	
Flut iefhor		Other Species	24,279	6,860	8,983	13,432	29,275	20.6	

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

Administrative area	Species designation		January-March					
			Quantity (kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	Maltese	English	2013	2014	±% 2014/2013	2013	2014	±% 2014/2013
MALTA	Total		59,333	108,947	83.6	368,743	630,301	70.9
	Gamblu	Shrimp	185	849	358.9	2,021	9,992	394.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	625	1,600	156.0	5,921	14,501	144.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	3,799	51	-98.7	16,957	220	-98.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,412	12,219	29.8	25,425	32,850	29.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	13,862	51,432	271.0	110,911	283,148	155.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,301	4,941	279.8	5,156	13,215	156.3
	Hut lehor	Other Species	30,149	37,855	25.6	202,352	276,375	36.6
Malta ¹	Total		45,978	91,305	98.6	301,396	536,153	77.9
	Gamblu	Shrimp	167	674	303.6	1,968	7,675	290.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	368	906	146.2	3,634	9,050	149.0
	Lampuka	Dorado	1,016	13	-98.7	4,398	70	-98.4
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	5,664	9,905	74.9	14,479	25,688	77.4
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	12,020	43,997	266.0	95,308	238,619	150.4
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	777	2,767	256.1	3,536	7,951	124.9
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Table 4. Fresh fish indices

	All Items Fresh Fish Index (2010=100)	
	Price Index	Volume Index
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
2014		
January	96.34	53.52
February	118.54	26.10
March	121.37	20.69
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

Table 5. Quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish indices

Quarter	Fresh Fish Index (2010=100)	
	Price Index	Volume Index
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
2014		
Q1/2014	112.08	33.44
Q2/2014		
Q3/2014		
Q4/2014		

Methodological Notes

1. 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.