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During the second quarter this year, the volume of fish landings declined by 3.2 per cent, while the wholesale value went up by 1.3 per cent.

Fish Landings: Q2/2014

Fish landings in the second quarter amounted to 248,066 kilograms, a decrease of 3.2 per cent over the comparative period last year. This was brought about by decreases of 62.9 and 58.5 per cent in the landings of Mackerel and Bogue respectively. Furthermore, the wholesale value of fish landings went up by 1.3 per cent to €1.9 million.

Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 219,052 kilograms (+2.3 per cent) of fresh fish during the period under review, making up 88.3 per cent of total landings. This resulted mainly from an increase in the landings of Blue Fin Tuna (+4.4 per cent) and Swordfish (+21.2 per cent). The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €1.7 million, an increase of 1.5 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year.

Fresh fish landings by Gozitan fishermen dropped by 31.2 per cent over the comparative period last year, making up 11.7 per cent of the total landings. An increase in the landings of Shrimp (+78.0 per cent), Stone bass (+8.7 per cent) and Swordfish (+1.1 per cent) were outweighed by drops in all other species, in particular Mackerel (-62.2 per cent) and Blue Fin Tuna (-20.7 per cent). Similarly, the wholesale value of fresh fish landings edged down by 0.5 per cent to €180,282 in the second quarter this year.

Indices

The quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the second quarter stood at 136.60 points, an increase of 7.29 points (+5.6 per cent) over the comparative period in 2013. The decrease in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish volume index, which stood at 76.13 points, down by 2.51 points, or 3.2 per cent over the second quarter of 2013 ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2013	2014				±% 2014/2013
	Maltese	English	April-June	April	May	June	April-June	April-June
MALTA	Total		256,246	32,191	127,177	88,698	248,066	-3.2
	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,780	1,251	1,915	1,825	4,991	32.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,853	1,457	1,807	521	3,785	-1.8
	Kavall	Mackerel	14,845	496	990	4,022	5,508	-62.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	526	0	208	495	703	33.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	7,818	5,101	3,361	1,136	9,598	22.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	71,816	8,839	22,431	54,189	85,459	19.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	76,117	101	71,500	7,161	78,762	3.5
	Vopa	Bogue	9,100	422	1,398	1,953	3,773	-58.5
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	68,391	14,524	23,567	17,396	55,487	-18.9
Malta ¹	Total		214,079	27,271	116,865	74,916	219,052	2.3
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,924	880	1,338	1,249	3,467	18.6
	Dott	Stone Bass	2,524	1,457	582	302	2,341	-7.3
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,093	27	26	256	309	-71.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	435	0	208	410	618	42.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	5,688	3,971	2,821	1,057	7,849	38.0
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	64,044	7,426	20,760	49,415	77,601	21.2
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	73,409	101	69,789	6,725	76,615	4.4
	Vopa	Bogue	4,559	361	939	1,009	2,309	-49.4
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	59,403	13,048	20,402	14,493	47,943	-19.3
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		42,167	4,920	10,312	13,782	29,014	-31.2
	Gamblu	Shrimp	856	371	577	576	1,524	78.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,329	0	1,225	219	1,444	8.7
	Kavall	Mackerel	13,752	469	964	3,766	5,199	-62.2
	Lampuka	Dorado	91	0	0	85	85	-6.6
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	2,130	1,130	540	79	1,749	-17.9
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	7,772	1,413	1,671	4,774	7,858	1.1
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	2,708	0	1,711	436	2,147	-20.7
	Vopa	Bogue	4,541	61	459	944	1,464	-67.8
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	8,988	1,476	3,165	2,903	7,544	-16.1

¹ landings of vessels owned by persons residing in mainland Malta and landings of foreign-flagged vessels² 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	April-June	April	May	June	April-June	April-June
MALTA	Total		1,841,248	233,990	1,044,426	587,127	1,865,543	1.3
	Gamblu	Shrimp	52,689	22,183	22,984	33,564	78,731	49.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	35,848	10,741	15,291	5,444	31,476	-12.2
	Kavall	Mackerel	10,854	3,540	1,161	2,412	7,113	-34.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,467	0	1,751	2,839	4,590	86.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	20,174	11,578	8,162	3,104	22,844	13.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	583,827	68,394	178,173	360,886	607,453	4.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	648,872	1,163	627,058	36,620	664,841	2.5
	Vopa	Bogue	22,848	1,622	5,040	5,039	11,701	-48.8
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	463,669	114,769	184,806	137,219	436,794	-5.8
Malta ¹	Total		1,660,018	200,559	977,406	507,296	1,685,261	1.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	45,676	15,500	15,002	23,268	53,770	17.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	23,409	10,741	5,232	3,307	19,280	-17.6
	Kavall	Mackerel	2,096	78	128	431	637	-69.6
	Lampuka	Dorado	2,036	0	1,751	2,412	4,163	104.5
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	15,608	8,588	7,258	2,862	18,708	19.9
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	519,713	56,919	164,275	324,385	545,579	5.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	629,246	1,163	611,749	34,498	647,410	2.9
	Vopa	Bogue	13,932	1,386	3,872	3,013	8,271	-40.6
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	408,302	106,184	168,139	113,120	387,443	-5.1
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		181,230	33,431	67,020	79,831	180,282	-0.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	7,013	6,683	7,982	10,296	24,961	255.9
	Dott	Stone Bass	12,439	0	10,059	2,137	12,196	-2.0
	Kavall	Mackerel	8,758	3,462	1,033	1,981	6,476	-26.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	431	0	0	427	427	-0.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,566	2,990	904	242	4,136	-9.4
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	64,114	11,475	13,898	36,501	61,874	-3.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	19,626	0	15,309	2,122	17,431	-11.2
	Vopa	Bogue	8,916	236	1,168	2,026	3,430	-61.5
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	55,367	8,585	16,667	24,099	49,351	-10.9

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

Administrative area	Species designation		April-June					
			Quantity (kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	Maltese	English	2013	2014	±% 2014/2013	2013	2014	±% 2014/2013
MALTA	Total		256,246	248,066	-3.2	1,841,248	1,865,543	1.3
	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,780	4,991	32.0	52,689	78,731	49.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,853	3,785	-1.8	35,848	31,476	-12.2
	Kavall	Mackerel	14,845	5,508	-62.9	10,854	7,113	-34.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	526	703	33.7	2,467	4,590	86.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	7,818	9,598	22.8	20,174	22,844	13.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	71,816	85,459	19.0	583,827	607,453	4.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	76,117	78,762	3.5	648,872	664,841	2.5
	Vopa	Bogue	9,100	3,773	-58.5	22,848	11,701	-48.8
	Hut leħor	Other Species	68,391	55,487	-18.9	463,669	436,794	-5.8
Malta ¹	Total		214,079	219,052	2.3	1,660,018	1,685,261	1.5
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,924	3,467	18.6	45,676	53,770	17.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	2,524	2,341	-7.3	23,409	19,280	-17.6
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,093	309	-71.7	2,096	637	-69.6
	Lampuka	Dorado	435	618	42.1	2,036	4,163	104.5
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	5,688	7,849	38.0	15,608	18,708	19.9
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	64,044	77,601	21.2	519,713	545,579	5.0
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	73,409	76,615	4.4	629,246	647,410	2.9
	Vopa	Bogue	4,559	2,309	-49.4	13,932	8,271	-40.6
	Hut leħor	Other Species	59,403	47,943	-19.3	408,302	387,443	-5.1
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	Gamblu	Shrimp	856	1,524	78.0	7,013	24,961	255.9
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,329	1,444	8.7	12,439	12,196	-2.0
	Kavall	Mackerel	13,752	5,199	-62.2	8,758	6,476	-26.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	91	85	-6.6	431	427	-0.9
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	2,130	1,749	-17.9	4,566	4,136	-9.4
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	7,772	7,858	1.1	64,114	61,874	-3.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	2,708	2,147	-20.7	19,626	17,431	-11.2
	Vopa	Bogue	4,541	1,464	-67.8	8,916	3,430	-61.5
	Hut leħor	Other Species	8,988	7,544	-16.1	55,367	49,351	-10.9

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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	134.78	29.64
May	152.28	117.09
June	122.74	81.67
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	136.60	76.13
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.