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During the third quarter this year, the volume and wholesale value of fish landings decreased by 25.4 and 25.7 per cent respectively.

Fish Landings: Q3/2014

Fish landings in the third quarter amounted to 337,559 kilograms, down by 25.4 per cent over the comparative period last year (Table 1). This was due to a drop in landings of most of the species, mainly Swordfish (-27.6 per cent) and Dorado (-26.0 per cent). Similarly, the wholesale value of fresh fish landings declined by 25.7 per cent to €2.0 million (Table 2).

Regional overview

During the period under review, Maltese fishermen landed 284,283 kilograms (-22.8 per cent), making up 84.2 per cent of total landings. The decline resulted mainly from a drop in all the species, mainly Swordfish (-29.6 per cent) and Dorado (-13.5 per cent). The wholesale value of fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €1.7 million, a decrease of 25.4 per cent over the corresponding quarter last year.

Fresh fish landings by Gozitan fishermen decreased by 36.7 per cent over the comparative period last year. This was mainly brought about by a decrease in Dorado (-55.0 per cent) and Swordfish (-9.5 per cent). In volume terms, Gozitan fish landings comprised 15.8 per cent of total landings, generating €298,145 in wholesale value, a drop of 27.2 per cent over the third quarter last year.

Indices

The quarterly 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the third quarter stood at 108.62 points, reflecting a decrease of 3.52 points (-3.1 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 103.60 points, down by 35.24 points or 25.4 per cent over the third quarter of 2013 (Table 4) ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of Fish Landings

Administrative Area	Species Designation		2013	2014			±% 2014/2013	
	Maltese	English	July-September	July	August	September	July-September	
MALTA	Total		452,406	97,620	116,266	123,673	337,559	-25.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	12,682	2,344	1,712	2,494	6,550	-48.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,596	603	457	1,463	2,523	-29.8
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,117	1,426	40	0	1,466	31.2
	Lampuka	Dorado	149,969	3,407	49,500	58,089	110,996	-26.0
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,093	824	682	847	2,353	-42.5
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	199,586	66,113	44,887	33,579	144,579	-27.6
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	4,159	0	0	159	159	-96.2
	Vopa	Bogue	4,321	2,209	2,938	849	5,996	38.8
	Flut leħor	Other Species	72,883	20,694	16,050	26,193	62,937	-13.6
Malta ¹	Total		368,226	84,055	100,197	100,031	284,283	-22.8
	Gamblu	Shrimp	11,468	1,801	1,356	1,691	4,848	-57.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,092	474	457	1,463	2,394	-22.6
	Kavall	Mackerel	510	194	0	0	194	-62.0
	Lampuka	Dorado	104,829	3,349	42,758	44,568	90,675	-13.5
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,923	792	667	847	2,306	-41.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	179,125	57,272	39,463	29,318	126,053	-29.6
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	3,926	0	0	159	159	-96.0
	Vopa	Bogue	2,645	1,522	1,110	703	3,335	26.1
	Flut leħor	Other Species	58,708	18,651	14,386	21,282	54,319	-7.5
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		84,180	13,565	16,069	23,642	53,276	-36.7
	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,214	543	356	803	1,702	40.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	504	129	0	0	129	-74.4
	Kavall	Mackerel	607	1,232	40	0	1,272	109.6
	Lampuka	Dorado	45,140	58	6,742	13,521	20,321	-55.0
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	170	32	15	0	47	-72.4
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	20,461	8,841	5,424	4,261	18,526	-9.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	233	0	0	0	0	-100.0
	Vopa	Bogue	1,676	687	1,828	146	2,661	58.8
	Flut leħor	Other Species	14,175	2,043	1,664	4,911	8,618	-39.2

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	July-September	July	August	September	July-September	July-September
MALTA	Total		2,649,077	609,709	669,343	688,899	1,967,951	-25.7
	Gamblu	Shrimp	217,219	26,346	30,547	40,261	97,154	-55.3
	Dott	Stone Bass	34,672	7,142	5,088	13,785	26,015	-25.0
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,905	1,584	44	0	1,628	-14.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	576,741	19,715	213,281	298,775	531,771	-7.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,944	3,123	1,911	1,025	6,059	-39.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,304,516	421,072	281,156	200,719	902,947	-30.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	21,257	0	0	953	953	-95.5
	Vopa	Bogue	10,369	6,466	7,898	1,766	16,130	55.6
	Flut leħor	Other Species	472,454	124,261	129,418	131,615	385,294	-18.4
Malta ¹	Total		2,239,452	514,221	597,023	558,562	1,669,806	-25.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	197,916	16,142	23,873	23,416	63,431	-68.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	30,409	5,861	5,088	13,785	24,734	-18.7
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,148	419	0	0	419	-63.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	410,492	19,479	188,734	225,528	433,741	5.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	9,237	2,956	1,860	1,025	5,841	-36.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	1,155,609	355,565	252,777	178,965	787,307	-31.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	20,250	0	0	953	953	-95.3
	Vopa	Bogue	6,547	4,670	2,584	1,501	8,755	33.7
	Flut leħor	Other Species	407,844	109,129	122,107	113,389	344,625	-15.5
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		409,625	95,488	72,320	130,337	298,145	-27.2
	Gamblu	Shrimp	19,303	10,204	6,674	16,845	33,723	74.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	4,263	1,281	0	0	1,281	-70.0
	Kavall	Mackerel	757	1,165	44	0	1,209	59.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	166,249	236	24,547	73,247	98,030	-41.0
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	707	167	51	0	218	-69.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	148,907	65,507	28,379	21,754	115,640	-22.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	1,007	0	0	0	0	-100.0
	Vopa	Bogue	3,822	1,796	5,314	265	7,375	93.0
	Flut leħor	Other Species	64,610	15,132	7,311	18,226	40,669	-37.1

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 3. Quantity (in kgs) and Wholesale Value (in €) of Fish Landings

Administrative Area	Species Designation		July-September					
			Quantity (kgs)			Wholesale value (€)		
	Maltese	English	2013	2014	±% 2014/2013	2013	2014	±% 2014/2013
MALTA	Total		452,406	337,559	-25.4	2,649,077	1,967,951	-25.7
	Gamblu	Shrimp	12,682	6,550	-48.4	217,219	97,154	-55.3
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,596	2,523	-29.8	34,672	26,015	-25.0
	Kavall	Mackerel	1,117	1,466	31.2	1,905	1,628	-14.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	149,969	110,996	-26.0	576,741	531,771	-7.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,093	2,353	-42.5	9,944	6,059	-39.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	199,586	144,579	-27.6	1,304,516	902,947	-30.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	4,159	159	-96.2	21,257	953	-95.5
	Vopa	Bogue	4,321	5,996	38.8	10,369	16,130	55.6
	Hut leħor	Other Species	72,883	62,937	-13.6	472,454	385,294	-18.4
Malta ¹	Total		368,226	284,283	-22.8	2,239,452	1,669,806	-25.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	11,468	4,848	-57.7	197,916	63,431	-68.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,092	2,394	-22.6	30,409	24,734	-18.7
	Kavall	Mackerel	510	194	-62.0	1,148	419	-63.5
	Lampuka	Dorado	104,829	90,675	-13.5	410,492	433,741	5.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,923	2,306	-41.2	9,237	5,841	-36.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	179,125	126,053	-29.6	1,155,609	787,307	-31.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	3,926	159	-96.0	20,250	953	-95.3
	Vopa	Bogue	2,645	3,335	26.1	6,547	8,755	33.7
	Hut leħor	Other Species	58,708	54,319	-7.5	407,844	344,625	-15.5
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		84,180	53,276	-36.7	409,625	298,145	-27.2
	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,214	1,702	40.2	19,303	33,723	74.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	504	129	-74.4	4,263	1,281	-70.0
	Kavall	Mackerel	607	1,272	109.6	757	1,209	59.7
	Lampuka	Dorado	45,140	20,321	-55.0	166,249	98,030	-41.0
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	170	47	-72.4	707	218	-69.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	20,461	18,526	-9.5	148,907	115,640	-22.3
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	233	0	-100.0	1,007	0	-100.0
	Vopa	Bogue	1,676	2,661	58.8	3,822	7,375	93.0
	Hut leħor	Other Species	14,175	8,618	-39.2	64,610	40,669	-37.1

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Table 4. Monthly 'All Item' 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	115.81	89.88
August	106.75	107.05
September	103.29	113.87
October		
November		
December		

Table 5. Quarterly 'All Items' Fresh Fish Indices

Quarter	All Items 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	108.62	103.60
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 by the Department of Fisheries. 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.