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During the fourth quarter of 2014, the volume and wholesale value of fish landings decreased by 25.1 and 22.4 per cent respectively over the corresponding period in 2013.

Fish Landings: Q4/2014

Fish landings in the fourth quarter amounted to 172,672 kilograms, down by 25.1 per cent over the comparative period of the previous year (Table 1). This was due to a drop in landings of the majority of species, mainly Swordfish (-67.7 per cent) and Dorado (-49.2 per cent). Similarly, the wholesale value of fresh fish landings declined by 22.4 per cent to €954,868 (Table 2).

Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 136,253 kilograms (-4.4 per cent), equivalent to 78.9 per cent of total landings. This decrease was mainly due to a drop in the landings of Swordfish (-64.9 per cent) and Dorado (-25.8 per cent). The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €742,583, down by 12.4 per cent when compared to 2013.

Fresh fish landings by Gozitan fishermen decreased by 58.6 per cent over the comparative period a year earlier. This was mainly brought about by a decrease in Swordfish (-83.7 per cent) and Dorado (-64.5 per cent). In volume terms, Gozitan fish landings comprised 21.1 per cent of total landings, generating €212,285 in wholesale value, a drop of 44.6 per cent over the fourth quarter of 2013.

Indices

The 'All Items' fresh fish price index for the fourth quarter stood at 114.44 points, an increase of 15.78 points (+16.0 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 52.99 points, down by 17.73 points or 25.1 per cent over the fourth quarter of 2013 (Table 3) ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		2013	2014				% change 2014/2013
	Maltese	English	October-December	October	November	December	October-December	October-December
MALTA	Total		230,429	103,647	38,471	30,554	172,672	-25.1
	Gamblu	Shrimp	3,141	2,769	918	679	4,366	39.0
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,440	1,143	590	78	1,811	25.8
	Lampuka	Dorado	120,318	42,889	15,669	2,519	61,077	-49.2
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,822	700	687	827	2,214	-42.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	52,888	819	-	16,262	17,081	-67.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	45	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,886	1,015	1,202	935	3,152	67.1
Hut ieħor	Other Species	46,889	54,312	19,405	9,254	82,971	77.0	
Malta ¹	Total		142,501	84,271	25,965	26,017	136,253	-4.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	2,972	2,386	819	677	3,882	30.6
	Dott	Stone Bass	1,440	1,143	590	78	1,811	25.8
	Lampuka	Dorado	47,367	28,709	5,824	617	35,150	-25.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	3,794	669	667	827	2,163	-43.0
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	45,040	819	-	14,983	15,802	-64.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	45	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,154	483	499	227	1,209	4.8
Hut ieħor	Other species	40,689	50,062	17,566	8,608	76,236	87.4	
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		87,928	19,376	12,506	4,537	36,419	-58.6
	Gamblu	Shrimp	169	383	99	2	484	186.4
	Dott	Stone Bass	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	72,951	14,180	9,845	1,902	25,927	-64.5
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	28	31	20	-	51	82.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	7,848	-	-	1,279	1,279	-83.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	732	532	703	708	1,943	165.4
Hut ieħor	Other Species	6,200	4,250	1,839	646	6,735	8.6	

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				% change 2014/2013
	Maltese	English	October-December	October	November	December	October-December	October-December
MALTA	Total		1,230,323	477,194	255,817	221,857	954,868	-22.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	50,546	21,733	9,459	4,320	35,512	-29.7
	Dott	Stone Bass	13,461	7,828	3,931	852	12,611	-6.3
	Lampuka	Dorado	504,614	261,591	108,155	17,900	387,646	-23.2
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	8,571	1,127	1,522	1,972	4,621	-46.1
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	313,930	6,733	-	124,841	131,574	-58.1
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	225	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	4,478	2,418	2,894	2,991	8,303	85.4
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	334,498	175,764	129,856	68,981	374,601	12.0
Malta ¹	Total		847,276	372,460	176,234	193,889	742,583	-12.4
	Gamblu	Shrimp	48,600	16,535	8,343	4,308	29,186	-39.9
	Dott	Stone Bass	13,461	7,828	3,931	852	12,611	-6.3
	Lampuka	Dorado	204,935	177,214	41,333	4,173	222,720	8.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	8,486	1,068	1,472	1,972	4,512	-46.8
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	263,573	6,733	-	115,019	121,752	-53.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	225	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	3,123	1,162	1,264	748	3,174	1.6
	Ħut ieħor	Other species	304,873	161,920	119,891	66,817	348,628	14.4
Gozo and Comino ²	Total		383,047	104,734	79,583	27,968	212,285	-44.6
	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,946	5,198	1,116	12	6,326	225.1
	Dott	Stone Bass	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Lampuka	Dorado	299,679	84,377	66,822	13,727	164,926	-45.0
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	85	59	50	-	109	28.2
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	50,357	-	-	9,822	9,822	-80.5
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	1,355	1,256	1,630	2,243	5,129	278.5
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	29,625	13,844	9,965	2,164	25,973	-12.3

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. 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	85.37	95.43
November	123.30	35.42
December	134.64	28.13

Table 4. 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	108.62	103.60
Q4/2014	114.44	52.99

Methodological Notes

1. Statistical data for fish landings are collected through the daily returns of sales submitted by middlemen at the fish market.
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 total value paid out to fishermen are used in the compilation of this.
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 may be provided on request.
4. 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 may be made available on request.
5. The data in this release are not normally subject to revision.
6. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>