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During the first half of 2016, the volume and the wholesale value of fish landings increased by 125.9 and 58.5 per cent respectively over the comparative period in 2015.

Fish Landings: January-June 2016

The volume of fish landings amounted to 569,354 kilograms, up by 125.9 per cent over the corresponding period in 2015. This was due to increases in almost all the landings except for swordfish which registered a decrease of 25.3 per cent. Similarly, the wholesale value of landings advanced by 58.5 per cent to €3.1 million (Table 1).

Regional overview

Maltese fishermen landed 458,218 kilograms, an increase of 105.0 per cent over the comparative period in 2015. Landings by Maltese fishermen accounted for 80.5 per cent of total landings. The main species landed, blue fin tuna went up by 97.1 per cent. The wholesale value of fresh fish landings by Maltese fishermen amounted to €2.7 million, a rise of 51.3 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Fish landings by Gozitan fishermen increased by 290.0 per cent over the comparative period a year earlier. This was mainly brought about by increases of 231.5 and 24.0 per cent in shrimp and bogue landings respectively. In terms of volume, landings by Gozitan fishermen comprised 19.5 per cent of total landings. Wholesale value amounted to €373,208, an upturn of 143.4 per cent over the first half of 2015.

Indices

For the period January-June 2016, the All Items fresh fish price index stood at 101.11 points, a decrease of 35.67 points or 26.1 per cent over the comparative period in 2015. The increase in the supply of fresh fish was reflected in the All Items fresh fish volume index, which stood at 87.37 points, up by 48.69 points, or 125.9 per cent more over the first half of 2015 (Table 3) ■

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Table 1. Quantity (in kgs) and wholesale value of fish landings

Administrative area	Species designation		January - June							
	Maltese	English	Quantity (Kgs)				Wholesale value (€)			
			2014	2015	2016	% change 2016/2015	2014	2015	2016	% change 2016/2015
MALTA	Gamblu	Shrimp	5,840	6,175	15,484	150.8	88,723	64,057	250,012	290.3
	Dott	Stone Bass	5,385	5,247	8,118	54.7	45,977	40,332	73,333	81.8
	Lampuka	Dorado	754	550	865	57.3	4,810	3,253	4,459	37.1
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	21,817	15,046	25,845	71.8	55,694	36,826	55,846	51.6
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	136,891	85,155	63,619	-25.3	890,601	674,171	467,021	-30.7
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	78,762	42,089	82,302	95.5	664,841	390,230	658,917	68.9
	Vopa	Bogue	8,714	8,755	34,744	296.8	24,916	25,336	92,583	265.4
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	98,850	89,030	338,377	280.1	720,282	718,360	1,493,488	107.9
	Total		357,013	252,047	569,354	125.9	2,495,844	1,952,565	3,095,659	58.5
Malta ¹	Gamblu	Shrimp	4,141	4,984	11,536	131.5	61,445	46,929	183,114	290.2
	Dott	Stone Bass	3,247	3,032	7,365	142.9	28,330	26,291	66,742	153.9
	Lampuka	Dorado	631	504	760	50.8	4,233	2,942	3,962	34.7
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	17,754	11,286	22,915	103.0	44,396	28,005	49,282	76.0
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	121,598	79,880	61,506	-23.0	784,198	639,661	448,319	-29.9
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	76,615	41,757	82,302	97.1	647,410	387,769	658,917	69.9
	Vopa	Bogue	5,076	2,511	27,003	975.4	16,222	8,579	71,201	729.9
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	81,295	79,600	244,831	207.6	635,180	659,078	1,240,914	88.3
	Total		310,357	223,554	458,218	105.0	2,221,414	1,799,254	2,722,451	51.3
Gozo and Comino ²	Gamblu	Shrimp	1,699	1,191	3,948	231.5	27,278	17,128	66,898	290.6
	Dott	Stone Bass	2,138	2,215	753	-66.0	17,647	14,041	6,591	-53.1
	Lampuka	Dorado	123	46	105	128.3	577	311	497	59.8
	Mazzola	Dog-Fish	4,063	3,760	2,930	-22.1	11,298	8,821	6,564	-25.6
	Pixxispad	Swordfish	15,293	5,275	2,113	-59.9	106,403	34,510	18,702	-45.8
	Tonna	Blue Fin Tuna	2,147	332	-	-	17,431	2,461	-	-
	Vopa	Bogue	3,638	6,244	7,741	24.0	8,694	16,757	21,382	27.6
	Ħut ieħor	Other Species	17,555	9,430	93,546	892.0	85,102	59,282	252,574	326.1
	Total		46,656	28,493	111,136	290.0	274,430	153,311	373,208	143.4

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. All Items Fresh Fish index by month and year
(2010=100)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015												
Price index	116.87	125.53	129.85	142.44	164.10	141.89	116.75	97.66	84.80	108.80	123.31	69.93
Volume index	23.84	16.03	19.94	24.15	67.22	80.87	157.45	109.29	152.98	67.16	29.92	70.38
2016												
Price index	90.89	103.79	76.03	109.66	149.46	76.81						
Volume index	64.78	44.42	79.36	70.01	113.37	152.28						

Table 3. All Items Fresh Fish index by semester and year
(2010=100)

Index	Year	January-June	July-December
Fresh Fish index	2015		
	Price index	136.78	100.21
	Volume index	38.68	97.86
	2016		
	Price index	101.11	-
	Volume index	87.37	-

Methodological Notes

1. Statistical data for fish landings are collected through the daily returns of sales submitted by fishermen at the fish market and directly by themselves.
2. The information is submitted to the NSO on a monthly basis by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Data on fish landings by species, volume, average monthly unit prices and total value paid out to fishermen are used in this compilation.
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:
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>