

Fisheries Production, 1999

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EEA production represents 9% of World production.

In 1999 the EEA's total fisheries production (catches and aquaculture production combined) was 12.8 million tonnes. This was 9% of the total world production of 136.9 million tonnes.

In the long-term, EEA production rose from 11.3 million tonnes in 1970 to 12.9 million tonnes in 1977, decreased to 10.8 million tonnes in 1990 and then increased to 13.8 million tonnes in 1997 (Figure 1).

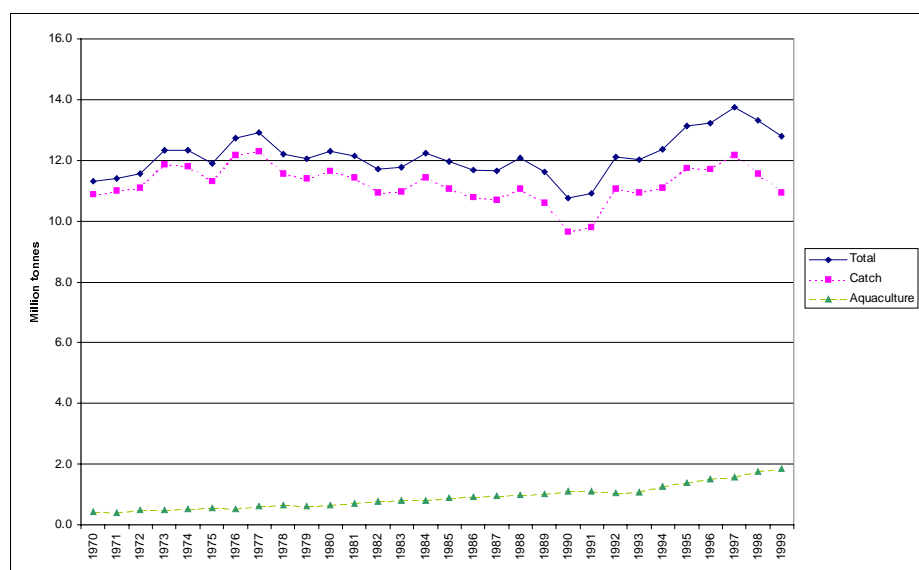


Figure 1: EEA fisheries production, 1970-99

Figure 1 shows that the catch component of the production follows very closely of the total, while that for aquaculture production shows a steady increase from about 0.4 million tonnes in 1970 to 1.8 million tonnes in 1999. The contribution of aquaculture to the total has increased from 3.7% in 1970 to 14.4% in 1999.

Norway and Iceland are the main EEA producers.

In 1999, Norway, at 3.3 million tonnes, had a fisheries production nearly double that of the next largest producer, Iceland (1.8 million tonnes) (Table 1). These two countries combined accounted for 39% of the total EEA production. The largest producer among the EU Member States was Spain (1.5 million tonnes) followed by Denmark (1.4 million tonnes) and the United Kingdom (1.0 million tonnes). Not surprisingly the three landlocked EEA countries, Austria (3 502 tonnes), Luxembourg and Liechtenstein (both with no production) have the lowest production.

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Aquaculture represents 14% of total production

Overall, aquaculture accounted for 14% of the total EEA fisheries production and 18% of EU production in 1999. Norway had the largest aquaculture production: 466 035 tonnes, largely of Atlantic salmon. Spain (321 143 tonnes), France (267 638) and Italy (249 368) were the next highest producers, in all three cases largely of molluscs (oysters and/or mussels). Exceptionally, aquaculture in Italy accounted for 46% of that country's fisheries production.

General decline in production in candidate countries

In 1999, the total fisheries production in the 13 candidate countries was 1.3 million tonnes: only 16% of that in the EU-15 countries. By far the largest producer was Turkey (638 097 tonnes, 50% of the total). This country's production combined with those of three of the Baltic Sea coastal states, Poland (273 610 tonnes), Latvia (125 857 tonnes) and Estonia (115 069 tonnes), was responsible for 90% of the total production of the candidate countries.

However the total production has decreased greatly in recent years. Figure 2 shows that since 1988 (the first year for which data for the current geographical entities are available) the production of the Baltic Sea coastal states (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland) has fallen from 2 million tonnes to 0.5 million tonnes in 1999. In the same period the production of the Black Sea coastal states (Bulgaria and Romania) has fallen from 385 636 tonnes to 35 177 tonnes.

On average aquaculture accounts for 12% of the total fisheries production in the candidate countries. However there were considerable variations in the individual countries with, in the Czech Republic and Hungary (both land-locked countries), Romania and Malta, aquaculture making a bigger contribution to the total production than capture fisheries.

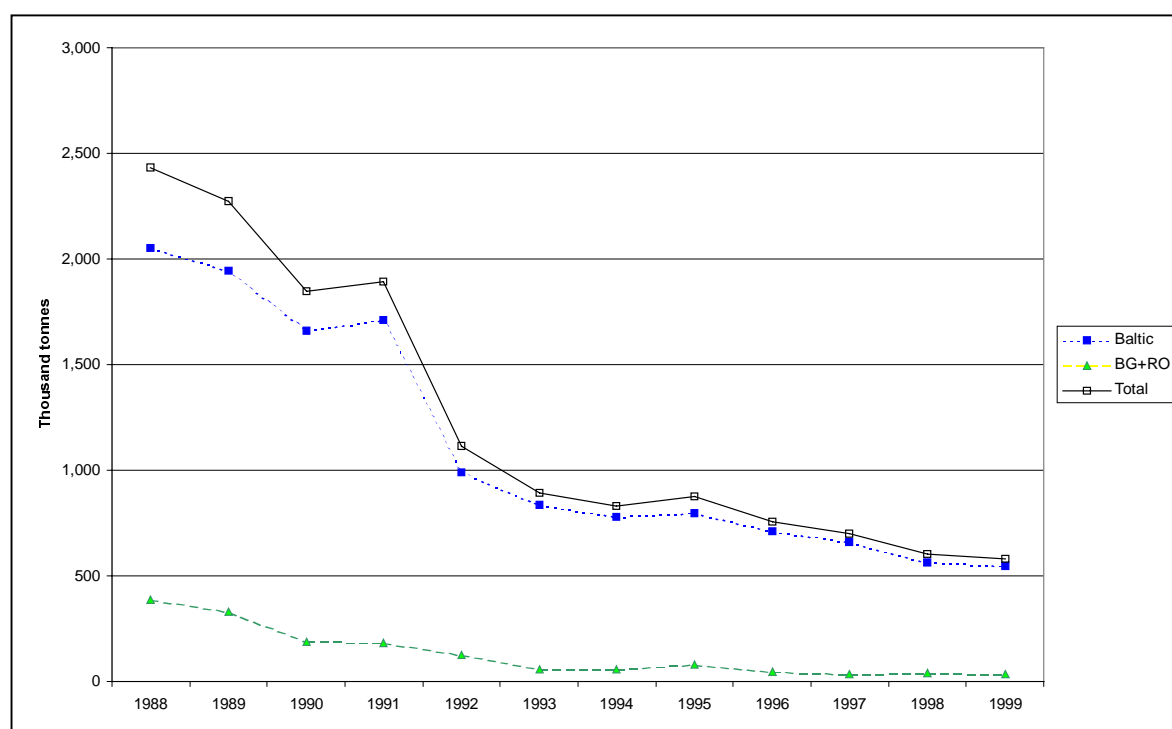


Figure 2: Total production of Baltic Sea and Black Sea coastal states, 1988-99

	Catch	Aquaculture	Total
EU-15	6 389 574	1 374 302	7 763 876
A	432	3 070	3 502
B	33 949	846	34 795
D	238 988	73 567	312 555
DK	1 404 879	42 653	1 447 532
E	1 198 869	321 143	1 520 012
F	650 261	267 638	917 899
FI	145 962	15 449	161 411
GR	136 699	79 265	215 964
I	296 155	249 368	545 523
IRL	322 458	43 856	366 314
NL	514 611	108 785	623 396
P	219 170	7 799	226 969
S	351 612	6 064	357 676
UK	875 528	154 800	1 030 328
ISL	1 766 798	3 897	1 770 695
NL	2 799 277	466 035	3 265 312
EEA	10 955 649	1 844 234	12 799 883
BG	10 556	7 780	18 336
CY	5 273	1 422	6 695
CZ	4 190	18 775	22 965
EE	114 869	200	115 069
HU	7 514	11 947	19 461
LT	33 594	1 650	35 244
LV	125 389	468	125 857
MT	1 033	2 002	3 035
PL	239 899	33 711	273 610
RO	7 843	8 998	16 841
SI	2 009	1 206	3 215
SK	1 391	872	2 263
TR	575 097	63 000	638 097
CC	1 128 657	152 031	1 280 688
World	94 112 748	42 774 599	136 887 347

CC = Total EU Candidate Countries

Table 1: Fisheries production by country, 1999 (tonnes)

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The data have been derived from submissions by the EEA national authorities under the terms of EU legislation on fishery statistics and from submissions by the national authorities to other international bodies (notably FAO). Eurostat gratefully acknowledges the collaboration of all concerned.

The production is expressed in tonnes live weight equivalent of the landed or the product weight.

The EEA countries are the 15 EU Member States (EU-15) plus Iceland, Norway and Leichtenstein.

The EU candidate countries are:

Bulgaria (BG)	Cyprus (CY)	Czech Republic (CZ)
Estonia (EE)	Hungary (HU)	Latvia (LV)
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