

## International trade of fisheries products

### ■ Database Specific

#### ■ Abstract

This dataset presents official international trade statistics in fisheries products, directly sourced from the UN Comtrade Database.

#### ■ Direct source

UN Comtrade Database via WITS (World Integrated Trade Solution) website

- **WITS**

### ■ Data Characteristics

#### ■ Other data characteristics

Data reported in this dataset are expressed in US dollars.

#### ■ Unit of measure used

US Dollar

### ■ Population & Scope

#### ■ Statistical population

The statistical population is the set of countries participating in the work of the COFI, i.e. OECD members, excluding landlocked countries, with some exceptions (Czech Republic and Slovakia are included, Israel is not).

The group includes also the following partner countries: Argentina, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Indonesia, Lithuania, Peru, Philippines, Russian Federation and Thailand.

In order to facilitate analysis and comparisons over time, historical data for OECD members have been provided over as long a period as possible, often even before a country became a member of the Organisation.

Information on the membership dates of all OECD countries can be found at OECD Ratification Dates.

- **OECD Ratification Dates**

### ■ Concepts & Classifications

#### ■ Aggregation & consolidation

The headings no. 3, 307, and 1605 have been corrected in order to remove the following items: '30760 - Snails other than sea snails' from heading no. 3 and 307, and '160558 - Snails other than sea snails, prepared or preserved' from heading no. 1605, because these are not fisheries products.

In the original data higher order levels of the classification are derived by addition of lower order levels except where data must be kept confidential at lower levels of aggregation, but may be released at higher levels.

These confidential data, when existing, are not included in headings no. 3, 307 and 1605 after the correction described above.

#### ■ Classification(s) used

The main classification used is the Harmonized System (HS) 1988/92. There are few items classified according to HS 2012 in heading no. 1605, as the item '160558 - Snails other than sea snails, prepared or preserved' that should be removed from the heading is only available in HS 2012.

- **Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (HS)**

### ■ Key statistical concept

Following the UN recommendations, the international merchandise trade statistics record all goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country by entering (imports) or leaving (exports) its economic territory. Goods simply being transported through a country (goods in transit) or temporarily admitted or withdrawn (except for goods for inward or outward processing) do not add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of a country and are not included in the international merchandise trade statistics.

Customs records should be the main source of the data; and the additional sources could be used where customs sources are not available. Goods should be included in statistics at the time when they enter or leave the economic territory of a country. In the case of customs-based data collection systems, the time of recording should be the date of lodgement of the customs declaration.

International trade statistics published by the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) for EU Member states might differ from data disseminated by UN in Comtrade because of different treatment of goods in transit.

The methodological manual of reference on international trade statistics is:

- **International Merchandise Trade Statistics, Concepts and Definitions (IMTS, 2010)**

#### ■ Other Aspects

#### ■ Quality comments

- **Coverage and limitations of UN Comtrade data**