



FISHING: THE HEART OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Fishing has been part of coastal communities for as long as they have existed and forms their economic and social fabric.



FISHING DEPENDENCY OF EUROPEAN COASTAL REGIONS¹

● Very low to moderate ● Moderate to very high



The European fishing sector is made of successful SMEs

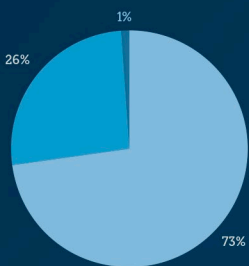
EMPLOYMENT FISHING SECTOR

small-scale coastal fleet (under 12 metres)

large scale fleet (between 12-25 metres)

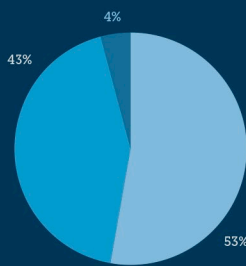
EU distant water fleet (more than 25 metres)

81.500
VESSELS



EU ACTIVE VESSELS

150.000
FISHERS



TOTAL EMPLOYMENT²

PROCESSING SECTOR³

3.500
ENTERPRISES

120.000
JOBS

86%
employed by SMEs

55%
held by women

PROCESSING BUSINESS ANNUAL TURNOVER
28 BILLION €⁴



A VIABLE SECTOR

Europe's fishermen have businesses that are economically viable, and provide a variety of high quality, healthy products

+6,6%⁵
REVENUE
FROM 2009 TO 2014

+11%⁶
VALUE OF LANDINGS IN EU
FROM 2009 TO 2014

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/body/pdp_en.pdf

² https://steef.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/43805/481615/2016-07_STECF+16-11+-AER_IRCxxx.pdf, 2014

³ https://steef.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/43805/861045/2014-12_STECF+14-21+-EU+Fish+Processing+Industry_JRC93340.pdf, 2012

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/body/pdp_en.pdf, p.32, 2012

⁵ https://steef.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/43805/256769/2011-11_STECF+11-16+-2011+AER+on+the+EU+fishing+fleet_JRC67866.pdf

⁶ https://steef.jrc.ec.europa.eu/documents/43805/1481615/2016-07_STECF+16-11+-AER_IRCxxx.pdf