



FISHERY STATISTICS (69)

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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Eurostat's programme of fishery statistics is designed to meet the data needs for the development and administration of the Common Fisheries Policy.



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Measures introduced to monitor fishing activities under the Common Fisheries Policy include fishing log-books, landing declarations and sales notes.

These documents introduced for administrative purposes and generally managed by the national fishery administrations are a basic source of statistical data.



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2.1 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no 2930/86 defining the characteristics for fishing vessels.

Council Regulation no. 109/94 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community

Council Regulation no. 3259/94 amending Regulation no. 2930/86 defining the characteristics of fishing vessels.

Commission Regulation no. 493/96 amending Regulation no. 109/94 concerning the fishing vessel register of the Community.

Legislation managed by DG FISH for the compilation of the fishing vessel register. Eurostat receives annual extracts from the register for the compilation of fishing fleet statistics.



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2.2 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no. 3880/91 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic.

Commission Regulation no. 1637/2001 amending Council Regulation no. 3880/91 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic.

Commission Regulation no. 448/2005 amending Council Regulation no 3880/91 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in the north-east Atlantic.

Since neither Croatia nor Turkey fish in the Northeast Atlantic, they have no obligations under these Regulations.



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2.3 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no. 2018/93 on the submission of catch and activity statistics by Member States fishing in the North-west Atlantic.

Commission Regulation no. 1636/2001 amending Council Regulation no. 2018/93 on the submission of catch and effort statistics by Member States fishing in the North-west Atlantic.

Since neither Croatia nor Turkey fish in the Northwest Atlantic, they have no obligations under these Regulations.



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2.4 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no 2597/95 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic.

Commission Regulation no 1638/2001 amending Council Regulation no. 2597/95 on the submission of nominal catch statistics by Member States fishing in certain areas other than those of the North Atlantic.

These Regulations cover the annual catch statistics for the Mediterranean and Black Seas. Member States are required to submit data on the catches by species and by statistical subdivision. Deadline: 30 June following the reference year.

These data are identical to those submitted to FAO and the GFCM on the STATLANT 37A questionnaire.



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2.5 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no 3859/92 on the common organisation of the market in fishery and aquaculture products.

This Regulation is under the responsibility of the Directorate-General for Fisheries. It has no direct implications for the national statistical services other than to provide the framework applied to the market for fishery products.



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2.7 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no 2104/93 amending Regulation no. 1382/91 on the submission of data on the landings of fishery products in Member States.

This Regulation requires the Member States to submit monthly data on the quantity and average price of fishery products landed in the ports of Member States. The products for which data are required correspond to those falling within the EU's market management regime. The deadline for submission is 6 months after the end of the reference month.



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2.8 THE ACQUIS

Council Regulation no 788/96 on the submission by Member States of statistics on aquaculture production.

This Regulation requires the Member States to submit annual data on the volume of production of aquaculture products, with a breakdown by species and the culture environment (freshwater or saltwater). The deadline for submission is 8 months after the end of the reference month.

These data are already submitted to FAO on the FISHSTAT AQ questionnaire.



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3. MOST PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

Since concepts and definitions used in Eurostat's programme of fishery statistics are compatible with those of international agencies to which Croatia and Turkey already submit data, no major problems are anticipated with these countries' compliance with the EU requirements.



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4.1 FUTURE ACQUIS

Revision of Regulation no 2104/96

A proposal for a revision of the Regulation is currently being considered by the European Parliament and the Council with the adoption foreseen in July 2006.

This new regulation will be a simplification involving:

- the replacement of monthly data by annual data.
- a relaxation of the limitations on the use of sampling procedures
- the submission of data by the flag of the vessels (as opposed to grouping by EU, EEA and 3rd countries).



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4.2 FUTURE ACQUIS

Revision of Regulation no 788/96

A proposal for a revision of the Regulation is currently being considered by the Working Group “Fishery Statistics” with the submission to the European Parliament and the Council foreseen in July 2006.

This will be an extension of the present Regulation and require the submission:

- of annual data on the volume and value of aquaculture production,
 - of data every third year on the structure of the aquaculture sector
 - of data on the input to capture-based aquaculture
- and
- on the output from hatcheries.



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5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

What is the relationship between the fisheries administration, responsible for the monitoring of fishery activities, and the national services responding to the EU's requirements for fishery statistics?