



COUNTRY BRIEF

Population	Ease of doing business rank
58 775 000	79th
Length of coastline	Exclusive fishing zone
3 751 km	1 450 600 km ²
Average GDP growth	GDP per capita
5.83%	USD 6 001

GDP from fisheries

N/A

Fish available for consumption

6.4 kg/capita

Imports of fish and fish
products - 2019

USD 468 978 610

Agricultural GDP from fisheries

N/A

Fisheries and aquaculture
production

Total 448 272 tonnes

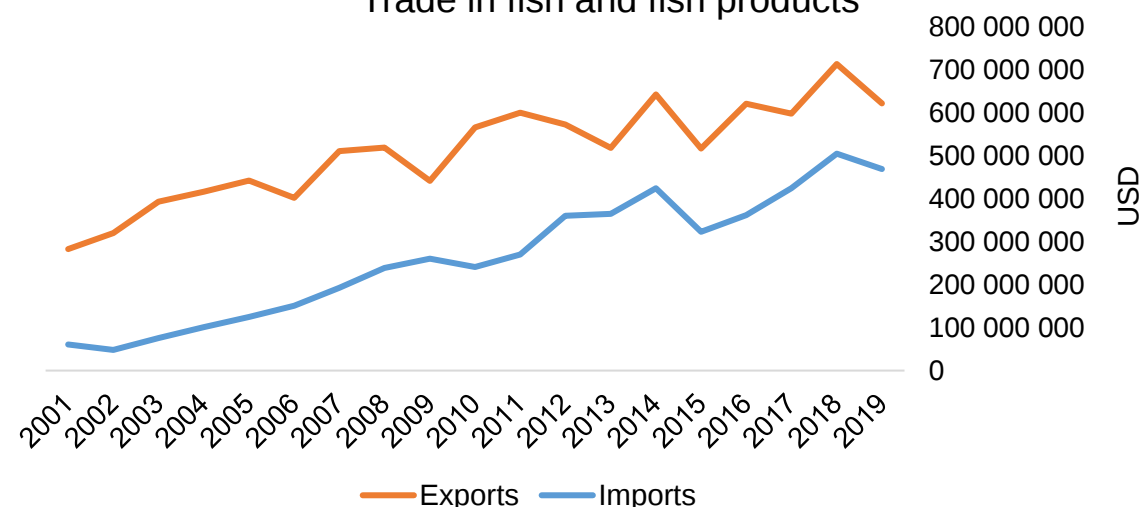
Fisheries 98%

Aquaculture 2%

Exports of fish and fish
products - 2019

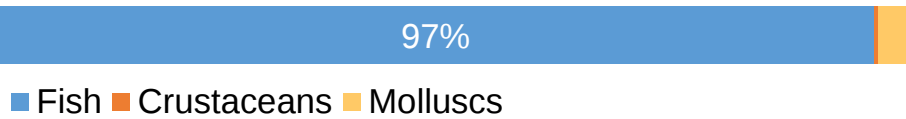
USD 621 847 120

Trade in fish and fish products



Production and Trade Breakdown

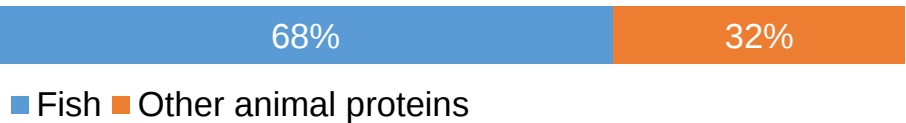
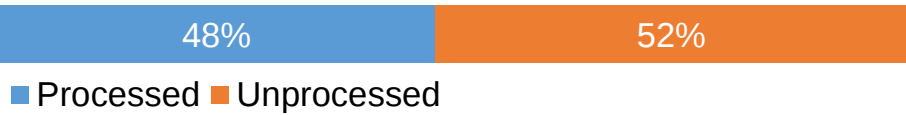
Production by volume



Imports by value



Exports by value



Production - Top 10 Species (Volume)

		Tonnes
1 st	Southern African anchovy	164 713
2 nd	Cape hakes	128 628
3 rd	Whitehead's round herring	47 276
4 th	Cape horse mackerel	27 977
5 th	Cape Hope squid	7 525
6 th	Marine fishes nei	7 259
7 th	Atlantic chub mackerel	6 670
8 th	Devil anglerfish	6 454
9 th	Snoek	6 234
10 th	Pacific sardine	5 320

Imports - Top 10 Products (Value)

			USD
1 st	Sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats	prepared or preserved; whole or in pieces HS 1604.13	86 446 330
2 nd	Sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.53	74 196 820
3 rd	Tunas, skipjack, bonito	prepared or preserved; whole or in pieces HS 1604.14	46 561 100
4 th	Hake	frozen fillets HS 0304.74	34 162 030
5 th	Hake	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.66	30 958 610
6 th	Shrimps, prawns	frozen HS 0306.17	30 509 550
7 th	Jack, horse mackerel	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.55	18 690 270
8 th	Fish, other than species in 0303	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.89	18 172 920
9 th	Squid, cuttlefish	dried, smoked, salted or in brine HS 0307.49	17 646 660
10 th	Atlantic, Danube salmon	fresh or chilled; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0302.14	14 274 500

Exports - Top 10 Products (Value)

			USD
1 st	Hake	frozen fillets HS 0304.74	125 394 800
2 nd	Squid, cuttlefish	frozen HS 0307.43	76 638 090
3 rd	Flours, meals, pellets. Unfit for human consumption	from fish or aquatic invertebrates HS 2301.20	57 163 450
4 th	Hake	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.66	46 104 790
5 th	Fish, other than species in 0303	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.89	36 305 160
6 th	Rock lobster, other sea crawfish	live, fresh or chilled HS 0306.31	34 899 860
7 th	Jack, horse mackerel	frozen; excluding fillets, livers and roes HS 0303.55	20 851 520
8 th	Sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats	prepared or preserved; whole or in pieces HS 1604.13	20 257 920
9 th	Rock lobster, other sea crawfish	frozen HS 0306.11	20 058 050
10 th	Abalone	dried, salted or in brine HS 0307.87	19 144 990

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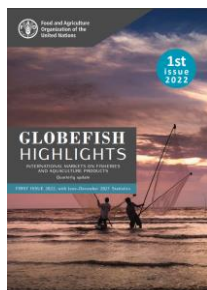
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[HS codes for fish and fish products](#)

International trade codes for fish and fish products in a user friendly format.



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FAO's [Fishery and Aquaculture Statistics 2019](#)

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World Bank's [Ease of Doing Business](#) ranking

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