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## **Finfish Study 2016**

### **EU is the biggest trading bloc and consumption is growing**

The 2016 AIPCE-CEP Finfish Study provides key figures on recent developments in the EU seafood market. This study has been prepared for more than 2 decades and provides a unique record and commentary of our industry. It delivers factual information on actual performance and future trends of the trade in fish, too exemplify the need for imported seafood to produce added value seafood within Europe.

These imports have been the lifeblood of the industry for many years and fulfil an essential role.

Main findings for the year 2015 include:

- Total market supply is down at 14.1 million tonnes\*
- Imported volume is down to 8.98 million tonnes\*
- All species total EU catches marginally up 1.4% at 5.156 million tonnes\*
- Share of imports slightly up at 63.5%
- Net consumption marginally up 0.2kg/capita to 24.1kg\*
- EU catches for whitefish species have increased 4.6% and quota utilisation has improved significantly to 80.6%.
- Fish Exports down sharply by 16.5% to 1.913 million tonnes
- Wild capture whitefish import dependency slightly reduced to 88%
- Salmon is the No 1 species by live weight but Tuna and Cod all above 1 million tonnes of resource use – significant in global terms
- Trend for primary processing in Europe appears to be consolidating
- Internal supply is showing signs of recovery but imports remain the backbone of the industry

- Ends -

Notes for editors:

FinFish Study 2016 can be found at [AIPCE-CEP website](#).

\* All figures calculated at WFE (Whole Fish Equivalent).

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