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- Press Release -

Finfish Study 2018

EU processors continue to see more potential in the market and more opportunities for EU fishers!

The 2018 AIPCE-CEP Finfish Study provides key figures on recent developments in the EU seafood market. This study has been prepared since 1992 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 2017 include:

- Total market supply slightly up to 14.79 million t (+0.1 %);
- Imported share fallen to 62 % (9.18 million t);
- Whitefish import dependency stable at 88.9 % for wild capture species;
- EU catches for whitefish species have marginally reduced by 2.2 % and quota utilisation has fallen to 74.7 %;
- Exports expanded by 6.9 % to 2.114 million t;
- Tuna was the only species growing in the 1 million t group with cod, salmon and herring all showing decline in supply. Tuna re-emerges as No1 in volume at WFE;
- Consumption per capita consumption falls back to 24.8 kg at WFE.

Notes for editors:

FinFish Study 2018 can be found at [AIPCE-CEP website](#).

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

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