

# 2020 UK/EU Seafood Export and Import Summary

## *Provisional Data*

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# 2020 UK/EU import and export summary

## introduction



- Combined the UK's total seafood exports to, and imports from the EU decreased in 2020 in terms of value and volume, whilst experiencing deflation
  - Seafood exports increased in volume whilst value declined, as the average £/kg fell
  - Seafood import value and volume decreased, whilst the average £/kg increased slightly
- Exports continue to hold the largest share of trade, however, exports' share of value trade has fallen slightly to 51.9%, whilst share of volume has increased to 57.2%
- With regards the EU's share of total UK seafood trade, exports increased their share, whilst imports slightly lost share to other countries.

# 2020 UK/EU export and import summary dashboard



## Total Trade



↓ £2,347m  
(-9%)



## Exports

↓ £1,217m  
(-10%)



## Imports

↓ £1,130m  
(-8%)



↓ 596k t  
(-3%)

↑ 341k t  
(+2%)

↓ 255k t  
(-8%)



↓ £3.94/kg  
(-6%)

↓ £3.57/kg  
(-12%)

↑ £4.43/kg  
(+0.4%)

# 2020 UK seafood exports to the EU introduction



This section contains key facts relating to the UK's seafood export to the EU in 2020

- Seafood exports increased in volume whilst their value declined, due to a lower average £/kg
- The UK exported the largest value of seafood to the following countries: France, Spain, Irish Republic
- The species with the greatest export value were salmon, nephrops, and mackerel

# 2020 Exports to the EU dashboard



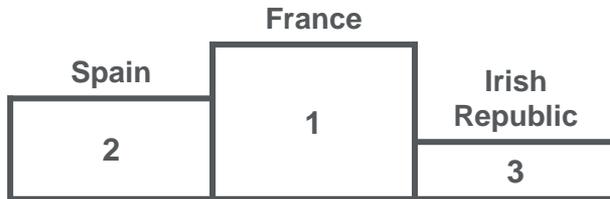
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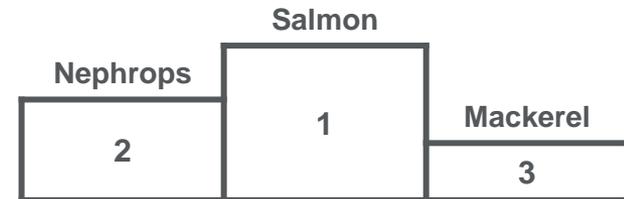
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Top Export Destinations £



Top Exported Species £

## Growing Countries

Netherlands  
Poland  
Greece  
Romania  
Sweden  
Latvia  
Slovakia

## Declining Countries

France  
Spain  
Italy  
Germany  
Belgium  
Denmark  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Cyprus  
Estonia  
Malta  
Croatia  
Bulgaria  
Slovenia  
Hungary  
Finland

## Growing Species

Mackerel  
P&P Shrimps & Prawns  
Herring  
Megrim  
Whiting

## Declining Species

Salmon  
Nephrops  
Scallops  
Crabs  
Cod  
Lobster  
Tuna  
Hake  
Coley  
Warm Water Shrimps & Prawns  
Cuttlefish  
Squid

Key: top 20 countries & species value & volume increase, value & volume decline

# 2020 UK seafood imports from the EU introduction



This section contains key facts relating to the UK's seafood imports from the EU in 2020

- Seafood import value and volume decreased, whilst the average £/kg increased slightly
- The EU countries that import the largest value of seafood into the UK are Sweden, Denmark, and Germany
- The species with the greatest import value from the EU are salmon, tuna, and cod

# 2020 Imports from the EU dashboard



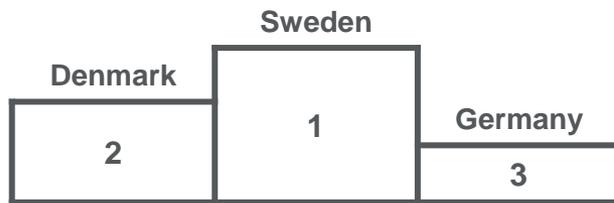
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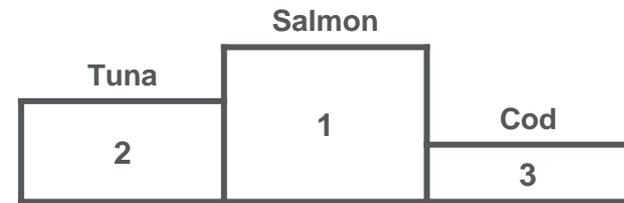
255k t  
(-8%)



£4.43/kg  
(+0.4%)



Top Importing Countries £



Top Imported Species £

## Growing Countries

Sweden  
Denmark  
Poland  
Portugal  
Italy  
Bulgaria

## Declining Countries

Germany  
Netherlands  
Spain  
France  
Irish Republic  
Lithuania  
Belgium  
Latvia  
Finland  
Greece  
Romania  
Slovakia  
Malta  
Estonia  
Austria  
Czech Republic  
Luxembourg  
Croatia

## Growing Species

P&P Shrimps & Prawns  
Haddock  
Surimi  
Sardine  
Anchovy  
Scallops  
Clam  
Plaice  
Megrim

## Declining Species

Salmon  
Tuna  
Cod  
Mackerel  
Pollack  
Seabass  
Crabs  
Herring  
Warm Water Shrimps & Prawns  
Cold Water Shrimps & Prawns  
Mussels  
Nephrops

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<https://www.seafish.org/insight-and-research/market-insight/>

Further HMRC data is available here [www.seafish.org/trade-and-regulation/international-trade/trade-tariff-tool-in-tableau/](http://www.seafish.org/trade-and-regulation/international-trade/trade-tariff-tool-in-tableau/)



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