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'International Trade of Fish and Fishery Products' consists of information on exports and imports of fish and fishery products. The information presented in this report is based on the data obtained from the Sri Lanka Customs.

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Table 1: Summary of Import and Export of Fish and Fishery Products

Year	Exports			Imports			Balance of Fish Trade		Exchange Rate ⁽¹⁾	Contribution to National Exports Earnings (%)
	Quantity (Mt)	Value (RS.Mn)	Value (US \$ Mn)	Quantity (Mt)	Value (RS.Mn)	Value (US \$ Mn)	(Rs.Mn)	US \$ Mn	Rs./1 US\$	
2000	18,554	10,328	136	77,339	5,132	68	5,196	68.6	75.78	2.6
2005	15,985	10,695	106	76,584	7,099	71	3,596	35.8	100.50	1.7
2010	18,325	19,834	175	80,013	14,162	125	5,672	50.2	113.06	2.1
2011	18,462	21,876	198	81,957	16,240	147	5,636	51.0	110.57	2.0
2012	18,631	26,363	207	71,413	17,401	136	8,962	70.2	127.60	2.3
2013	23,910	31,792	246	78,401	21,119	164	10,673	82.7	129.11	2.5
2014	26,320	34,797	267	78,712	18,860	144	15,937	122.1	130.56	2.4
2015	17,461	24,716	182	120,046	30,729	226	-6,013	(44.2)	135.94	1.8
2016	17,593	26,802	184	115,693	35,172	242	-8,370	(57.5)	145.60	1.8
2017	24,827	39,230	257	106,020	33,969	223	5,261	34.5	152.46	2.3
2018	27,998	47,949	295	84,463	32,726	201	15,222	93.7	162.54	2.5
2019	28,771	53,483	299	95,637	38,952	218	14,531	81.3	178.78	1.5
2020	21,298	39,874	215	85,809	35,504	191	4,370	23.6	185.52	2.2
2021	26,749	63,222	318	56,176	25,080	126	38,142	191.9	198.79	
2022 JAN	2,314	5,488	27	3,341	1,784	9	3,703	18.4	201.46	

Source : Statistics Unit/ Ministry of Fisheries

(1) Average of the relevant period

Table 2: Imported Quantity of Fish and Fishery Products (Mt)

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020 JAN	2021 JAN	2022 JAN	Change % 2022/2020	Change % 2022/2021	Percentage to Total
Dried Fish	10,521	10,214	9,506	10,254	11,643	7,514	942.2	372.3	486.1	-48.4	30.6	14.6
Dried Sprats	24,457	22,798	23,198	24,806	31,102	25,071	1,749.1	2,675.1	996.7	-43.0	-62.7	29.8
Maldive fish	2,732	2,674	2,318	2,521	2,545	2,188	191.1	204.5	153.8	-19.5	-24.8	4.6
Canned Fish	37,089	40,614	28,068	36,806	26,044	8,758	2,717.2	804.5	654.9	-75.9	-18.6	19.6
Food Fish	39,074	27,782	18,694	18,536	12,801	10,166	1,987.7	650.4	712.2	-64.2	9.5	21.3
Live fish	128	181	183	186	99	143	18.9	10.8	11.7	-38.1	8.0	0.3
Other	1,692	1,757	2,497	2,529	1,575	2,337	253.3	239.7	325.4	28.4	35.8	9.7
Total	115,693	106,020	84,463	95,637	85,809	56,176	7,859.4	4,957.2	3,340.7	-57.5	-32.6	100.0

Table 3: Value of Imported Fish and Fishery Products (Rs.Mn)

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020 JAN	2021 JAN	2022 JAN	Change % 2022/2020	Change % 2022/2021	Percentage to Total
Dried Fish	3,416	3,808	4,218	5,257	6,353	4,871	442.6	204.9	314.0	-29.1	53.3	17.6
Dried Sprats	9,037	9,369	9,375	9,521	10,927	9,119	642.9	1,012.0	385.3	-40.1	-61.9	21.6
Maldive fish	1,994	1,624	1,528	1,668	1,924	1,453	133.6	143.0	98.1	-26.6	-31.4	5.5
Canned Fish	9,638	9,606	8,616	13,651	10,764	4,891	1,020.2	688.1	328.4	-67.8	-52.3	18.4
Food fish	10,111	8,605	7,323	7,411	4,659	3,401	814.1	194.8	332.8	-59.1	70.9	18.6
Live fish	215	334	257	288	175	253	47.2	16.2	25.0	-47.0	54.9	1.4
Other	762	625	1,410	1,157	703	1,091	184.2	70.4	300.9	63.3	327.1	16.9
Total	35,172	33,969	32,726	38,952	35,504	25,080	3,284.9	2,329.4	1,784.5	-45.7	-23.4	100.0

Table 4: Exported Quantity of Fish and Fishery Products (Mt)

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020 JAN	2021 JAN	2022 JAN	Change % 2022/2020	Change % 2022/2021	Percentage to Total
Live fish (2)	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Prawns	1,667	1,844	1,984	2,115	1,781	4,747	116.6	286.3	441.9	279.1	54.3	19.1
Lobsters	175	224	231	229	99	196	22.3	32.8	4.2	-81.0	-87.1	0.2
Crabs	2,117	1,819	1,401	1,818	1,361	1,662	153.7	184.4	115.8	-24.7	-37.2	5.0
Beche de mer	136	150	248	503	326	336	19.4	6.9	18.2	-6.4	162.0	0.8
Other Molluscus	1,568	3,152	3,672	2,590	1,477	2,168	201.9	161.8	134.9	-33.2	-16.7	5.8
Shark fins	36	52	86	91	55	95	7.7	4.7	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	-
Fish maws	1	7	5	4	2	4	0.2	0.0	0.0	-77.9		0.0
Chank & shells	297	355	329	275	221	306	0.3	15.4	15.0	4,210.0	-2.1	0.7
Food Fish	11,101	16,250	18,031	19,885	13,858	16,130	1,912.8	1,128.8	1,537.8	-19.6	36.2	66.5
Other	495	971	2,011	1,261	2,119	1,105	83.0	103.4	46.0	-44.6	-55.5	2.0
Total	17,593	24,827	27,998	28,771	21,298	26,749	2,517.9	1,924.6	2,313.9	-8.1	20.2	100.0

Table 5: Value of Exported Fish and Fishery Products (Rs.Mn)

Item	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2020 JAN	2021 JAN	2022 JAN	Change % 2022/2020	Change % 2022/2021	Percentage to Total
Live fish	1,847	2,288	2,626	2,913	2,409	4,193	262.4	168.1	358.3	36.5	113.1	6.5
Prawns	2,464	3,213	3,485	3,522	3,235	8,462	204.6	494.1	694.2	239.3	40.5	12.6
Lobsters	657	782	971	1,003	352	879	85.0	132.7	8.9	-89.5	-93.3	0.2
Crabs	2,623	3,336	4,316	5,029	3,068	6,113	373.7	473.2	432.5	15.7	-8.6	7.9
Beche de mer	383	494	1,400	2,272	1,581	1,967	93.1	85.7	141.2	51.7	64.8	2.6
Other Molluscus	1,038	2,648	3,397	2,287	1,409	2,228	200.4	167.8	160.6	-19.9	-4.3	2.9
Shark fins	133	214	339	500	341	680	77.5	23.1	0.0	-100.0	-100.0	0.0
Fish maws	16	36	68	77	34	76	1.2	0.0	0.2	-83.4		0.0
Chank & shells	113	147	123	149	141	201	0.3	13.8	8.0	2,402.2	-42.0	0.1
Food Fish	16,877	24,690	29,759	34,278	25,498	37,198	3,404.0	1,994.0	3,530.3	3.7	77.0	64.3
Other	650	1,382	1,465	1,453	1,805	1,224	94.2	128.9	153.7	63.2	19.3	2.8
Total	26,802	39,230	47,949	53,483	39,874	63,222	4,796.5	3,681.3	5,488.0	14.4	49.1	100.0

Source : Statistics Unit/ Ministry of Fisheries

Note : (1) Fisheries sector tables are prepared by SU/MFARD based on the monthly custom returns

(2) Live fish weight included water (container)

(3) EU fish export ban (2015.01.15 - 2016.06.15)

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Table 6 - Quantity of Exported Fish and Fishery Products by Countries

Year/ Month	Total Volume (Mt)	Exported Quantity by Countries									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Non- European	
		Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%
2010	18,325	10,220	55.8	468	2.6	1,176	6.4	2,148	11.7	4,314	23.5
2015	17,461	2,065	11.8	673	3.9	4,392	25.2	2,289	13.1	8,043	46.1
2016	17,593	2,542	14.4	613	3.5	4,719	26.8	2,052	11.7	7,667	43.6
2017	24,827	5,725	23.1	856	3.4	4,408	17.8	2,030	8.2	11,808	47.6
2018	27,998	7,597	27.1	849	3.0	4,193	15.0	2,185	7.8	13,175	47.1
2019	28,771	8,980	31.2	1,034	3.6	3,499	12.2	1,733	6.0	13,526	47.0
2020	21,298	6,750	31.7	2,015	9.5	1,719	8.1	1,462	6.9	9,352	43.9
2021	26,749	8,527	31.9	3,108	11.6	2,141	8.0	2,142	8.0	10,832	40.5
2022 JAN	2,314	692	29.9	243	10.5	154	6.6	134	5.8	1,091	47.2

Table 7 - Value of Exported Fish and Fishery Products by Countries

Year/ Month	Total Value (Rs.Mn)	Value of Exports by Countries									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Non- European	
		Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%
2010	19,834	12,987	65.5	446	2.2	1,150	5.8	1,867	9.4	3,384	17.1
2015	24,716	4,774	19.3	1,096	4.4	7,551	30.6	2,712	11.0	8,583	34.7
2016	26,802	5,239	19.5	1,091	4.1	8,777	32.7	2,757	10.3	8,938	33.4
2017	39,230	11,052	28.2	1,458	3.7	10,140	25.8	3,190	8.1	13,390	34.1
2018	47,949	16,024	33.4	1,496	3.1	11,239	23.4	3,783	7.9	15,407	32.1
2019	53,483	20,300	38.0	1,898	3.5	10,181	19.0	2,877	5.4	18,227	34.1
2020	39,874	16,118	40.4	4,005	10.0	5,203	13.0	2,596	6.5	11,951	30.0
2021	63,222	24,654	39.0	7,148	11.3	8,864	14.0	4,503	7.1	18,054	28.6
2022 JAN	5,488	2,170	39.5	582	10.6	810	14.8	269	4.9	1,657	30.2

Source : Statistics Unit/ Ministry of Fisheries

Note: It has considered the **UK** formally left the **EU** on 31 January 2020

Table 8: Quantity of Tuna Exported by Country

Year/ Month	Total Quantity (Mt)	Exported Quantity by Countries									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Other Non European	
		Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%	Volume (Mt)	%
2010	4,856	3,138	64.6	160	3.3	286	5.9	788	16.2	484	10.0
2015	9,845	1,491	15.1	517	5.2	3,027	30.7	908	9.2	3,902	39.6
2016	8,863	1,739	19.6	452	5.1	2,783	31.4	294	3.3	3,596	40.6
2017	13,279	4,142	31.2	238	1.8	2,699	20.3	347	2.6	5,852	44.1
2018	13,448	4,936	36.7	602	4.5	2,416	18.0	269	2.0	5,224	38.8
2019	14,252	5,200	36.5	746	5.2	2,183	15.3	247	1.7	5,877	41.2
2020	8,992	3,576	39.8	1,317	14.6	864	9.6	164	1.8	3,071	34.2
2021	9,936	4,601	46.3	1,912	19.2	457	4.6	2	0.0	2,963	29.8
2022 JAN	906	375	41.4	135	14.9	62	6.9	-	-	333	36.8

Table 9: Value of Tuna Exported by Country

Year/ Month	Total Value (Rs.Mn)	Value of Exports by Countries									
		European Union		Other European		U. S. A.		Japan		Other Non European	
		Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%	Value (Rs.Mn)	%
2010	5,260	4,339	82.5	208	4.0	278	5.3	241	4.6	194	3.7
2015	13,688	3,018	22.0	855	6.2	4,969	36.3	808	5.9	4,038	29.5
2016	13,611	3,356	24.7	801	5.9	5,022	36.9	274	2.0	4,157	30.5
2017	19,698	7,348	37.3	474	2.4	5,410	27.5	367	1.9	6,099	31.0
2018	22,277	9,877	44.3	1,003	4.5	5,352	24.0	564	2.5	5,480	24.6
2019	24,309	10,966	45.1	1,341	5.5	4,955	20.4	266	1.1	6,781	27.9
2020	17,003	8,597	50.6	2,502	14.7	2,163	12.7	185	1.1	3,556	20.9
2021	24,816	13,867	55.9	4,286	17.3	1,517	6.1	3	0.0	5,144	20.7
2022 JAN	2,446	1,272	52.0	325	13.3	242	9.9	-	-	607	24.8

Source : Statistics Unit/ Ministry of Fisheries

Note: It has considered the UK formally left the EU on 31 January 2020

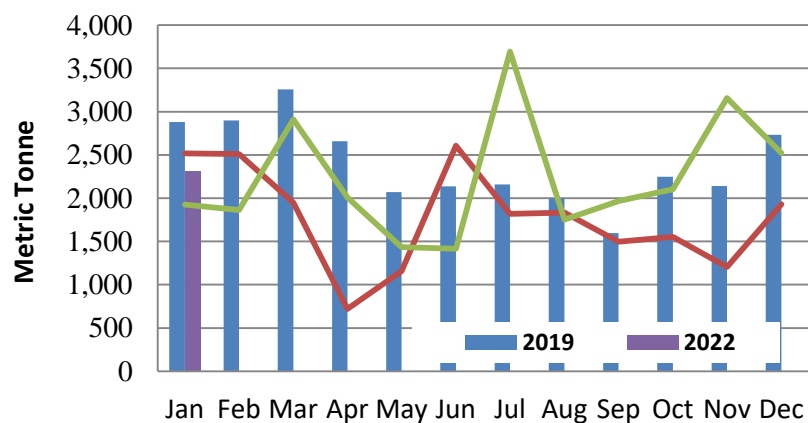
Table 10: Summary of Monthly Import and Export of Fish and Fishery Products

Year/ Month	Exports			Imports			Exchange Rate
	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs.Mn.)	Value (USD)	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs.Mn.)	Value (USD)	Rs./ 1 USD
2015	17,461.1	24,716.1	181.8	120,045.6	30,728.6	226.0	135.94
2016	17,593.0	26,801.6	184.1	115,692.9	35,172.3	241.6	145.60
2017	24,826.8	39,229.7	257.3	106,020.1	33,969.5	222.8	152.46
2018	27,998.0	47,948.9	295.0	84,463.1	32,726.4	201.3	162.54
2019	28,770.8	53,482.9	299.2	95,636.9	38,952.4	217.9	178.78
2020	21,298.3	39,874.0	214.9	85,809.1	35,504.3	191.4	185.52
Jan	2,517.9	4,796.5	26.4	7,859.4	3,284.9	18.1	181.40
Feb	2,510.2	4,333.1	23.9	5,350.7	2,165.7	11.9	181.56
Mar	1,948.7	2,915.0	15.8	8,381.4	3,307.3	17.9	185.06
Apr	721.9	1,289.7	6.7	8,010.9	3,610.3	18.7	193.09
May	1,156.2	2,329.3	12.4	8,780.7	3,669.3	19.5	187.87
Jun	2,606.3	5,063.3	27.2	11,212.0	4,215.5	22.7	185.95
Jul	1,820.5	3,826.2	20.6	9,012.2	3,617.7	19.5	185.85
Aug	1,834.8	3,223.2	17.4	4,963.6	2,356.4	12.7	184.89
Sep	1,495.8	3,451.6	18.7	6,046.8	2,620.6	14.2	185.03
Oct	1,551.3	3,290.2	17.8	5,122.3	2,186.7	11.9	184.44
Nov	1,206.5	2,249.3	12.2	4,579.0	1,991.9	10.8	184.79
Dec	1,928.3	3,106.5	16.6	6,489.9	2,478.0	13.2	187.18
2021	26,749.3	63,222.5	318.0	56,176.3	25,080.0	126.2	198.79
Jan	1,924.6	3,681.3	19.3	4,957.2	2,329.4	12.2	190.49
Feb	1,864.4	3,262.4	16.8	2,884.1	1,090.6	5.6	194.07
Mar	2,908.2	5,705.8	29.0	3,699.5	1,440.6	7.3	196.98
Apr	2,006.4	4,432.8	22.5	3,744.8	1,678.7	8.5	197.42
May	1,434.3	3,619.6	18.1	4,758.2	2,019.4	10.1	199.58
Jun	1,415.4	3,612.0	18.1	4,881.7	2,239.3	11.2	199.82

Year/ Month	Exports			Imports			Exchange Rate
	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs.Mn.)	Value (USD)	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs.Mn.)	Value (USD)	Rs./ 1 USD
Jul	3,693.1	9,596.6	48.0	6,291.4	3,034.7	15.2	199.98
Aug	1,752.2	4,151.6	20.7	6,994.7	3,014.0	15.0	200.50
Sep	1,968.4	5,044.1	25.0	4,255.5	1,961.8	9.7	201.99
Oct	2,103.9	5,625.9	28.0	5,555.4	2,203.7	11.0	201.09
Nov	3,157.6	8,164.5	40.4	4,224.1	1,937.1	9.6	201.86
Dec	2,520.8	6,326.0	31.4	3,929.8	2,130.7	10.6	201.40
2022	2,313.9	5,488.0	27.2	3,340.7	1,784.5	8.9	201.46
Jan	2,313.9	5,488.0	27.2	3,340.7	1,784.5	8.9	201.46

Source : Statistics Unit/ Ministry of Fisheries

Export volume of fish and fishery products



Import volume of fish and fishery products

