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Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority Publish Key Statistics 2023

44,396 Vessel landings in Ireland – 95% by Irish Vessels

244,989 tonnes of fish landed in Ireland

€395,985,405 value of fish Landed in Ireland

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) has published annual statistics relating to landings in Irish ports and by Irish vessels, both home and abroad on its website (www.sfpa.ie). Published data includes reports on landings; species; Irish vessels landing into all ports; non-Irish vessels landing into Irish ports and a key species price list. In terms of volumes and values, there were: 44,396 vessel landings in Ireland totalling 244,989 tonnes valued at €395,985,405. Irish vessels accounted for over 95% of landings with 2,040 non-Irish vessels landing into Irish Ports in 2023. This data is derived from Landing Declarations and Sales Notes for all vessels landing into Ireland, plus Irish vessels landing outside Ireland provided to the SFPA by the sector.

Commenting on the Publication of the 2023 statistics, SFPA Executive Chair, Paschal Hayes said; “Collecting and reporting data in relation to sea-fisheries, as required under community law, is an important part of the SFPA’s mandate. The SFPA uses the available data to monitor trends in sea-fishing vessel landings, locations and species being caught and to support our role as a sea-fisheries control authority. This information is also beneficial to key stakeholders as well as supporting our service delivery and workforce management.”

Annual and quarterly statistics, including landings and inspections, are published to the SFPA website. The statistics pages on the SFPA website provides fishers and members of the public with a “one stop shop” to access a range of useful data on fishing activity, including [Quota Uptake](#) which is available on a weekly basis.

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Note to Editor

[*2023 Annual Statistics \(sfpa.ie\)](#)

About the SFPA

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) is the independent statutory body responsible for the regulation of the sea-fisheries and the sea-food production sectors. It promotes compliance with the EU Common Fisheries Policy, sea-fisheries law and food safety law relating to fish and fish products, verifies compliance and, where necessary, enforces it. Its mandate covers all fishing vessels operating within Ireland's 200-mile limit, over 2,000 Irish registered fishing vessels wherever they operate, and all seafood produced in Ireland's seafood processing companies. The SFPA operates through a network of regional port offices situated at Ireland's main fishery harbours. For further information visit: www.sfpa.ie