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# BREXIT AND THE IRISH FISHING INDUSTRY FACTSHEET

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- ⇒ On average, 34% of the Irish landings are taken from UK waters.\*
- ⇒ Ireland lands at least some of all our main commercial quotas (40 plus stocks) from UK waters – for some stocks over 60% of landings are taken from the UK zone.
- ⇒ UK vessels land on average 20,000 tonnes into Irish ports each year.
- ⇒ Irish vessels land on average 12,000 tonnes of fish (mackerel & herring) into UK ports

### ***Landings from the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone***

- ⇒ Average landings of all species from the Irish EEZ amounted to just under 387,000 tonnes with an approximate value of €444 million.
- ⇒ The Irish EEZ makes up 10% of the total EU EEZ .
- ⇒ Ireland accounted for **42% of those landings by weight** followed by the UK (16%), the Netherlands (15%), France (10%) and Spain (7%).
- ⇒ By value, Ireland accounts for **36% of the average value of landings** from the Irish EEZ followed by France (18%), the UK (16%), Spain (15%) and the Netherlands (8%).

### ***ICES Areas***

- ⇒ Taking account of the waters (ICES Areas 6 &7) covering the region from northern Scotland to Brittany, where Ireland has the majority of its fishing opportunities (covering Ireland's EEZ as well as part of the UK & French EEZ's), the fishing opportunities for 2017 for stocks to which the Irish fleet had access to was 1.3million tonnes of fish with a landing value of €1.44 billion.
- ⇒ Ireland's total share of these fishing opportunities in 2017 amounted to 234,493 tonnes with a value of €226 million.
- ⇒ It is also worth noting that these figures do not include valuable inshore fisheries e.g. crab, lobster, whelk etc which are not managed under the TAC system.



***Estimated landings weight (tonnes) from the Irish EEZ by MS. \****

*Average over the 5-year period 2011-15.*

Country	2011-15 average landings from IE EEZ	Landings from the IE EEZ as a proportion of total landings from the IE EEZ	Landings from IE EEZ as a proportion of national landings in North Western waters and the North Sea only*
BEL	820	0.2%	3.5%
DEU	26 274	6.8%	15.3%
DNK	14 299	3.7%	2.7%
ESP	27 056	7.0%	12.4%
FRA	37 113	9.6%	12.0%
IRL	160 536	41.5%	62.3%
NLD	58 394	15.1%	21.3%
UK	62 381	16.1%	9.9%
Total IE EEZ	386 873	100%	

***Estimated landings value (thousand EUR) from the Irish EEZ by MS. \****

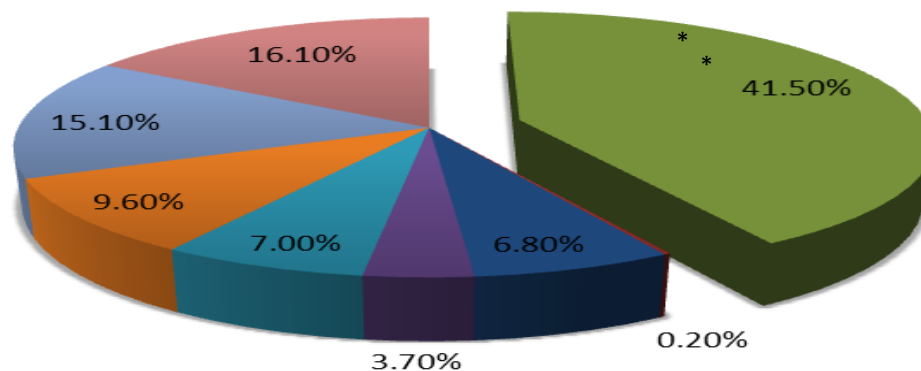
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Country	2011-15 average value from IE EEZ	Value from the IE EEZ as a proportion of total value from the IE EEZ	Value from IE EEZ as a proportion of national landings value in North Western waters and the North Sea only*
BEL	2 598	0.6%	3.0%
DEU	17 407	3.9%	4.7%
DNK	6 567	1.5%	2.0%
ESP	67 521	15.2%	24.8%
FRA	81 869	18.5%	13.9%
IRL	161 276	36.4%	64.3%
NLD	35 031	7.9%	6.8%
UK	71 247	16.1%	7.8%
Total IE EEZ	443 516	100%	

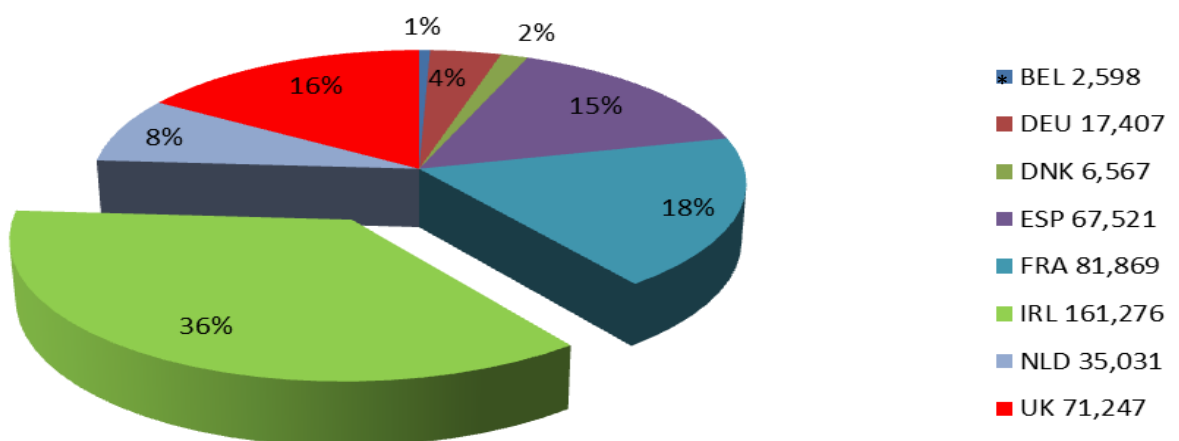


## Average Landings by MS from the Irish EEZ as a proportion of total landings from the Irish EEZ

IRL 160,536 BEL 820 DEU 26,274 DNK 14,299  
ESP 27,056 FRA 37,113 NLD 58,394 UK 62,381



## Value from the IE EEZ by each MS as a proportion of total value from the IE EEZ



Landings from all areas in the northeast Atlantic, including the North Sea but excluding the Baltic.  
Landings data supplied by the Marine Institute.

All figures based on average from 2011—2015. Trends identified remain unchanged in recent years.



***Estimated landings weight (tonnes) from the UK EEZ by MS.\****

*Average over the 5-year period 2011-15.*

Country	2011-15 average landings from UK EEZ	Landings from the UK EEZ as a proportion of total landings from the	Landings from UK EEZ as a proportion of all national landings in all ar-
BEL	10 875	0.9%	44.5%
DEU	65 158	5.4%	29.9%
DNK	271 779	22.3%	39%
ESP	5 833	0.5%	0.7%
FRA	97 572	8%	24%
IRL	84 850	7%	33.9%
NLD	140 077	11.5%	39.9%
SWE	28 735	2.4%	16.8%
UK	512 557	42.1%	81.1%
Total UK EEZ	1 217 436	100%	

***Estimated landings value (thousand EUR) from the UK EEZ by MS.\****

*Average over the 5-year period 2011-15.*

Country	2011-15 average value from UK EEZ	Value from the UK EEZ as a proportion of total value from the UK EEZ	Value from UK EEZ as a proportion of national landings value in all waters*
BEL	39 232	2.8%	50.1%
DEU	37 796	2.8%	18.5%
DNK	122 108	8.8%	30.5%
ESP	17 402	1.3%	0.9%
FRA	170 677	12.4%	18.9%
IRL	83 831	6.1%	34.1%
NLD	99 881	7.3%	27.8%
SWE	13 683	1%	11.6%
UK	791 114	57.5%	82.5%
Total UK EEZ	1 375 724	100%	

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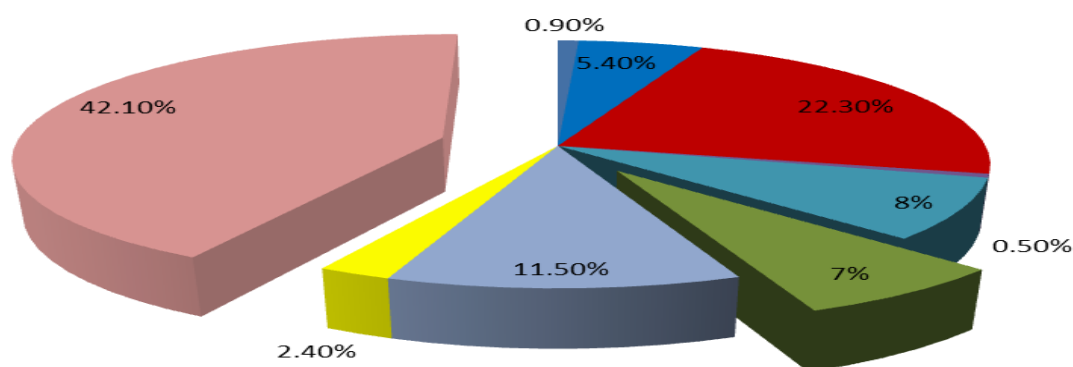


### Landings from the UK Exclusive Economic Zone

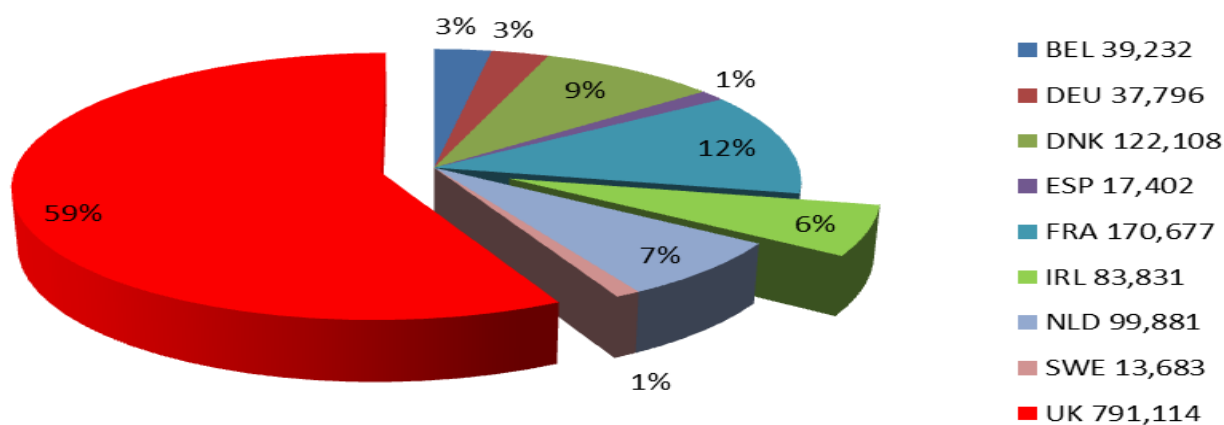
- ⇒ The UK EEZ makes up 17% of the total EU EEZ.
- ⇒ Ireland accounted for 7% of the total landings by weight from the UK EEZ while the UK accounts for 42% of those landings.
- ⇒ Ireland lands 34% of its fish from the UK EEZ.

### Average Landings by MS from the UK EEZ as a proportion of total landings from the UK EEZ

BEL 10 875 DEU 65 158 DNK 271 779 ESP 5 833 FRA 97 572 \*  
IRL 84 850 NLD 140 077 SWE 28 735 UK 512 557



### Value from the UK EEZ by each MS as a proportion of total value from the UK EEZ





### ***EEZ's by Member State and as a proportion of the total EU EEZ***

Please note that the areas given here relate only to the mainland EEZ areas

Country	EEZ (km <sup>2</sup> )	% incl UK	% excl UK
Belgium	3,500	0.1%	0.1%
Bulgaria	38,800	1%	1%
Croatia	56,900	1%	2%
Cyprus	118,100	3%	3%
Denmark	105,400	2%	3%
Estonia	37,600	1%	1%
Finland	83,500	2%	2%
France	347,600	8%	10%
Germany	56,800	1%	2%
Greece	527,500	12%	15%
Ireland	437,500	10%	12%
Italy	547,400	13%	15%
Latvia	29,200	1%	1%
Lithuania	7,000	0.2%	0.2%
Malta	54,500	1%	1%
Netherlands	64,500	1%	2%
Poland	30,600	1%	1%
Portugal	327,100	7%	9%
Romania	33,100	1%	1%
Slovenia	200	0.005%	0.006%
Spain	569,300	13%	16%
Sweden	157,900	4%	4%
United Kingdom	737,200	17%	NA
Total EU	4,371,100	100%	100%

The table above gives the area of the EEZ of each EU member state in square kilometres as well as the percentage of each EEZ as part of the total EU EEZ and the percentage as part of the EU EEZ excluding the UK.

Please note that the areas given here relate only to the mainland EEZ areas including the North East Atlantic, Mediterranean, Baltic and North Seas. The EEZ of overseas territories have been excluded from these calculations.



## Employment

- ⇒ The Irish Seafood industry is worth €1.15 billion.
- ⇒ 14,638 people were employed around the coast of Ireland in 2017 (both directly and indirectly). 9,271 of whom are directly employed.
- ⇒ 1,912 are employed in Aquaculture, 3,361 in Sea Fisheries and a further 3,998 are employed in Processing.
- ⇒ In 2017 there were 2,050 fishing vessels in the Irish Fishing Fleet.
- ⇒ Sea Fisheries are worth €401 million P/A on landing from both domestic and foreign vessels into our ports.

## Trade

- ⇒ Irish seafood imports were valued at €335 million and amounted to 143,800 tonnes in 2017.
- ⇒ 68% of our imports at a value of €228 million (64,400 tonnes) were imported from the UK
- ⇒ Irish seafood exports were valued at €666 million (313,600 tonnes) in 2017.
- ⇒ 13% (€85 million) was exported to the UK, while almost double that was exported to France at €170 million (25% of total exports).

## Tariffs

- ⇒ In 2016 the top 16 exports by value to the UK would have had an average tariff of 12.7% - these ranged from 2% to 24% according to WTO tariffs.

*While every effort has been made to ensure the information provided herewith is correct at the time of publication, readers should be aware that this data may not be updated or otherwise amended to reflect subsequent analysis.*

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*Trade and employment data supplied by BIM.*