

Country Fishery Information ALBANIA



28748

Area (km²)

4100N 2000E

Geographic coordinates

362

Coastline (km)

3560

Total fisheries production 2003 (tonnes)***

2700

Capture production 2003 (tonnes) ***

860

Aquaculture production 2003 (tonnes) ***



Albania is a small country in Europe covering an area of 28 748 square kilometres, and is located in the western part of the Balkan Peninsula. Albania has a population of 3.4 million and one the highest population growth rates in Europe. Fishing activity takes place along the entire 450 km length of Albania's coastline, including its territorial waters 12 miles offshore up to the international boundary. However for the most part it is concentrated along the continental shelf zone, which on the Adriatic side in the north extends 25 miles, but only 2-4 miles on the side of the Ionian Sea. Albania lies in the FAO-GFCM Geographical Sub Area 18.

Fishing in Albania is primarily marine fisheries, although lagoon and inland fishing does take place on a limited scale. During recent years Aquaculture is being increasingly promoted with particular focus on carp fingerlings and fish for general consumption (including sea farms). Currently there are 59 Albanian fish farms: 9 fish farms, 3 carp fingerling hatcheries and 46 for trout culture.

3.1

Population (millions, 2002 est.)*

1 %

Annual population growth rate (1975-2002)*

6 %

Gross Domestic Product (GDP per capita annual growth rate 1990-2002)*

0.89

Education index, 2004 *

0.781

Human development index (HDI) value, 2002 *

43.2

Urban population (as % of total) 2002 *

26

Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) 2002 *

3.9

Internet users (per 1,000 people) 2002**

11.69

Personal computers (per 1,000 people) 2002 est.**

25.44

Agriculture, value added (% of GDP) 2002 est.**

19.05

Industry, value added (% of GDP) 2002 est.**

55.51

Services, etc., value added (% of GDP) 2002 est.**

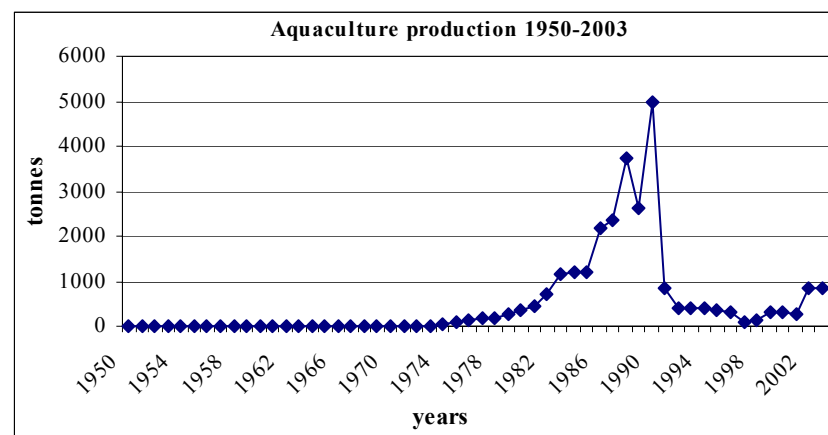
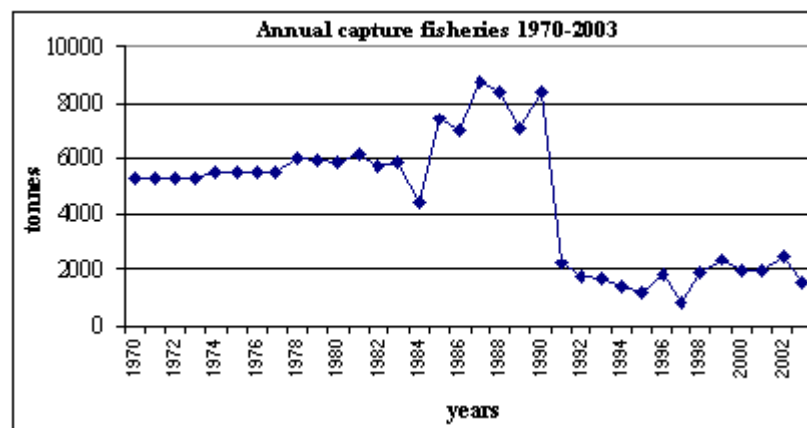
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3.2 (1999-2001)
 per caput fish supply (kg/year)***
3426 (1999-2001)
 production (tonnes in live weight) ***
2 (1999-2001)
 non-food uses (tonnes in live weight) ***
10228 (1999-2001)
 imports (tonnes in live weight) ***
3594 (1999-2001)
 exports (tonnes in live weight) ***
10057 (1999-2001)
 food supply (tonnes in live weight) ***
11170 (2003)
 imports (US\$ 1.000) ***
13462 (2003)
 exports (US\$ 1000) ***
2292 (2003)
 net balance***
32.5 (2003)
 fishery exports as a percentage of
 agricultural exports (%)***
3.0 (2003)
 fishery exports as a percentage of total
 merchandise exports (%)***
 2004).



Source: FAO – FISHSTAT

Albania's domestic fisheries production in 2003 was approximately 3560 t, of which 2700 from capture and 860 from aquaculture (FAO-FIDI, 2004). In addition, fishery imports in 1999-2001 totalled about 10228 t, while fish exports stood at 3594 t. Import figures for 2001 suggest that 2,048 t of fresh, frozen and processed fish were brought into the country (presumably for domestic consumption), with a value of some US \$ 1.68 M (average price US \$ 0.82/kg). In 1999-2001, average per capita supply was estimated at being 3.2 kg/year. The Albanian fisheries economy can be roughly valued on the basis of estimated current landings of 2,000 t of mixed marine species and 1,000 t of mixed freshwater species. At average first-hand sale prices of about US \$ 2.80 (lek 400)/ kg for marine fish, US \$ 1.90 (lek 270)/ kg, this equates to a total first-hand sale value of US \$ 7.50 M. (In 2000 and 2001: 1 US\$=140 lek) (Filoko, 2004). Albania has a fishing fleet of about 212 boats (2002 data) concentrated in four main ports: Durres, Vlora, Shengjini and Saranda, where about 900 people are employed. The fishing fleet mainly concentrates on trawl fishing for which about 62% of the fishing vessels are used. (Filoko,

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FAO Fishery Country Profile.....	http://www.fao.org/fi/fcp/fcp.asp
FAO Yearbooks of Fishery Statistics.....	ftp://ftp.fao.org/FI/STAT/SUMM_TAB.HTM
FAO FISHSTAT Plus.....	http://www.fao.org/fi/statist/FISOFT/FISHPLUS.asp
DG Fisheries and Maritime Affairs.....	http://europa.eu.int/comm/fisheries/policy_en.htm

National Statistics

Republika e Shqipërisë - Instituti i Statistikës (INSTAT)	
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