

## Country Fishery Information ALBANIA



**28 748**

Area (km<sup>2</sup>)

**41° 00' N 20° 00' E**

Geographic coordinates

**362**

Coastline (km)

**7 699**

Total fisheries production 2006 (tonnes)\*\*\*

**5 729**

Capture production 2006 (tonnes) \*\*\*

**1 970**

Aquaculture production 2006 (tonnes) \*\*\*



**3.2**

Population (millions, 2005)\*

**0.9%**

Annual population growth rate (1975-2005)\*

**5.2%**

Gross Domestic Product (GDP per capita annual growth rate 1990-2005)\*

**0.887**

Education index, 2005\*

**0.801**

Human development index (HDI) value, 2005 \*

**45.4**

Urban population (as % of total) 2005 \*

**16**

Infant mortality rate (per 1 000 live births) 2005 \*

**60**

Internet users (per 1 000 people) 2005\*\*

**20**

Personal computers (per 1 000 people) 2005 \*\*

**23**

Agriculture, value added (% of GDP) 2005 est.\*\*

**22**

Industry, value added (% of GDP) 2005 est.\*\*

**56**

Services, etc., value added (% of GDP) 2005 est.\*\*

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. The territorial waters are extended up to 12 nautical miles (22 km) from the coastline. Albania has a population of 3.2 million and one of the highest population growth rates in Europe. Fishing activity takes place along the entire coastline. 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 58 Albanian fish farms: 9 fish farms, 3 carp fingerling hatcheries and 46 for trout culture.

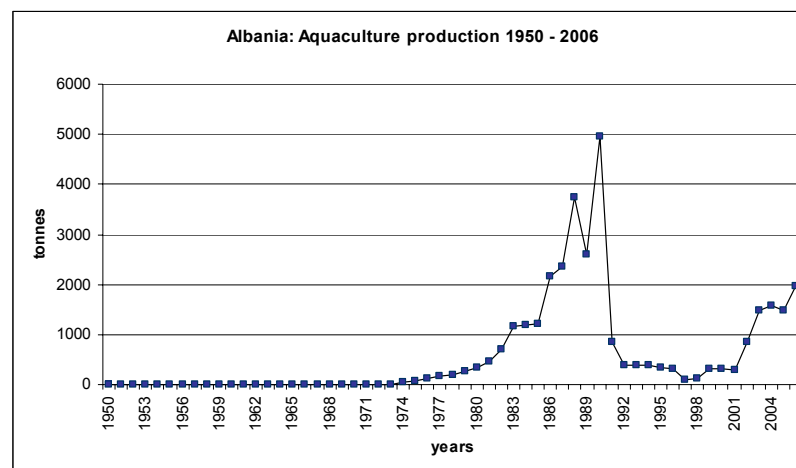
[www.faoadriamed.org](http://www.faoadriamed.org)

The opinions, interpretations, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this document do not necessarily reflect the view or position of FAO or of the Countries and Institutions participating in the AdriaMed Project.

## Country Fishery Information ALBANIA

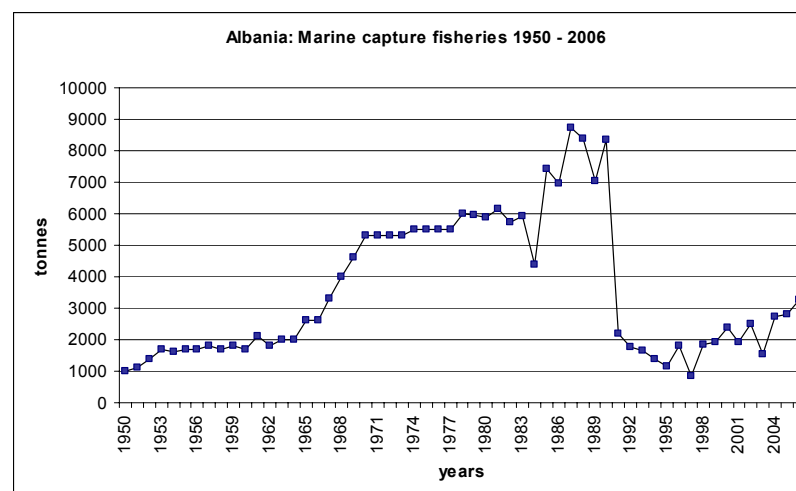


**4.5** (average 2003-2005)  
 per caput fish supply (kg/year)\*\*  
**4 893** (average 2003-2005)  
 production (tonnes in live weight) \*\*\*  
**11** (average 2003-2005)  
 non-food uses (tonnes in live weight) \*\*\*  
**13 559** (average 2003-2005)  
 imports (tonnes in live weight) \*\*\*  
**4 382** (average 2003-2005)  
 exports (tonnes in live weight) \*\*\*  
**14 060** (average 2003-2005)  
 food supply (tonnes in live weight) \*\*\*  
**16 347** (2006)  
 imports (1 000 USD) \*\*\*  
**23 914** (2006)  
 exports (1 000 USD) \*\*\*  
**7 567** (2006)  
 net balance\*\*\*  
**32.5** (2003)  
 fishery exports as a percentage of  
 agricultural exports (%)\*\*\*  
**1.8** (2006)  
 fishery exports as a percentage of total  
 merchandise exports (%)\*\*\*



Albania's domestic fisheries production in 2006 was approximately 7 699 tonnes, of which 5 729 from capture and 1 970 from aquaculture. In addition, fishery imports in 2003-2005 totalled an average of about 13 559 tonnes, while fish exports stood at 4 382 tonnes.

Fishery imports in 2006 totalled about 16 347 (1 000 USD) while exports was 23 914 (1 000 USD) with a net balance of 7 567 (1 000 USD). In 2003-2005, average per capita supply was 4.5 kg/year. (FAO, 2008)



The Albanian fisheries economy can be roughly valued on the basis of estimated landings in 2003 of 2 000 tonnes of mixed marine species and 1 000 tonnes of mixed freshwater species. At average first-hand sale prices of about 2.80 USD (lek 400)/kg for marine fish, 1.90 USD (lek 270)/kg, this equates to a total first-hand sale value of 7.50 millions USD. (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 percent of the fishing vessels are used. (Filoko, 2004).

Source: FAO - FISHSTAT

[www.faoadriamed.org](http://www.faoadriamed.org)

The opinions, interpretations, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this document do not necessarily reflect the view or position of FAO or of the Countries and Institutions participating in the AdriaMed Project.

## Country Fishery Information ALBANIA



### Other resources

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

### National Statistics

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Republika e Shqipërisë - Instituti i Statistikës (INSTAT) |   |
| Republic of Albania - Institute of Statistics.....        | <a href="http://www.instat.gov.al/">http://www.instat.gov.al/</a> |

\*UNDP. Human Development Report --- <http://hdr.undp.org/statistics/data/>

\*\*The World Bank --- <http://devdata.worldbank.org/data-query/>

\*\*\*FAO Yearbook of Fishery Statistics - 2003 --- <ftp://ftp.fao.org/fi/stat/summary/default.htm>

### References

FAO-. 2008. Fisheries and Aquaculture Information and Statistics Service. Fishery and Aquaculture Statistics 2006. 57p.

Flloko, A. 2004. Fish marketing and trading in Albania. In: AdriaMed. 2004. Aspects of Fish Markets in the Adriatic Sea. Report of the AdriaMed Meeting on Aspects of Fish Markets in the Adriatic Sea. FAO-MiPAF Scientific Cooperation to Support Responsible Fisheries in the Adriatic Sea. GCP/RER/010/ITA/TD-10. *AdriaMed Technical Documents*, 10: 49-66.

[www.faoadriamed.org](http://www.faoadriamed.org)

The opinions, interpretations, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this document do not necessarily reflect the view or position of FAO or of the Countries and Institutions participating in the AdriaMed Project.