



# THE EU FISHING FLEET

## TRENDS AND ECONOMIC RESULTS

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## The 2017 Annual Economic Report

A comprehensive overview of the latest information available on the structure and economic performance of EU Member States (MS) fishing fleets.



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North Sea & Eastern Arctic region

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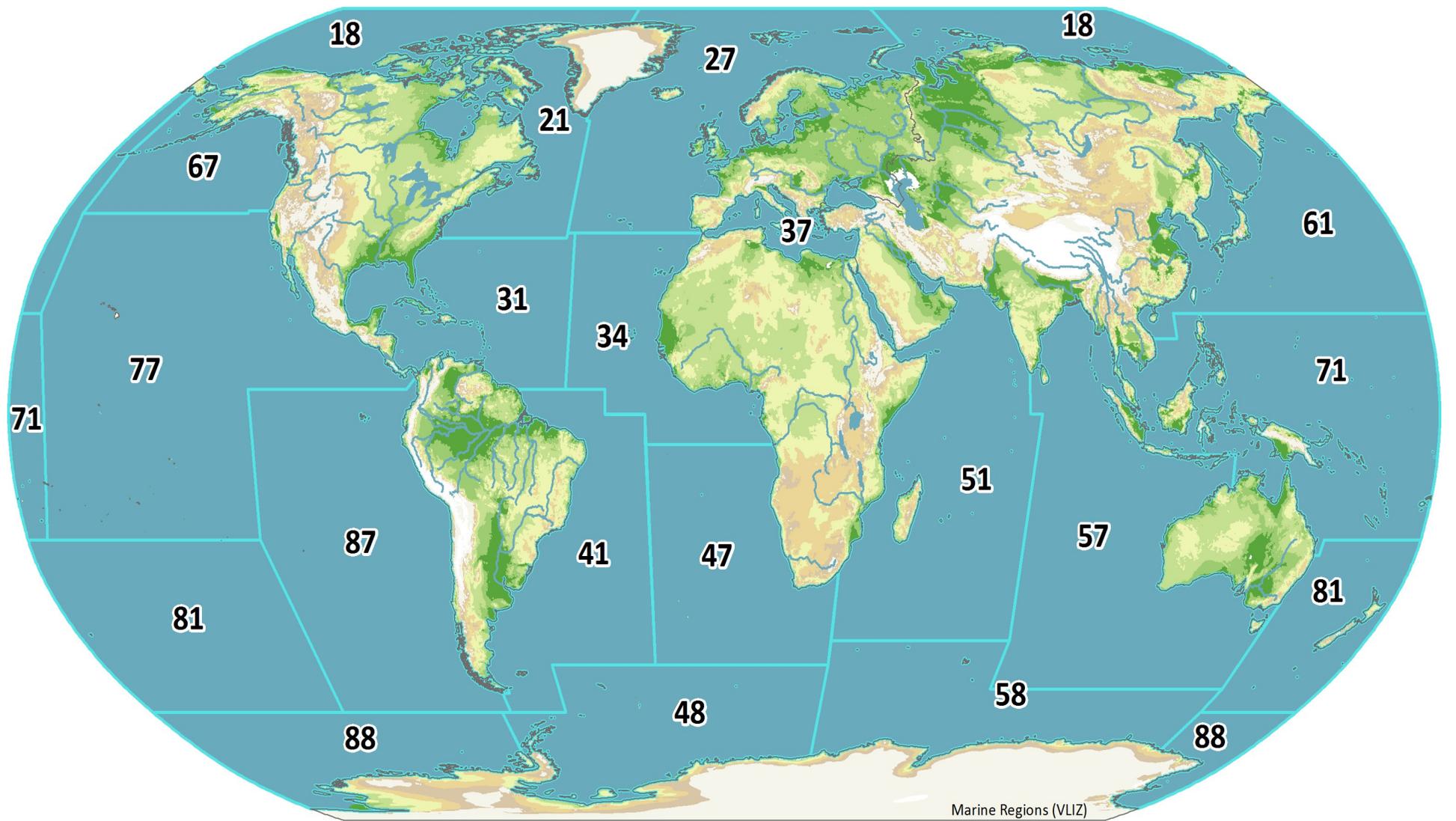
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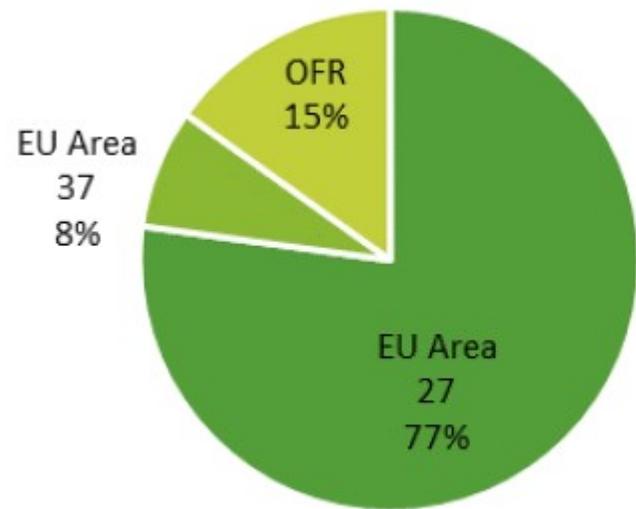
- **OFR:** Other Fishing Regions
- Most activity in OFR carried out by distant water fleet.
- Vessels >24m operating mainly in Other Fishing Regions .
- Vessels operate in outermost regions, international waters, or through bilateral agreements with 3<sup>rd</sup> countries.

EU has 2 types of fishing agreements with non-EU countries:

1. Northern agreements – these are excluded.
2. Sustainable fisheries partnership agreements (SFPA)
  - 11 tuna agreements: Cape Verde, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Liberia, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Cook Islands
  - 4 mixed agreements: Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Morocco, and Greenland.

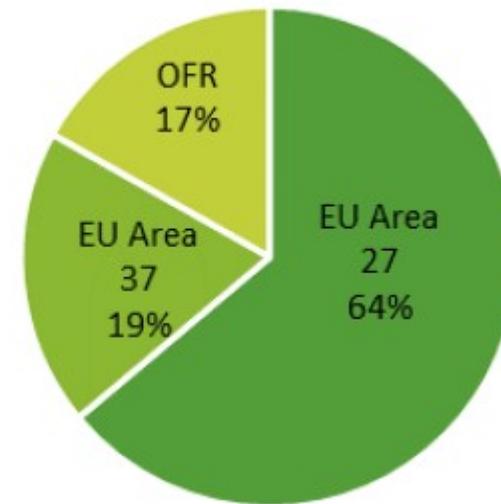
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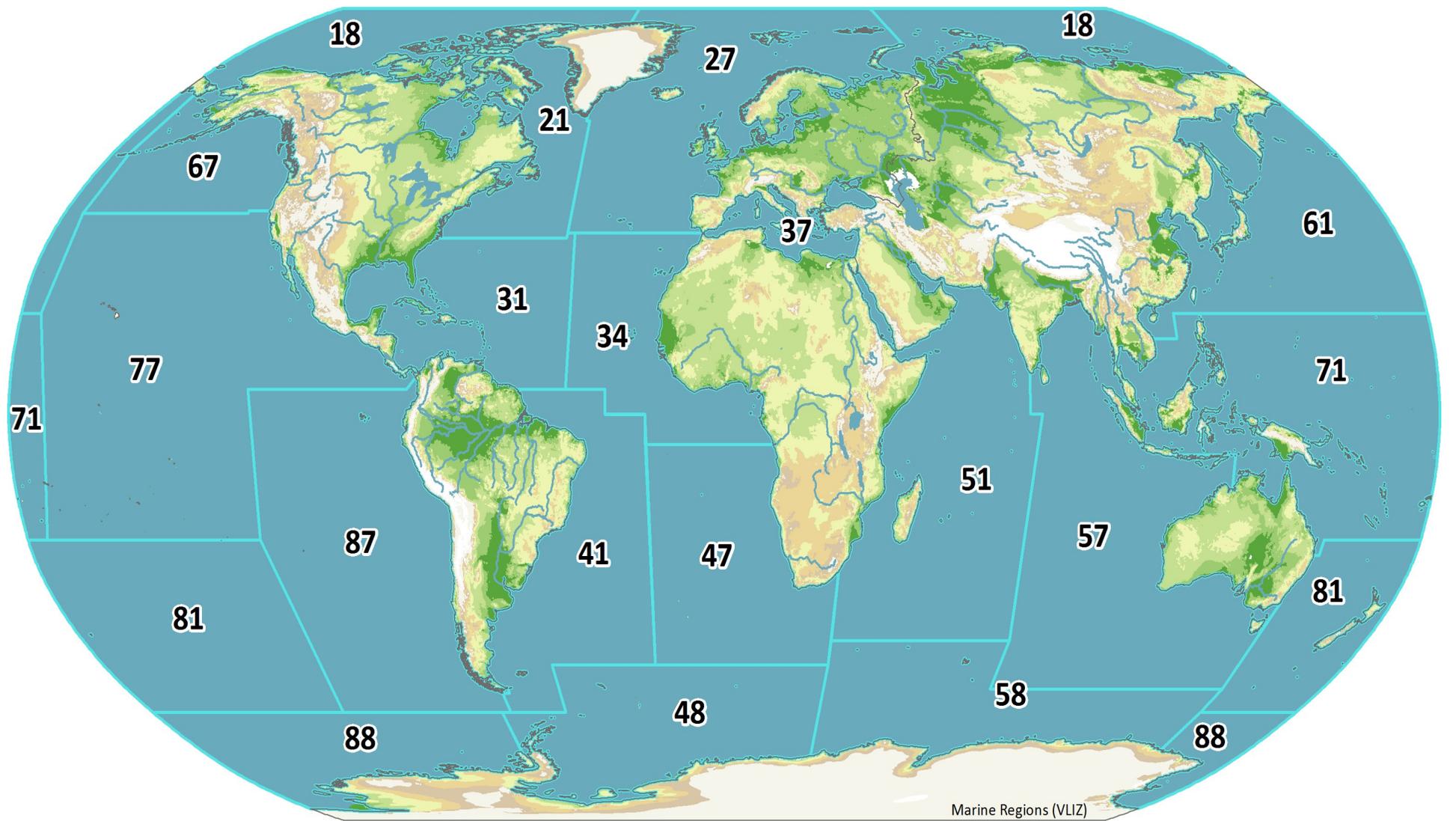


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EU landing value share 2015



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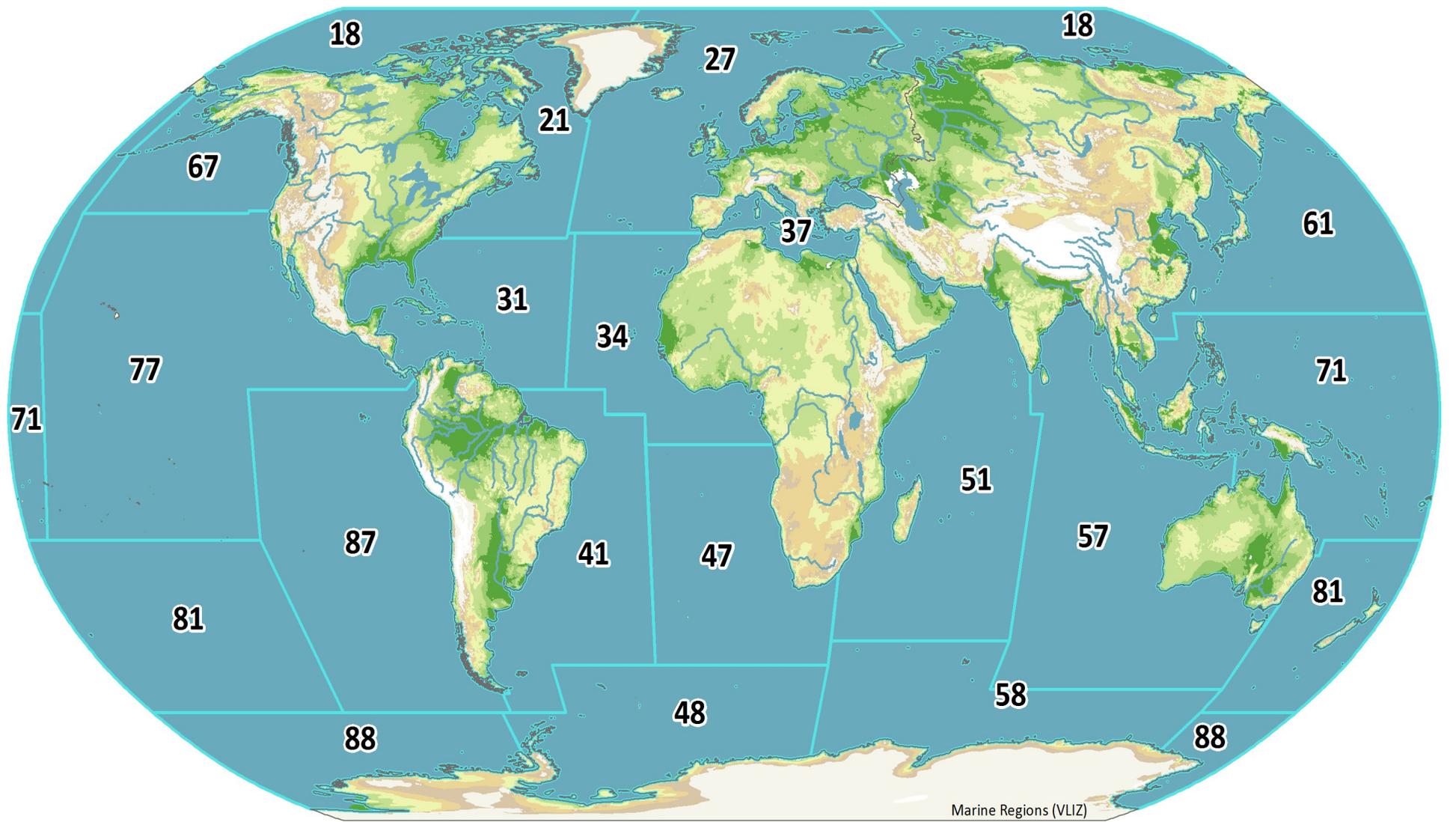


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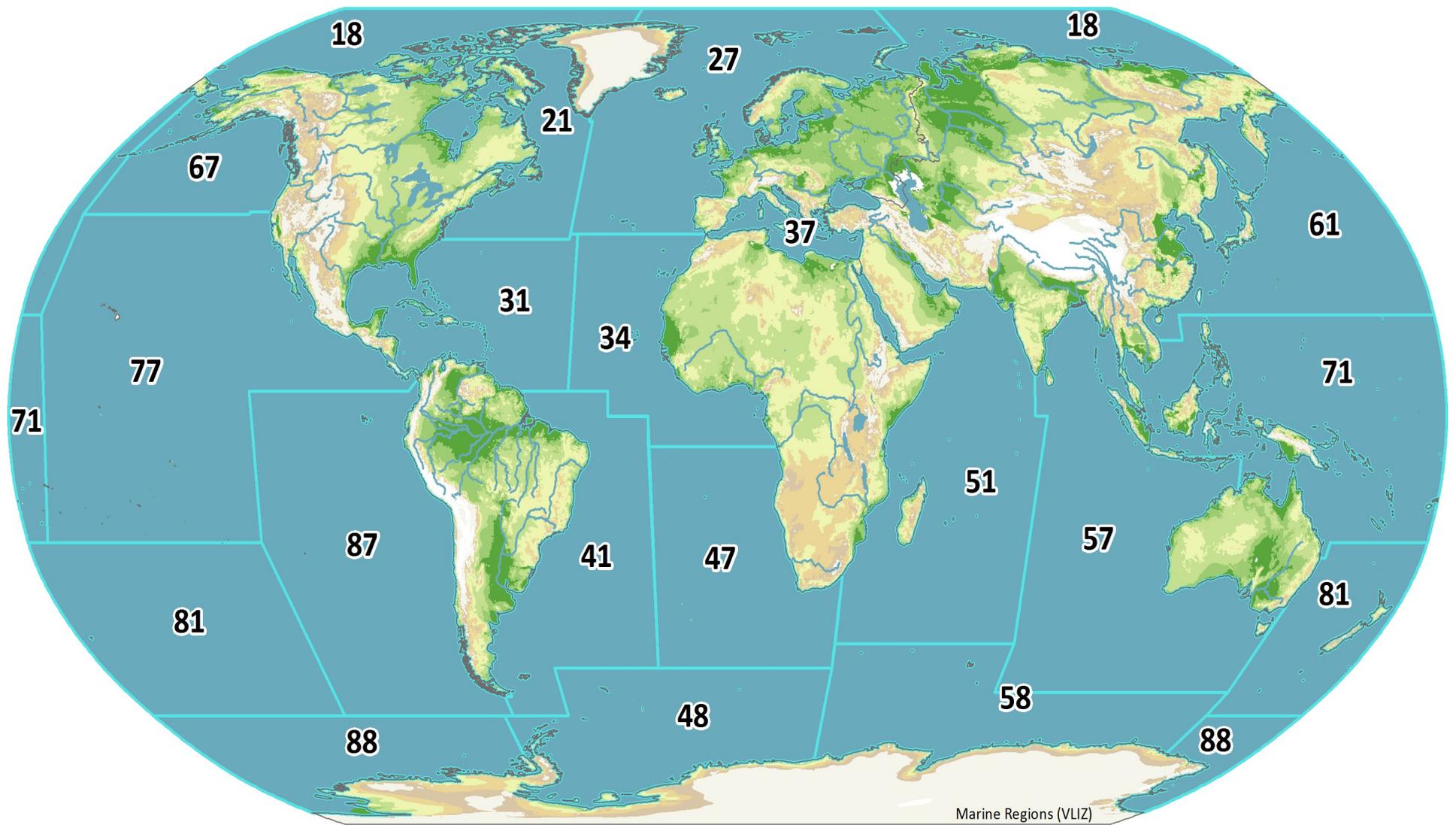
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  - Southwest Atlantic (FAO 41)
  - Southeast Atlantic (FAO 47),



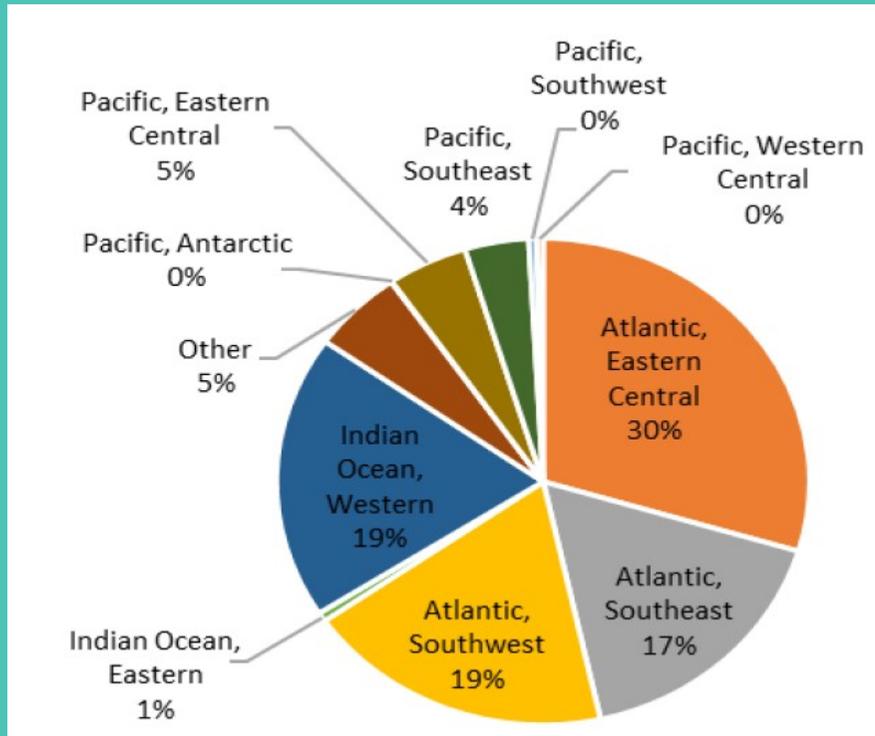
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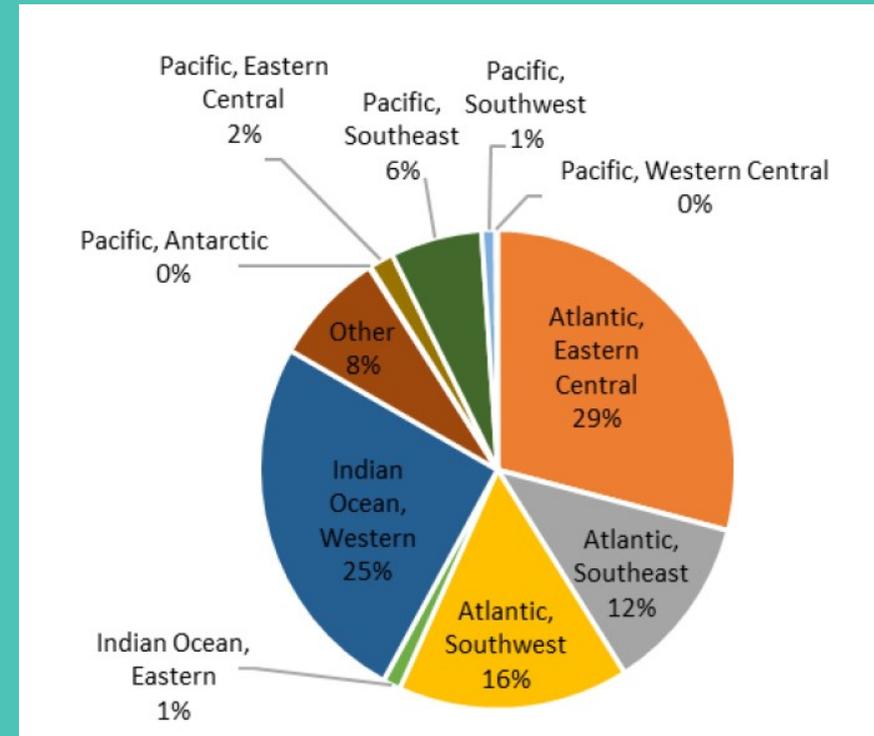
*The Portuguese Outermost Region of the Azores are not included as these are in the Northeast Atlantic (FAO area 27).*



## Share of landings by main fishing region (left) and value



Atlantic: 66% Indian Ocean 20% Pacific 9% Other 5%



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## EU - World's largest maritime territory - 25 million km<sup>2</sup>.

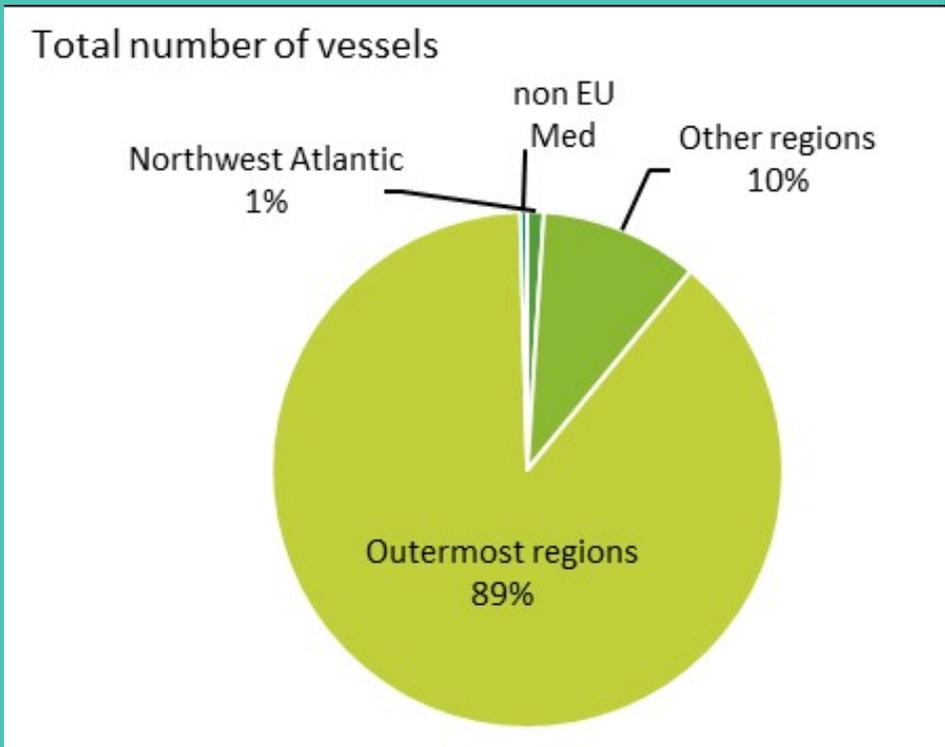
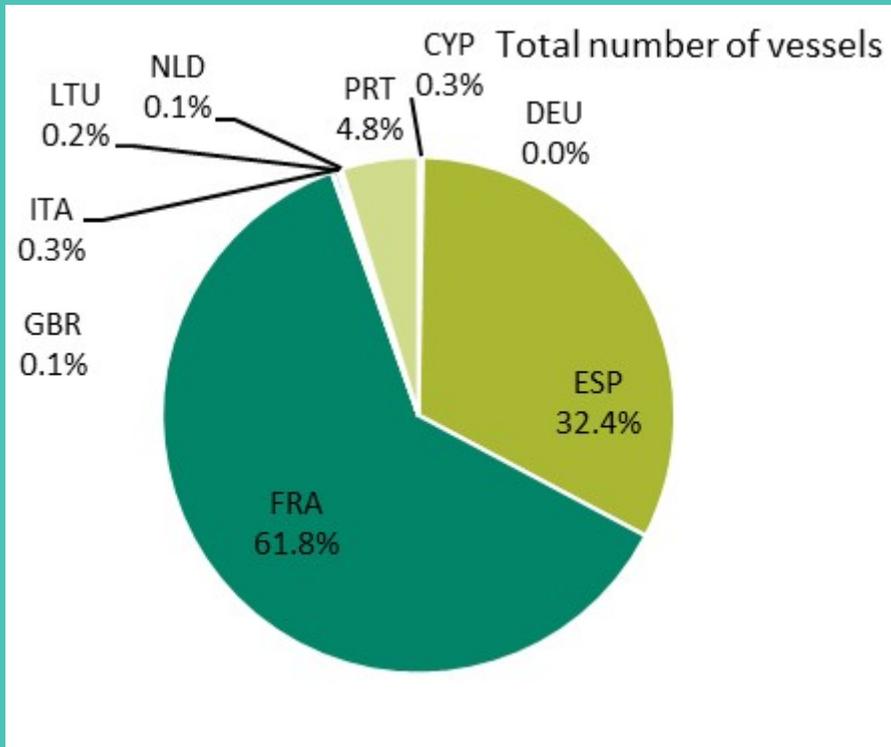
- a) **Northwest Atlantic** FAO 21. Spain & Portugal, traditionally target redfish, halibut, cod and other demersal species.
- b) **Other Regions** South and central Atlantic, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Antarctica).

Fishing activity in these areas accounted for around 81% of the total value generated in 2015 within the entire OFR. The Spanish fleet is the main player, where the large distant water fleets mainly exploit tuna along with a number of other species.

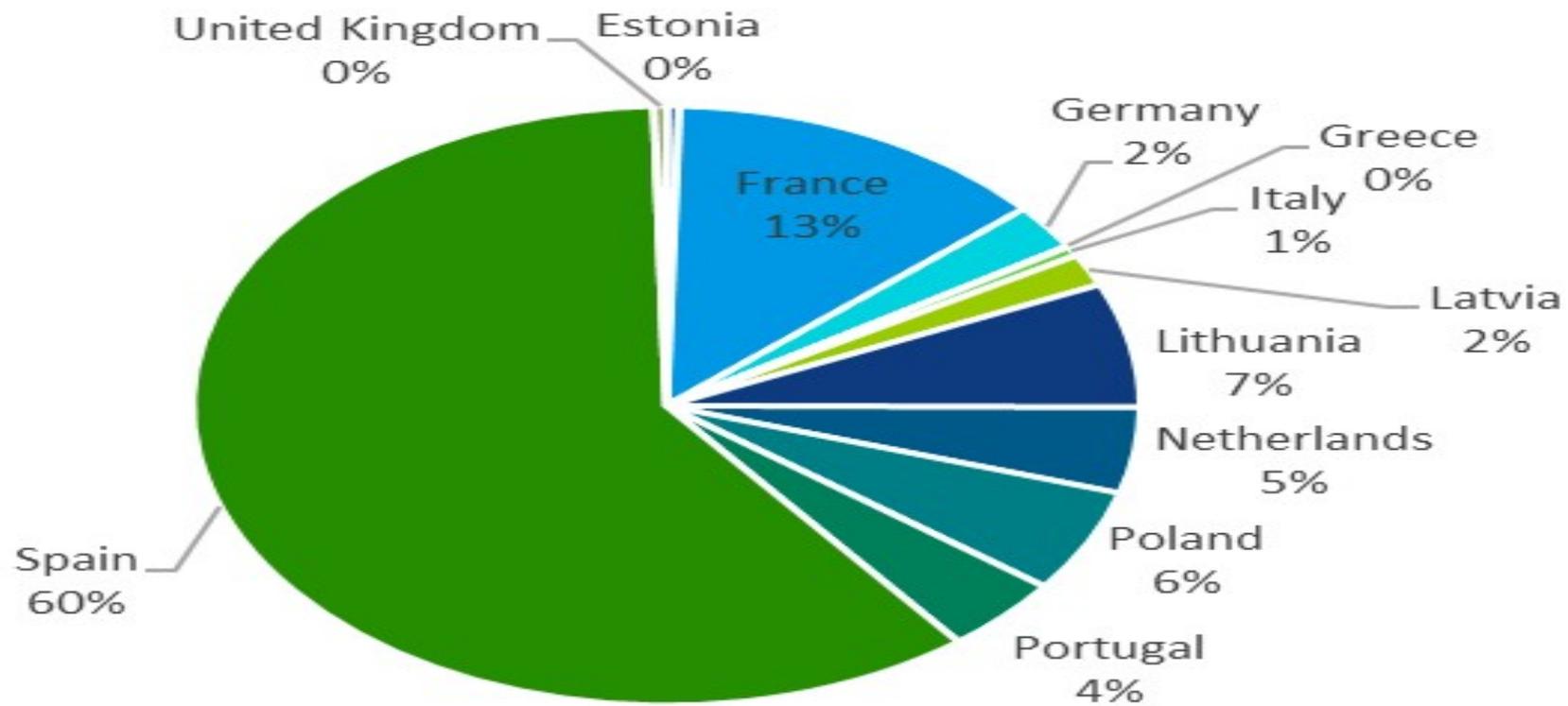
- c) **Outermost Regions** EU MS territories outside FAO area 27 Guadeloupe, Guyana, Martinique, Mayotte, Réunion, St Martin & Saint-Barthélemy; Canaries, Madeira, Azores not included.

# Fleet

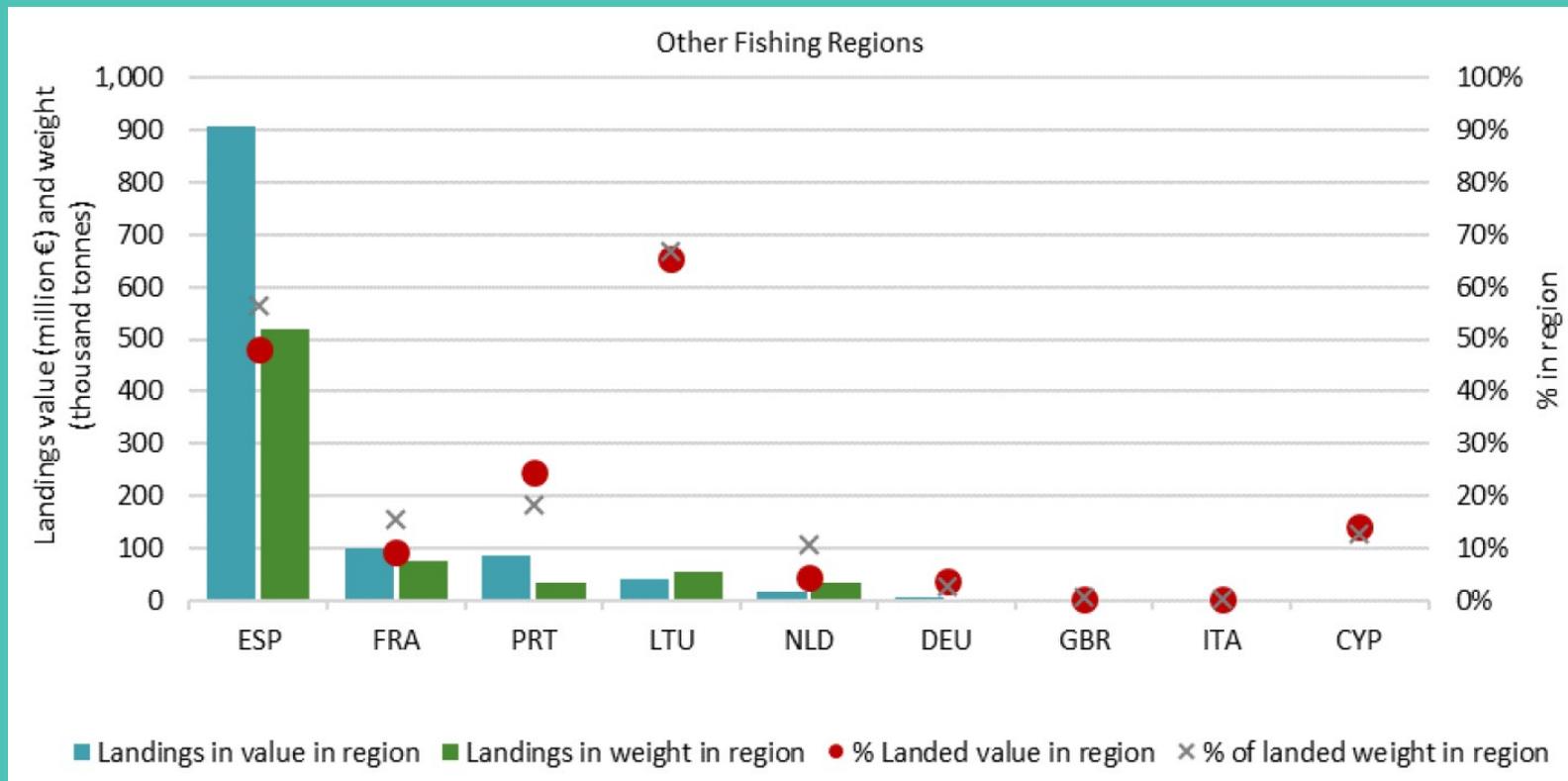
The French, Spanish and Portuguese fleets most predominant, 99% of the total vessels. Most of them however belong to the outermost region fleets (89%)



## Share of landings (weight) by Member State

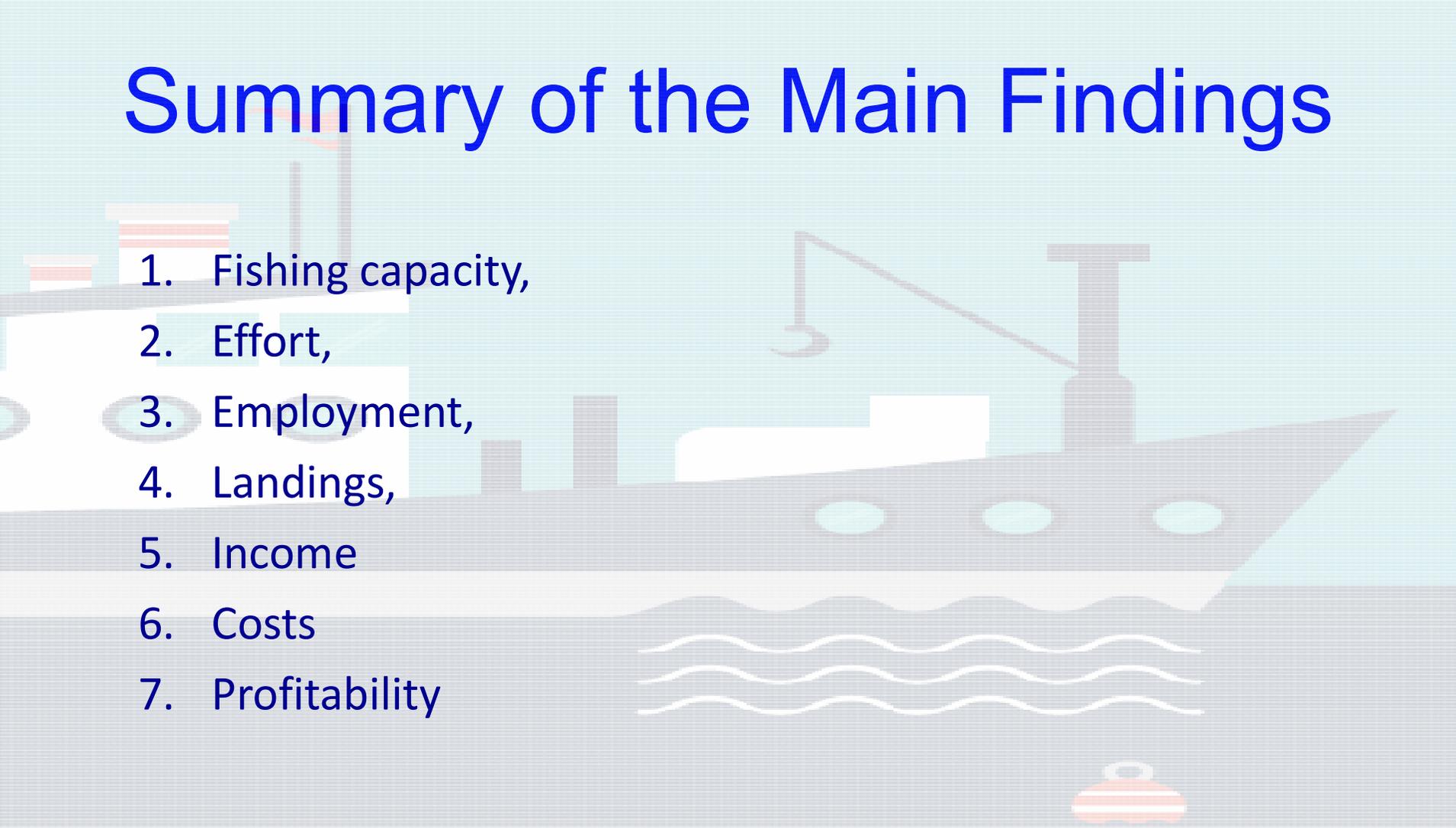


## Importance of the Other Fishing Regions for Member States'



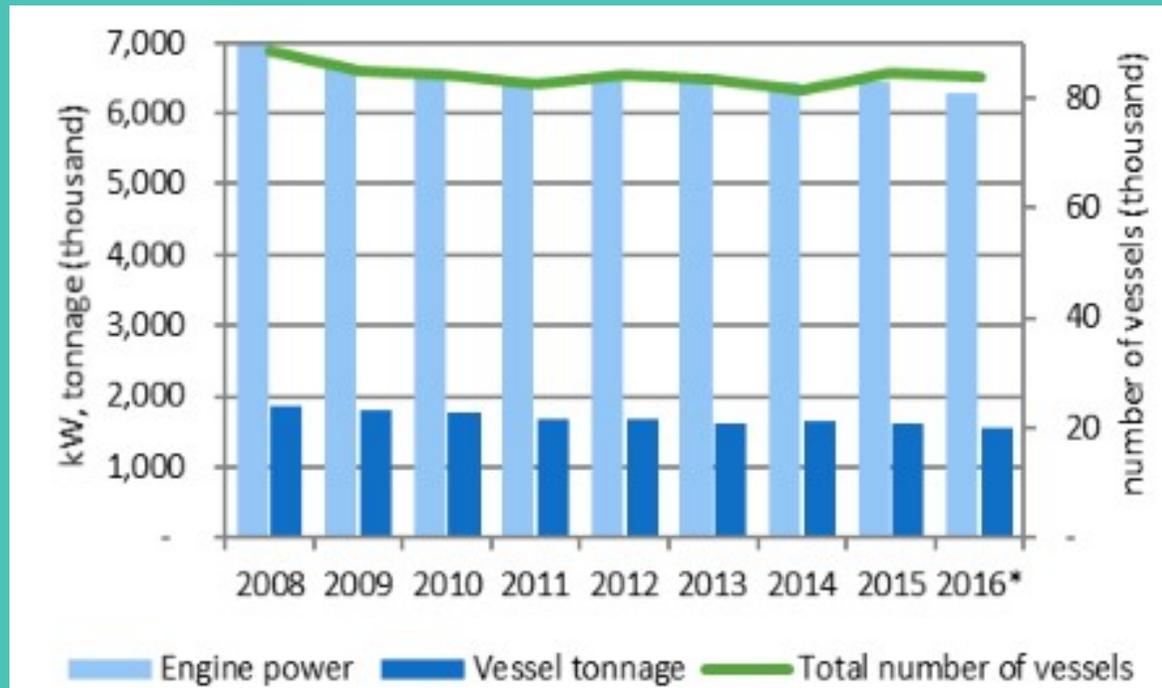
Lithuania takes 67% of their landings in the OFR, Spain (56%), Portugal (18%) France (16%).

# Summary of the Main Findings

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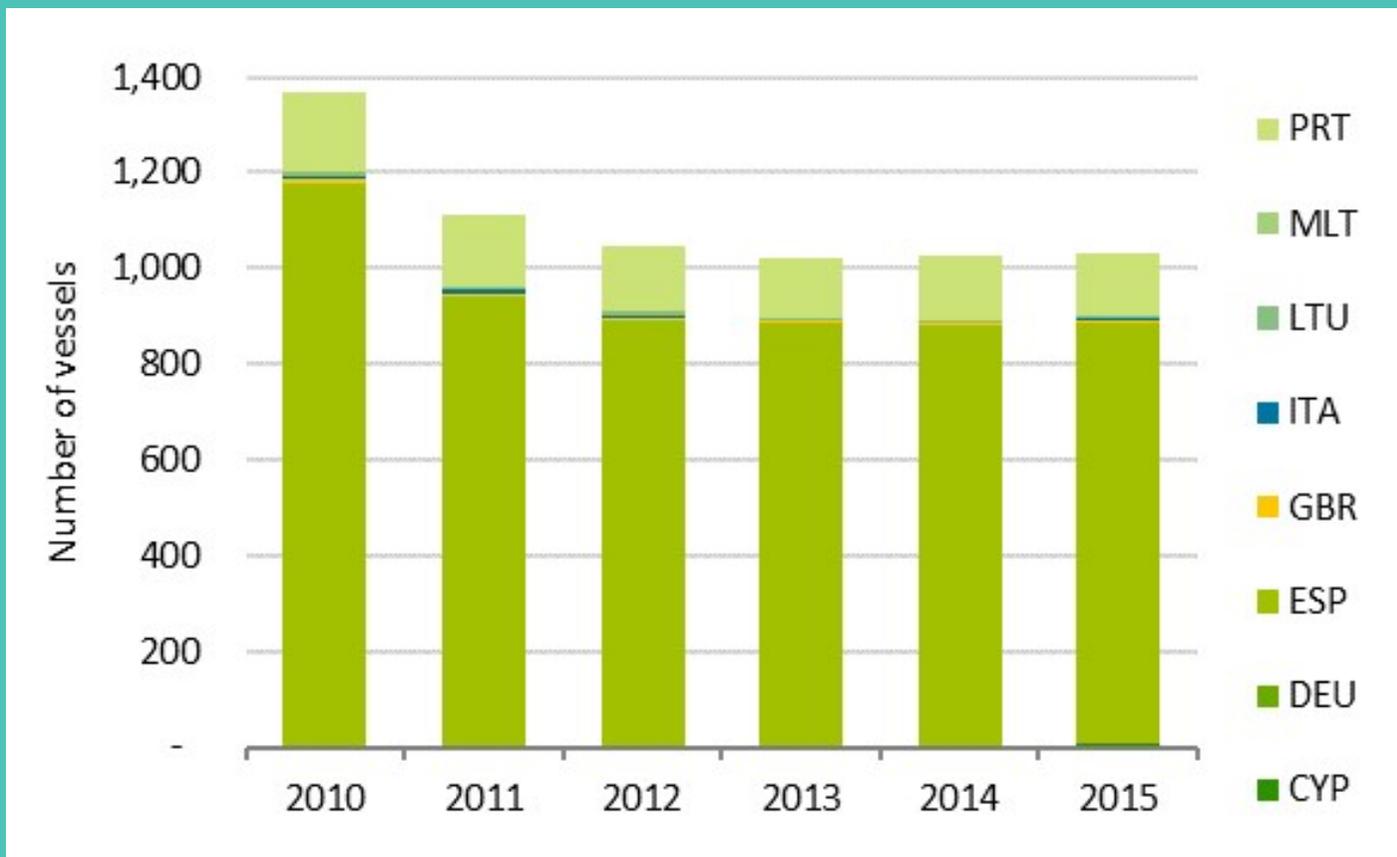
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2. Effort,
3. Employment,
4. Landings,
5. Income
6. Costs
7. Profitability

## Fleet Capacity and Structure



- 84,420 Vessels
- 1.62 million GT
- 6.44 million kW
  - ✧ 20,444 Inactive
  - ✧ 63,976 Active

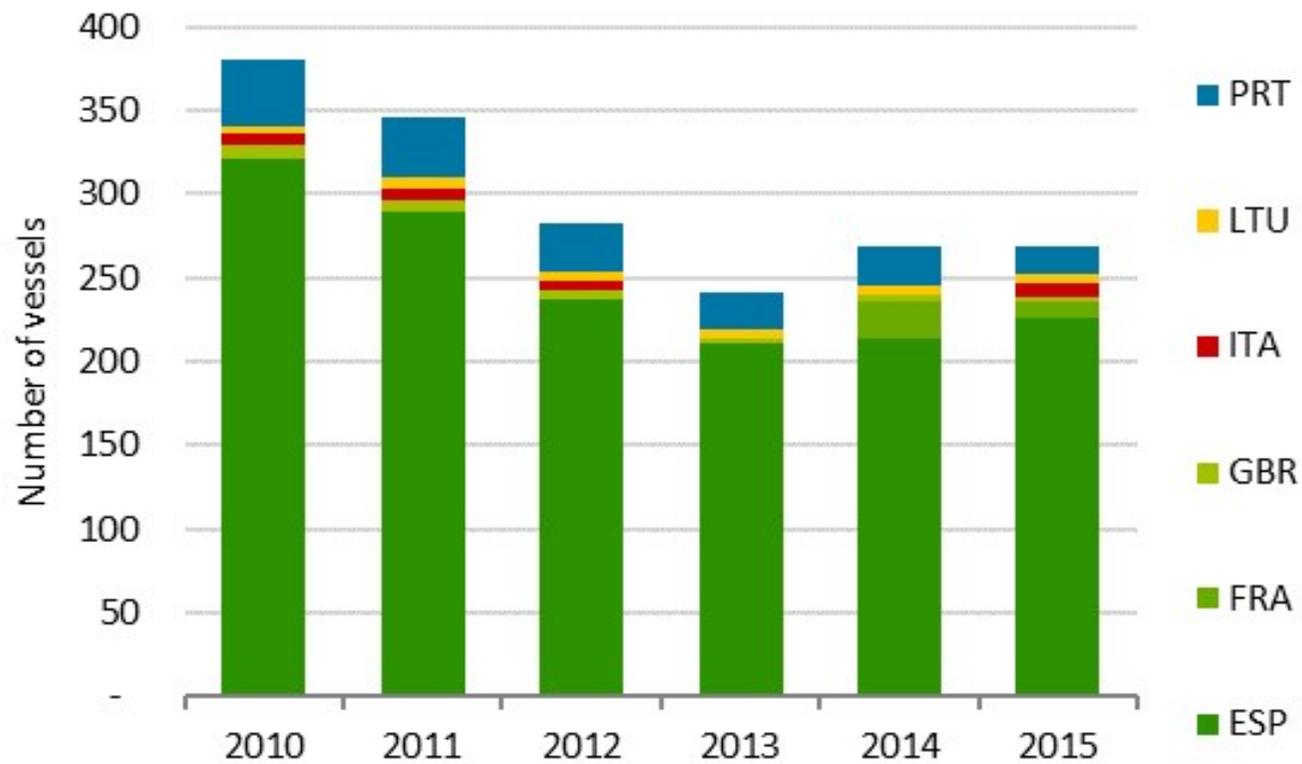
## Fleet Capacity (OFR Ex France)



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## Fleet Capacity (Other Regions)

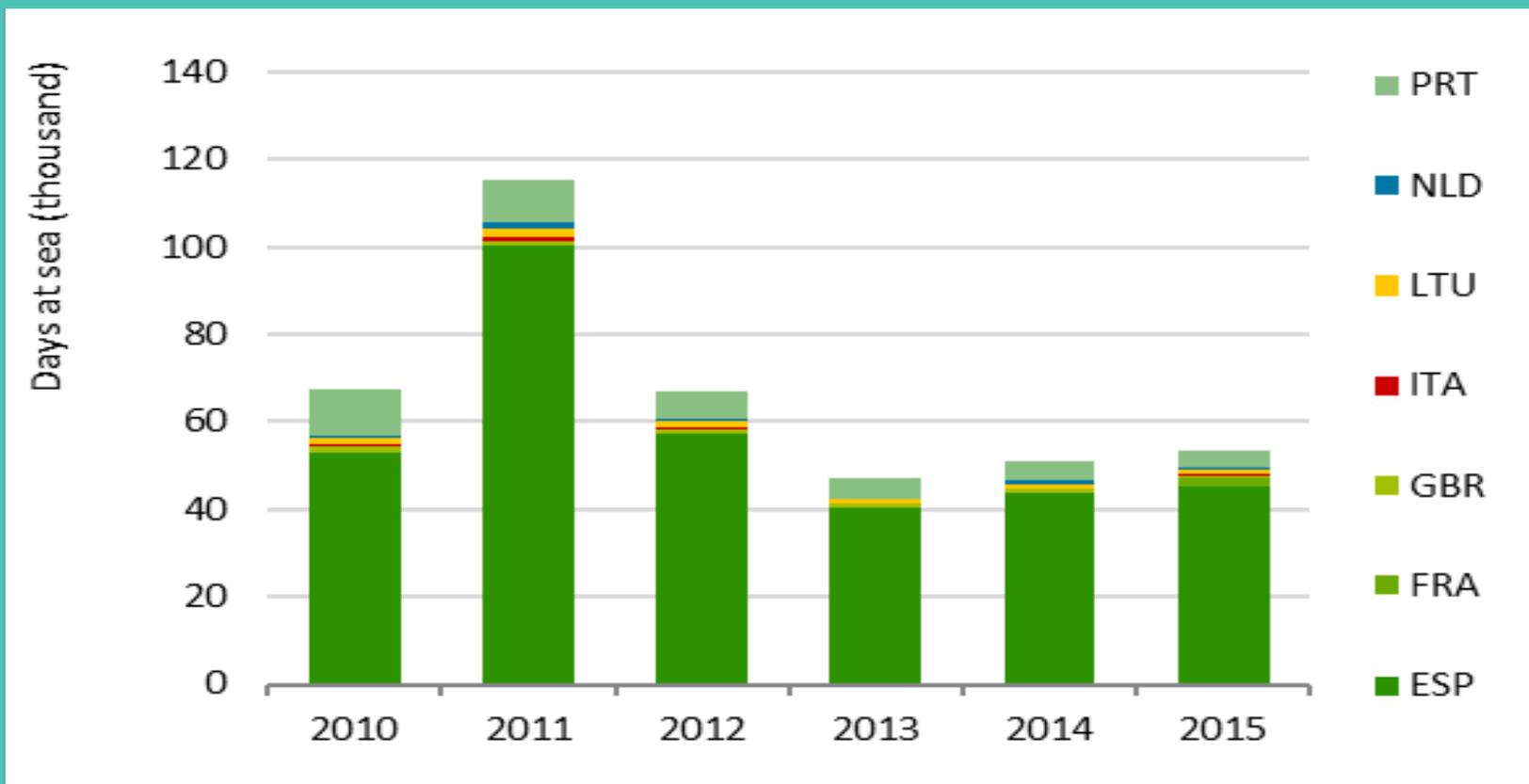


## Fleet Capacity

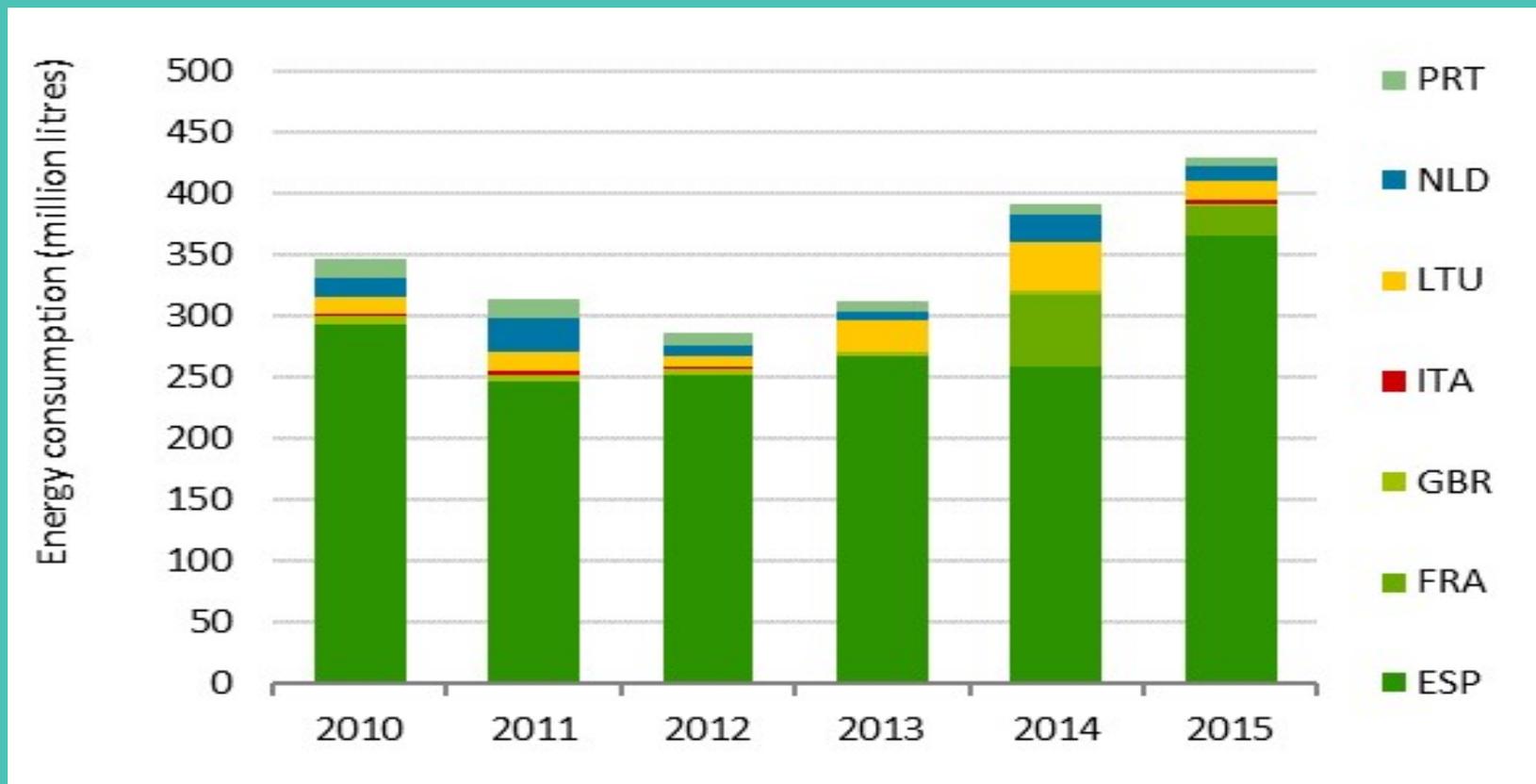
Of the active vessels, 74% were small-scale coastal vessels, 25% were large-scale and 1% distant water vessels.

Due to the reduced number of vessels (enterprises), several MS, including Germany and the Baltic States, do not deliver sensitive data on their distant water fleets, making coverage at the EU and regional levels incomplete.

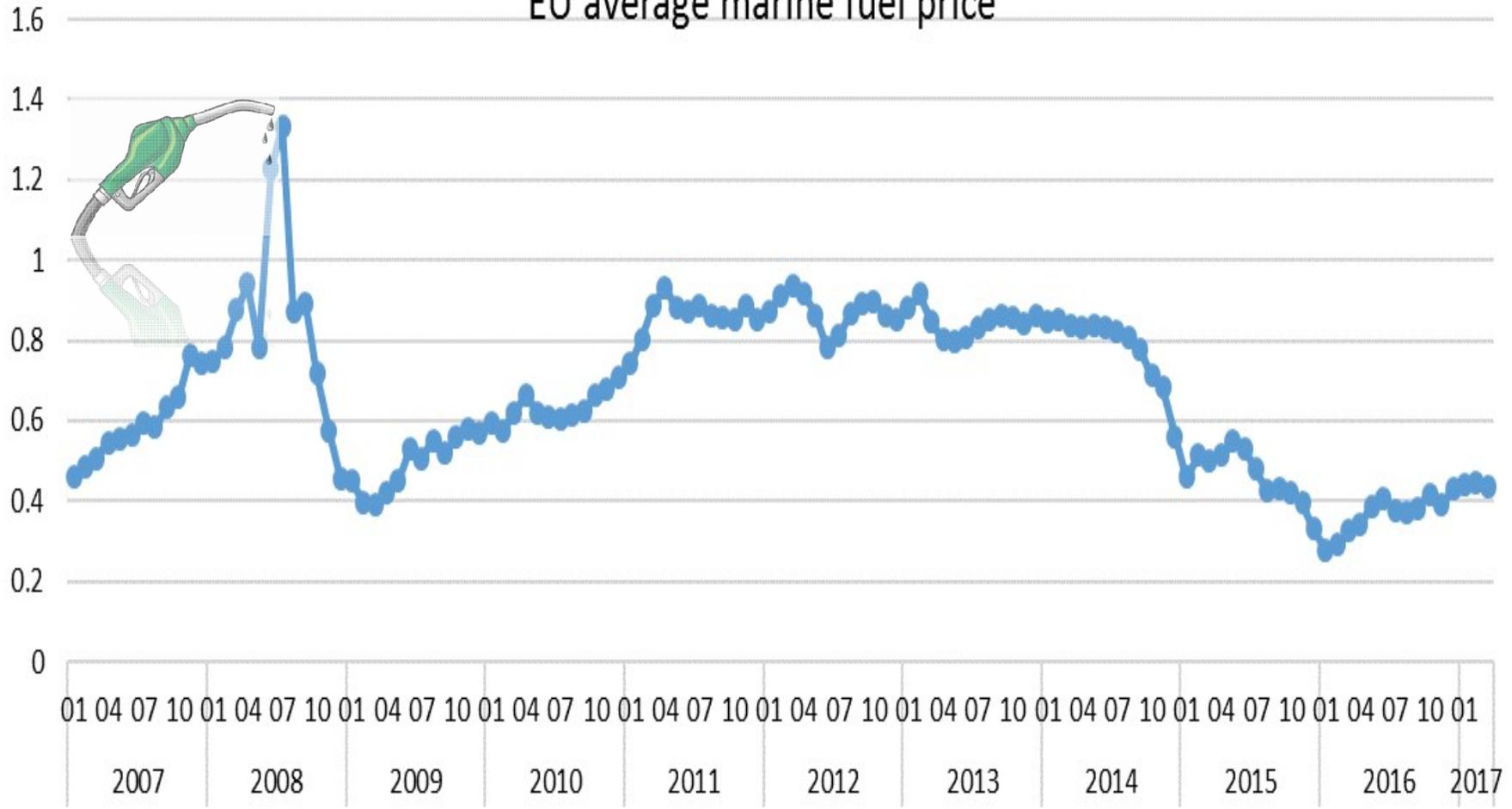
## Fishing Effort



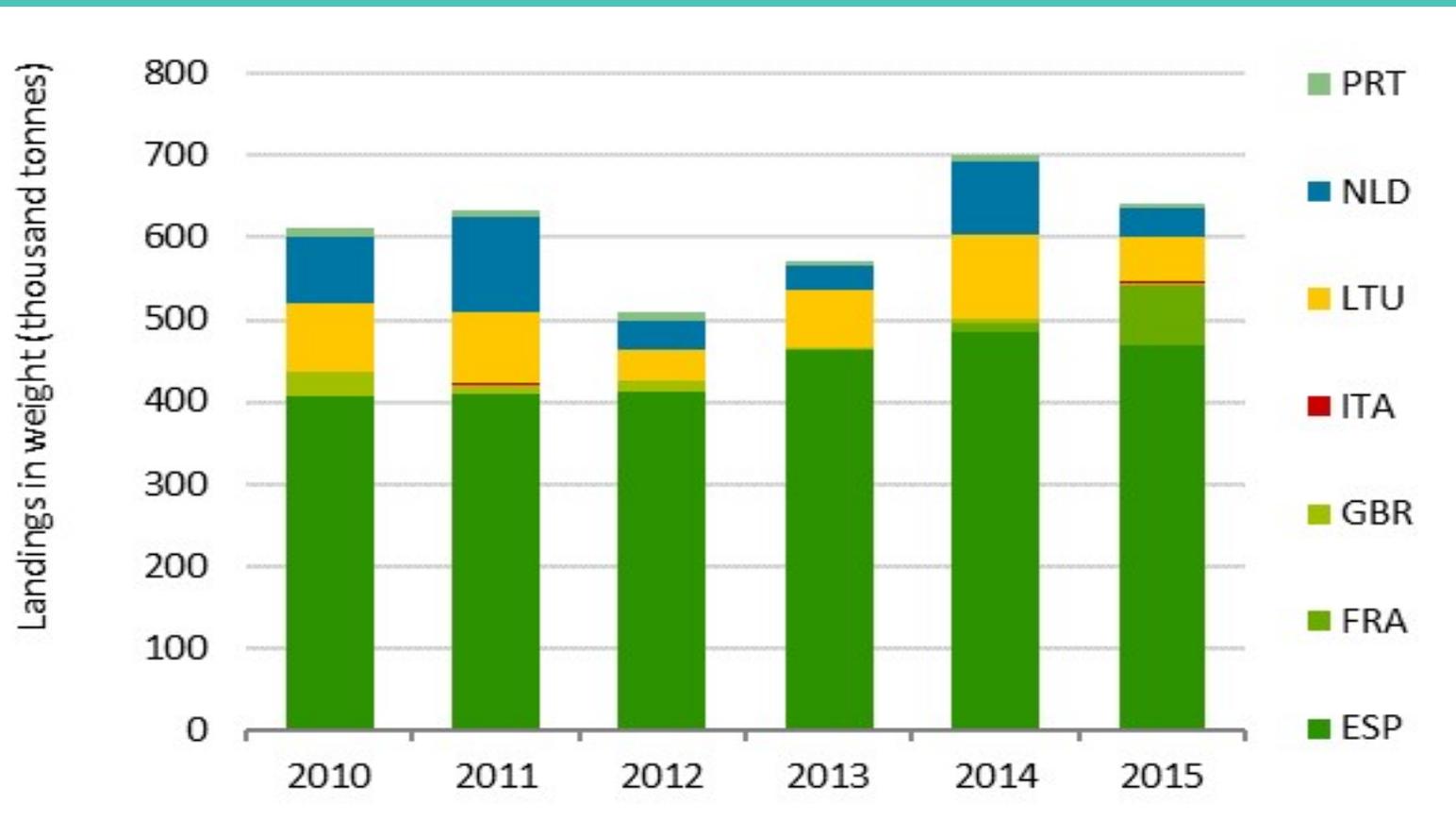
## Fuel Consumption (lit)



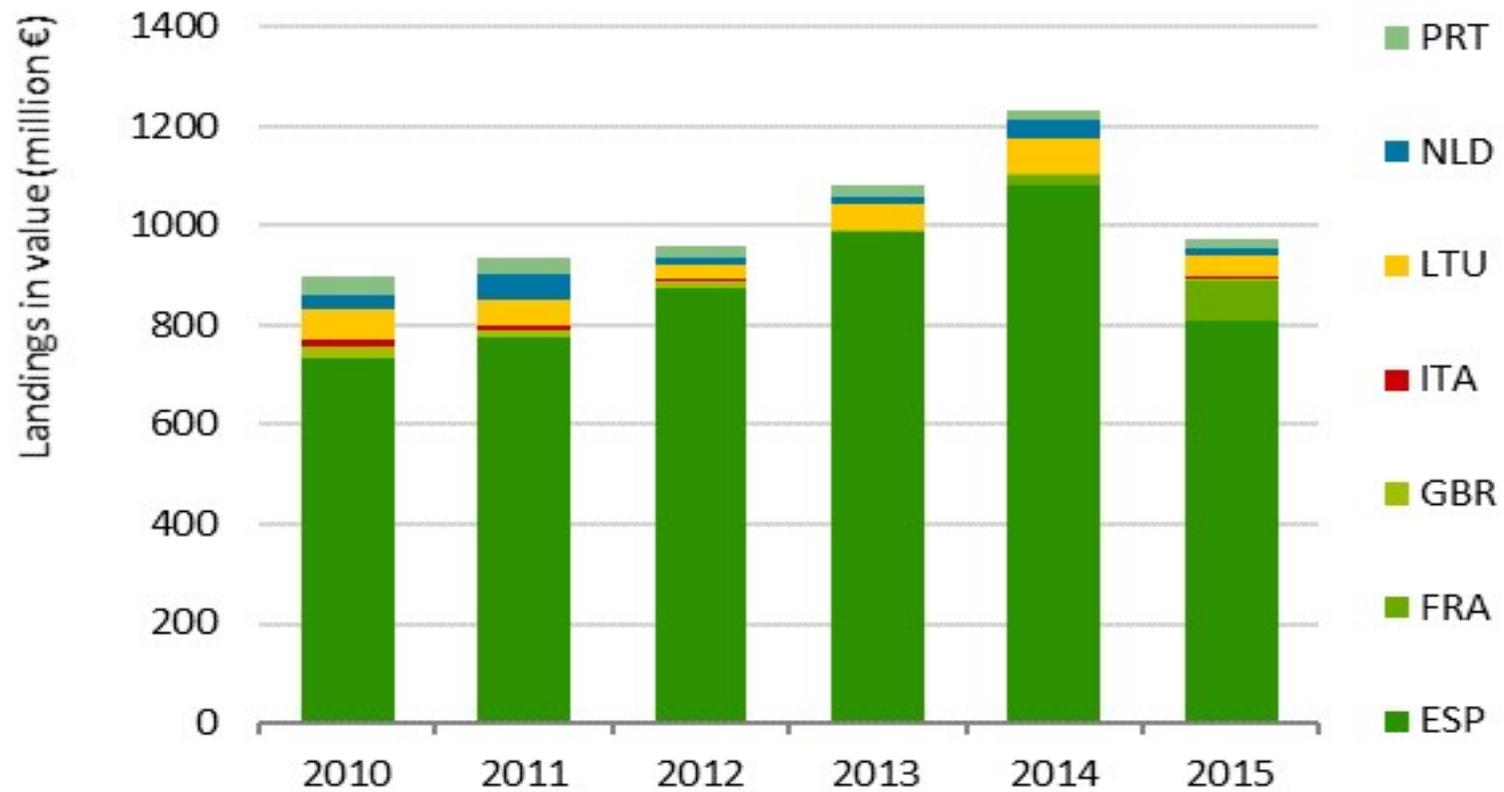
# EU average marine fuel price



## Trends on landings weight



## Trends on landings value

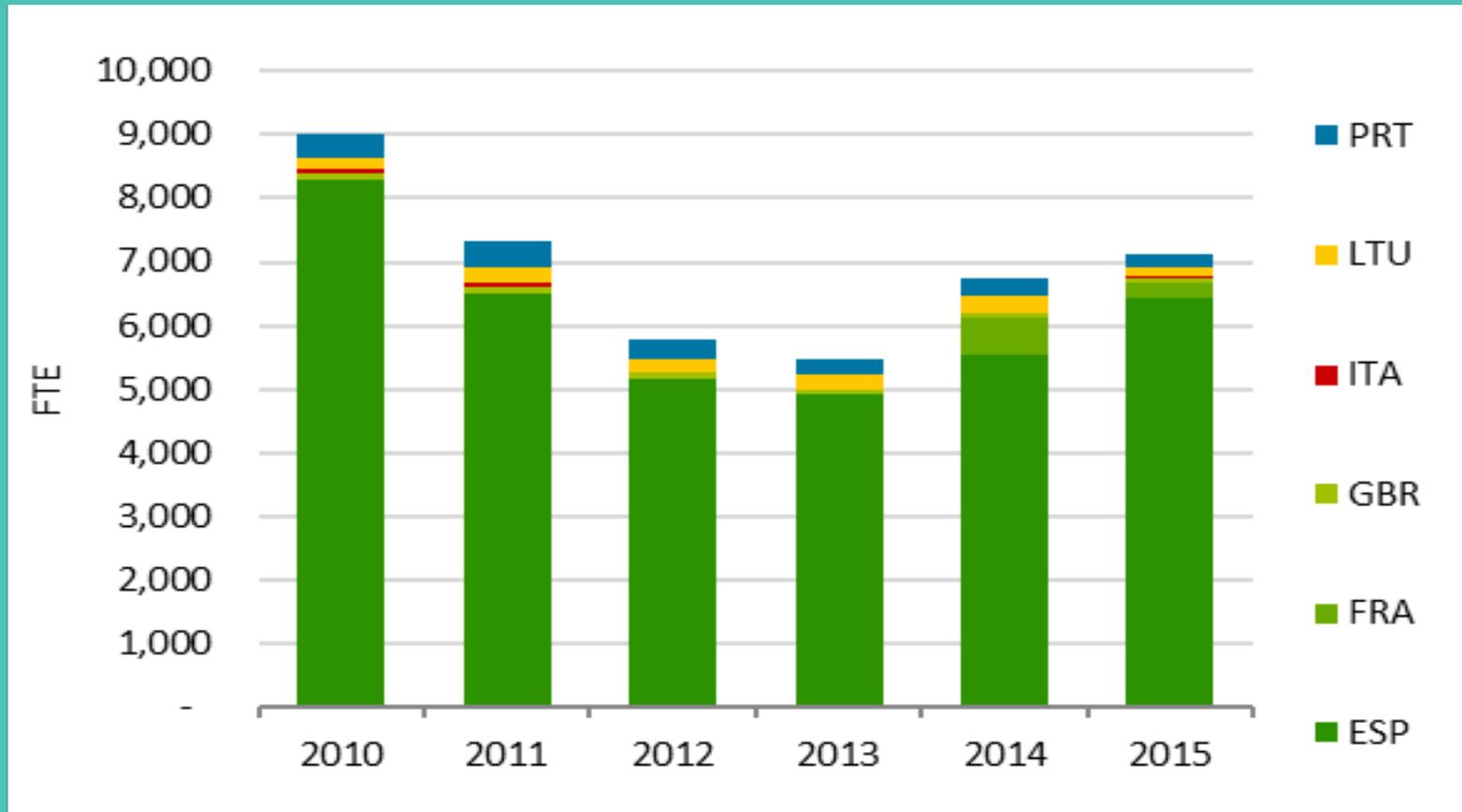


## Landings

Spain and France were again the leading countries, together accounting for 84% of the total weight and 91% of the value of landings; almost entirely landed by the DWF.

The total value of landings in 2015 decreased by 20.9% compare to 2014, first time since 2010, when value of landings had a constant annual growth

# Employment

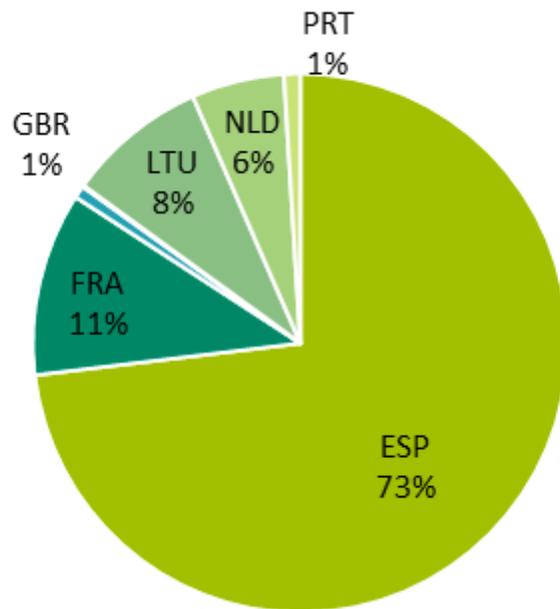


## Performance Indicators

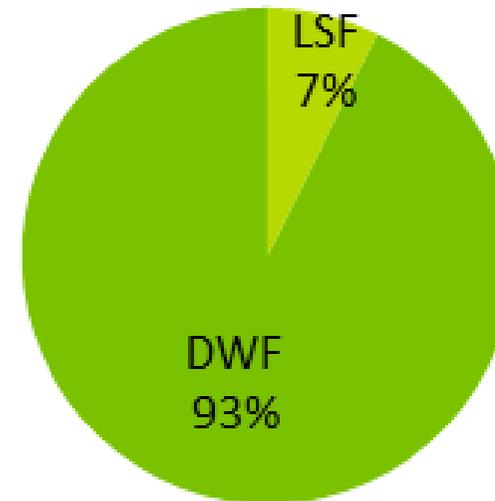
	2015	Change
Days at Sea '000	53.507	+5%
Fishing Days '000	51.580	+4%
Fuel Consumption M €	€178	+13%
Landed weight '000 tonnes	643	-8%
Landed Value M €	€1,004	-21%

## Landings (Volume)

Other regions - weight of landings

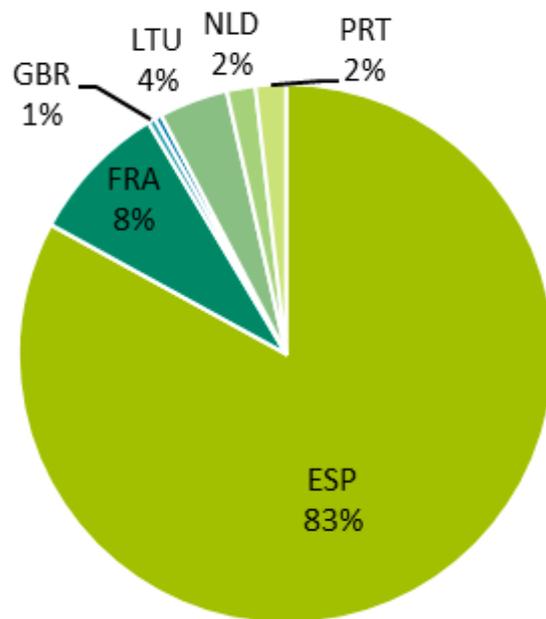


Live weight of landings

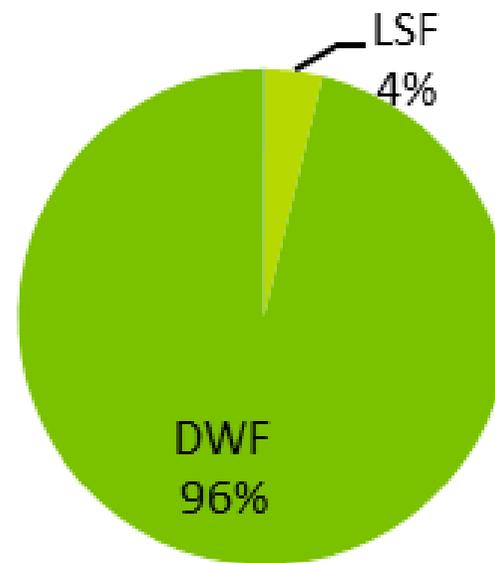


## Landings (€ Value)

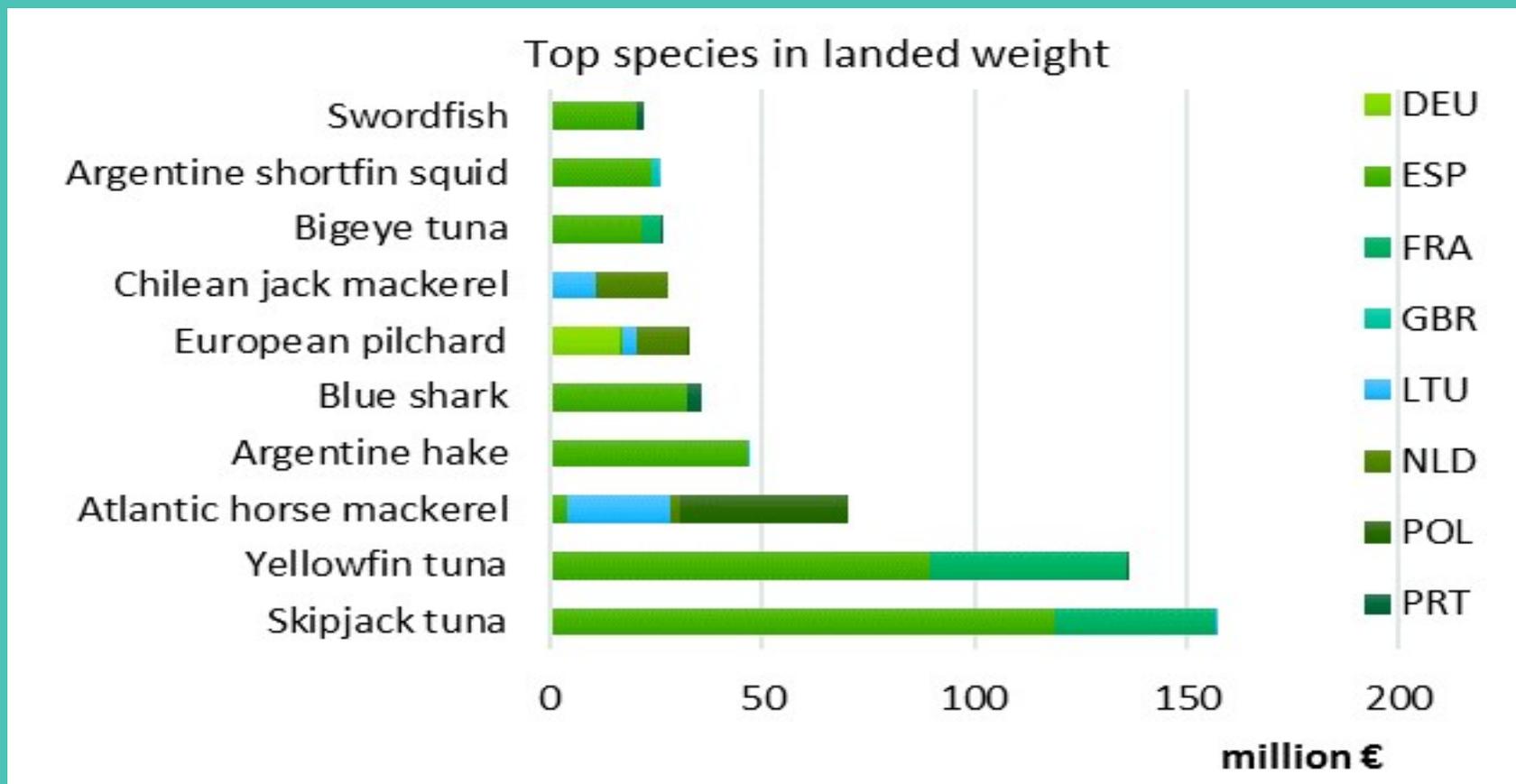
Other regions - value of landings



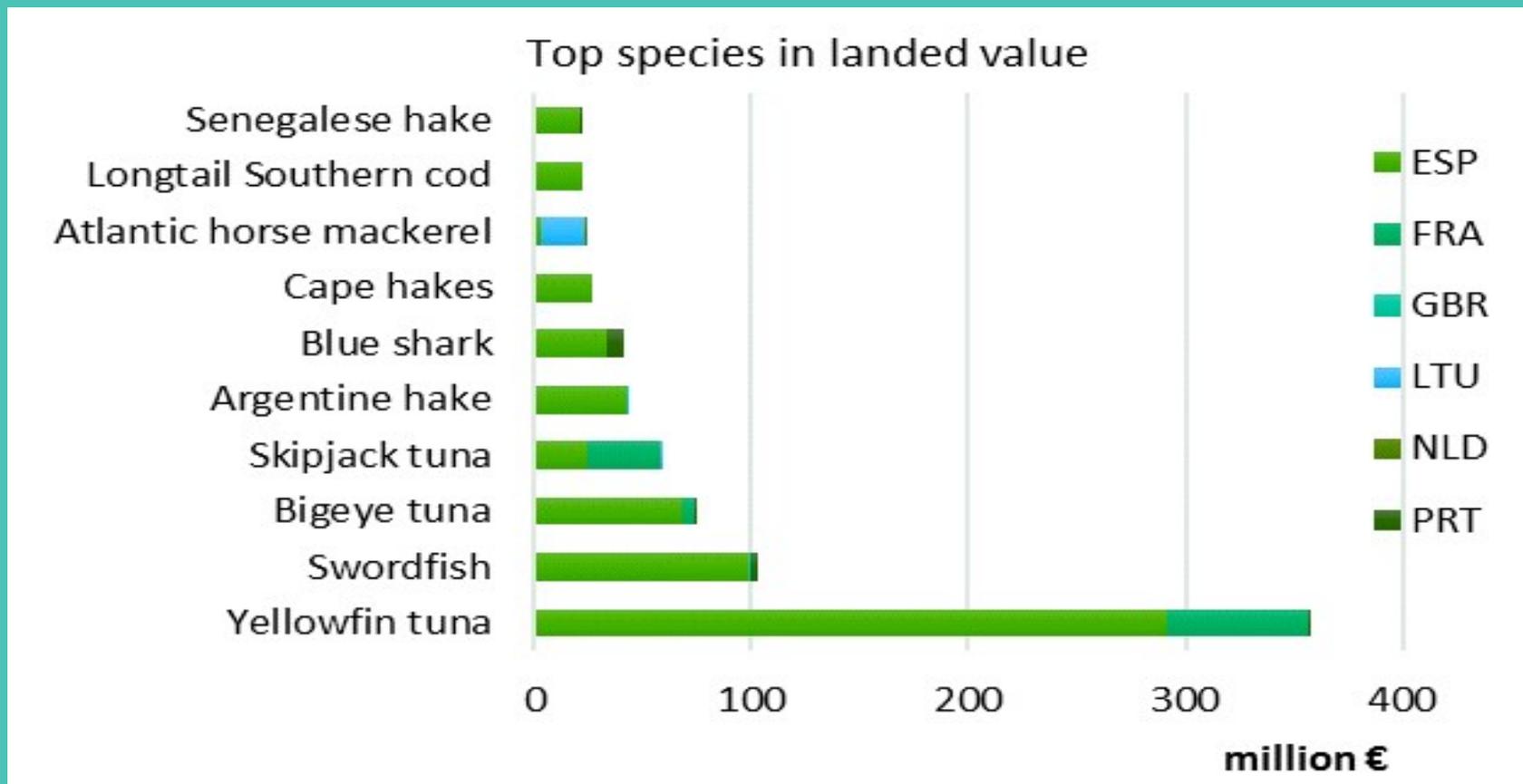
Value of landings



## Landings (Top 10 Species, Volume)



## Landings (Top 10 Species Value)



- Skipjack tuna (166,000 tonnes) most landed by weight, followed by
- Yellowfin tuna (143, 000 tonnes)
- Atlantic horse mackerel (70,000 tonnes).
- 61% of total weight of landings in Other Regions.
- Skipjack tuna & yellowfin tuna - Spain 70.4% & France 28.6%.
- Atlantic horse mackerel landings – Poland 56.6% & Lithuania 34.5%

## In terms of value

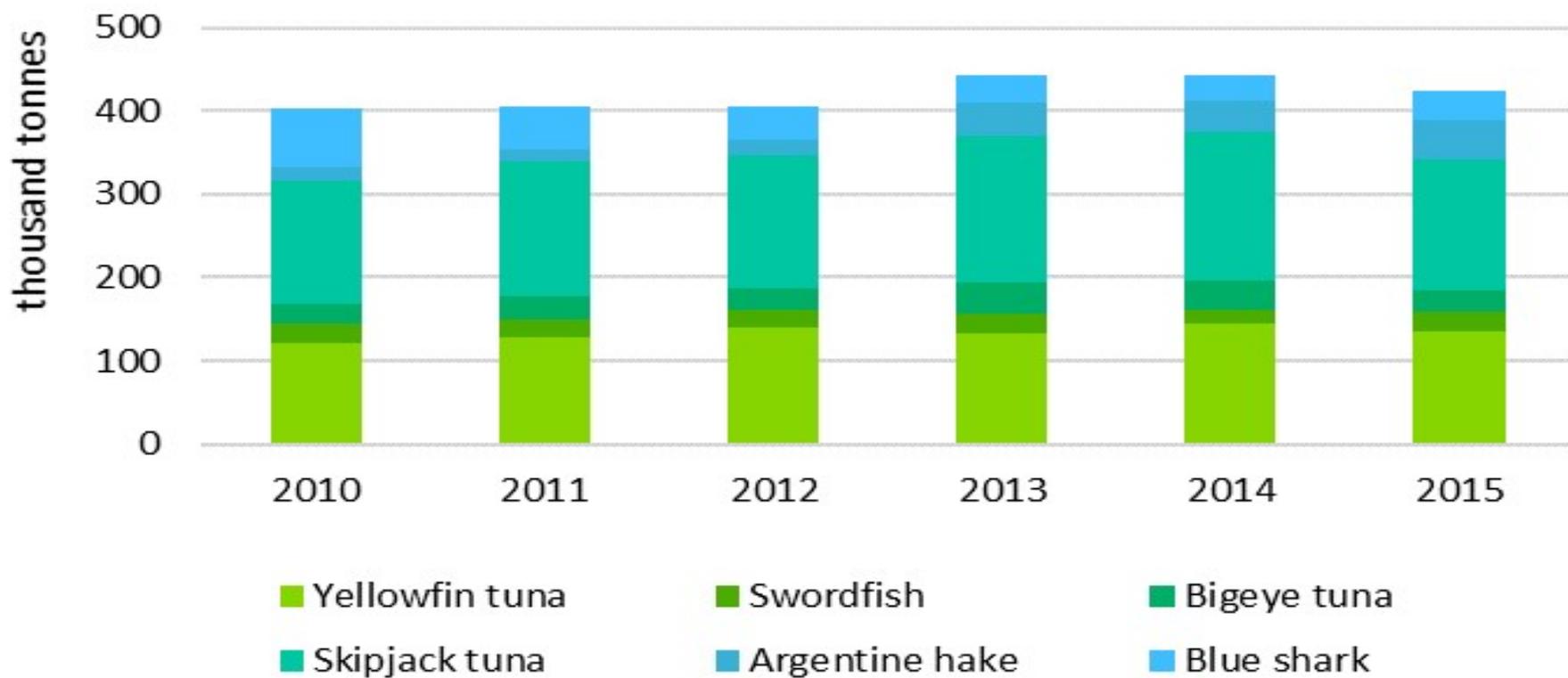
- Yellowfin tuna (€372 million)
- Swordfish (€122.8 million),
- Bigeye tuna (€88.8 million)
- Skipjack tuna (€63.1 million)

Price: Skipjack: €1.1 (2014) ----- €0.4 (2015)

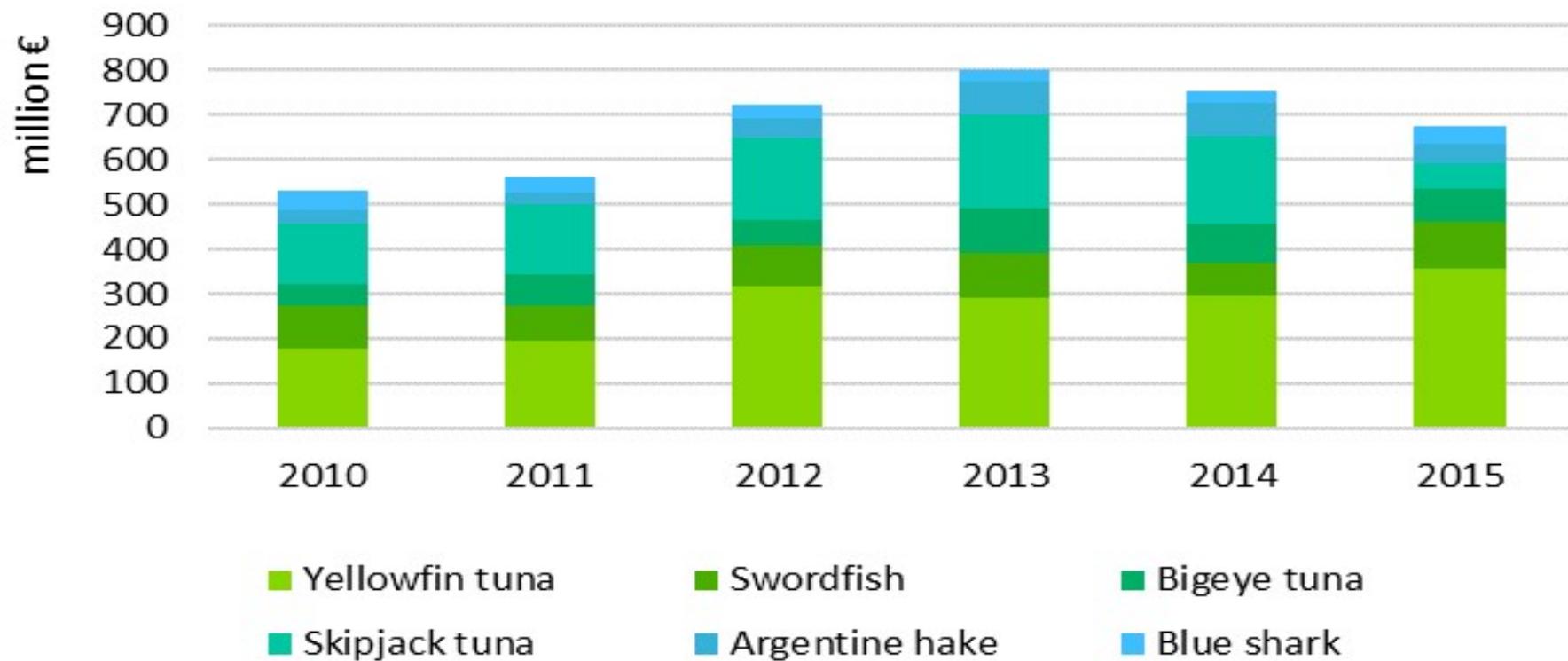
Yellowfin: +27.4%                      Swordfish +7%

- Yellowfin tuna = 45.6% of total value of landings in the region

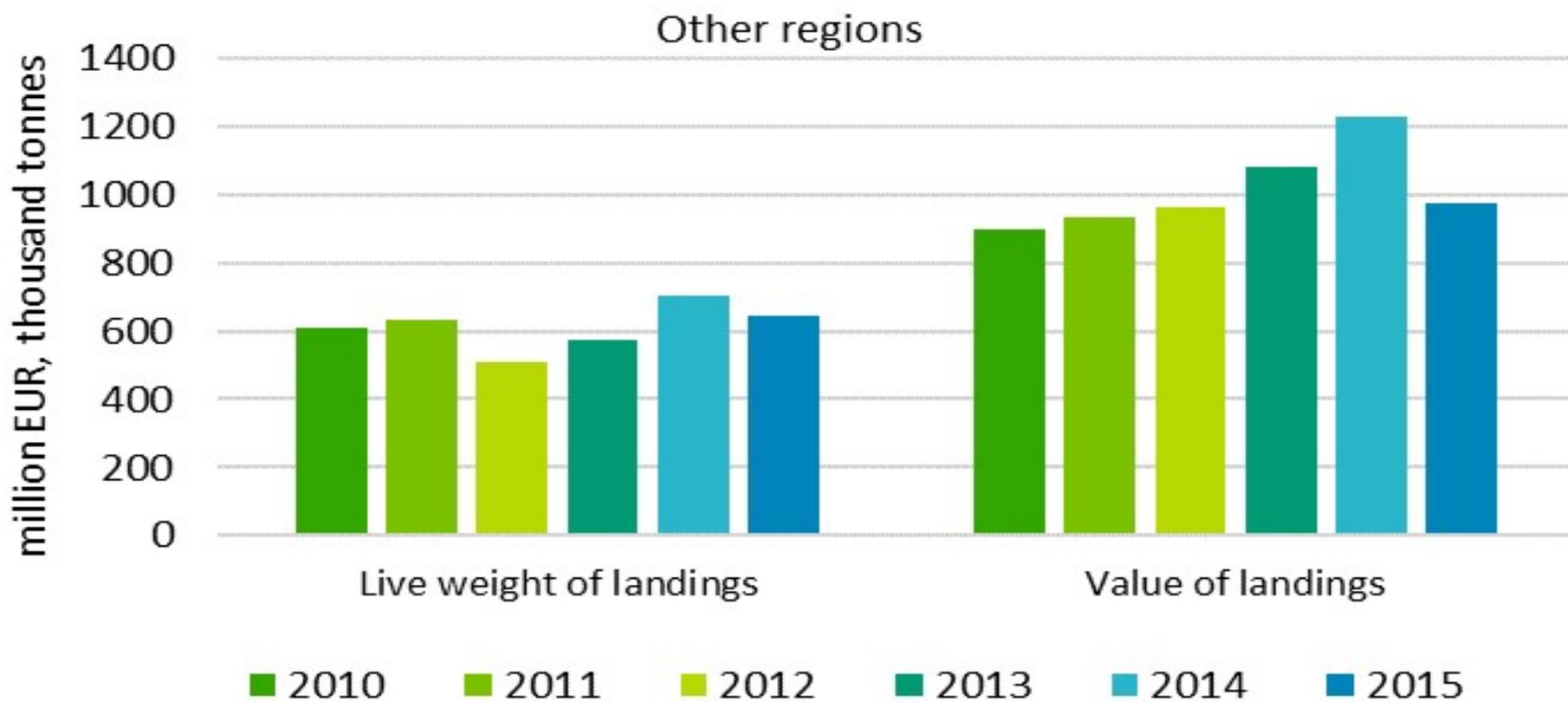
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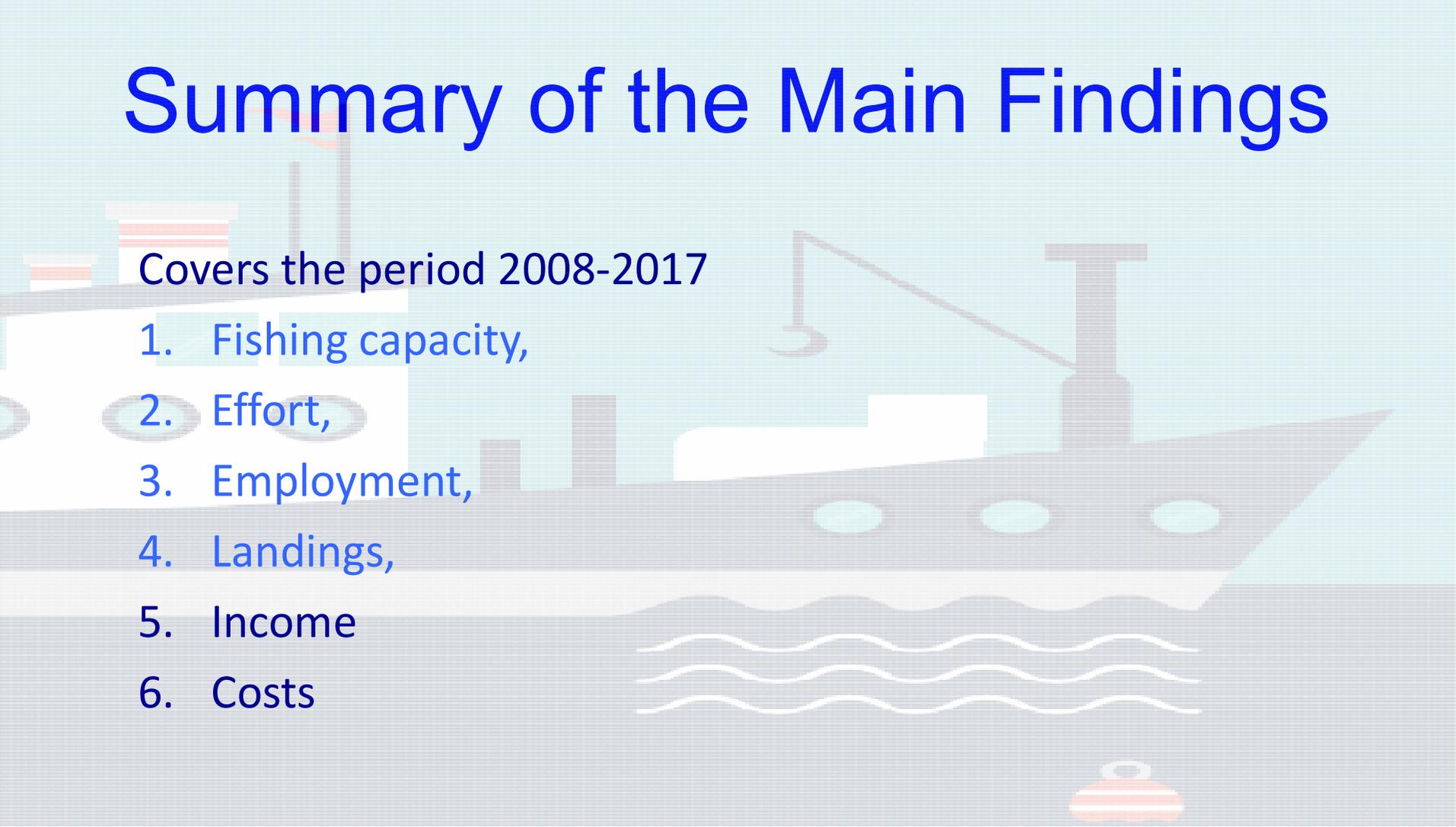
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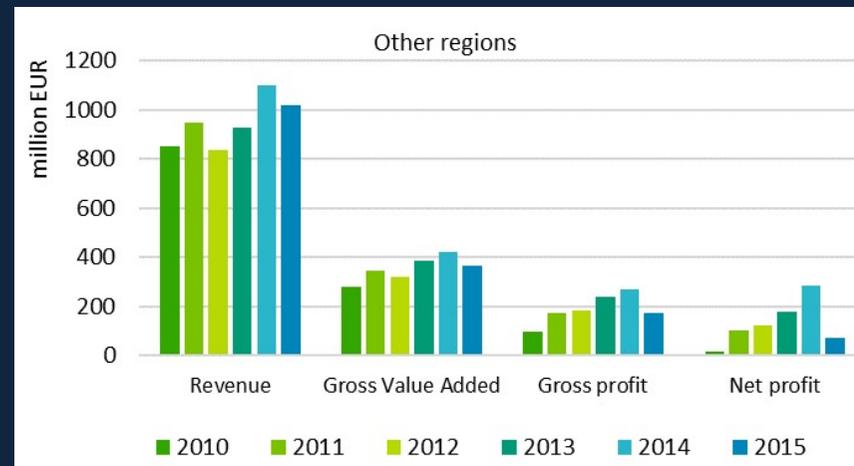
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Covers the period 2008-2017

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## What we have learned

- Fleet size stable
- Landed weight & value down



- Revenue down
- Fuel costs remain low

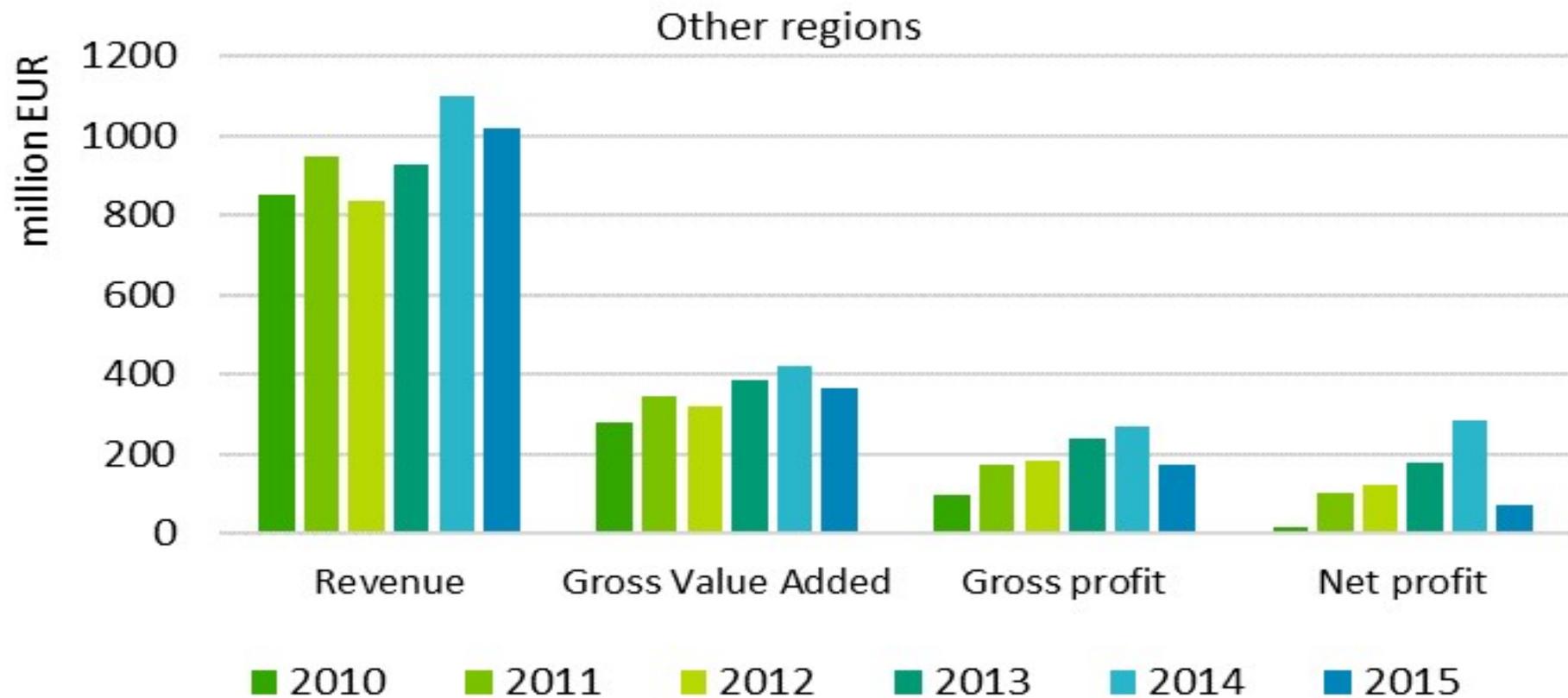
# REVENUE



## Total costs in 2015 relative to 2014 (€ 000,000)

	2014	2015	Change
Revenue	€1,201	€1,019	-15%
Labour Costs	€183	€191	+4%
Fuel Costs	€216	€178	-18%

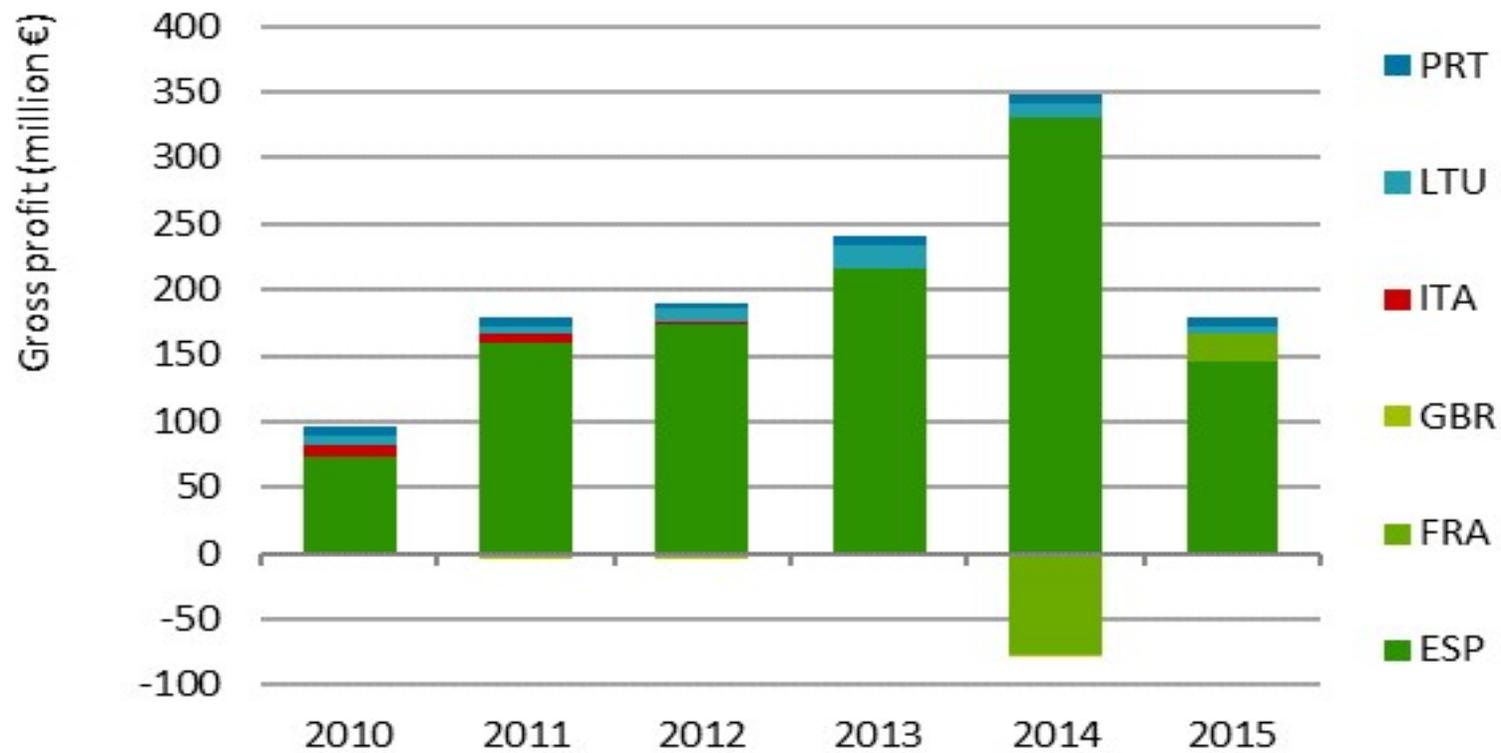
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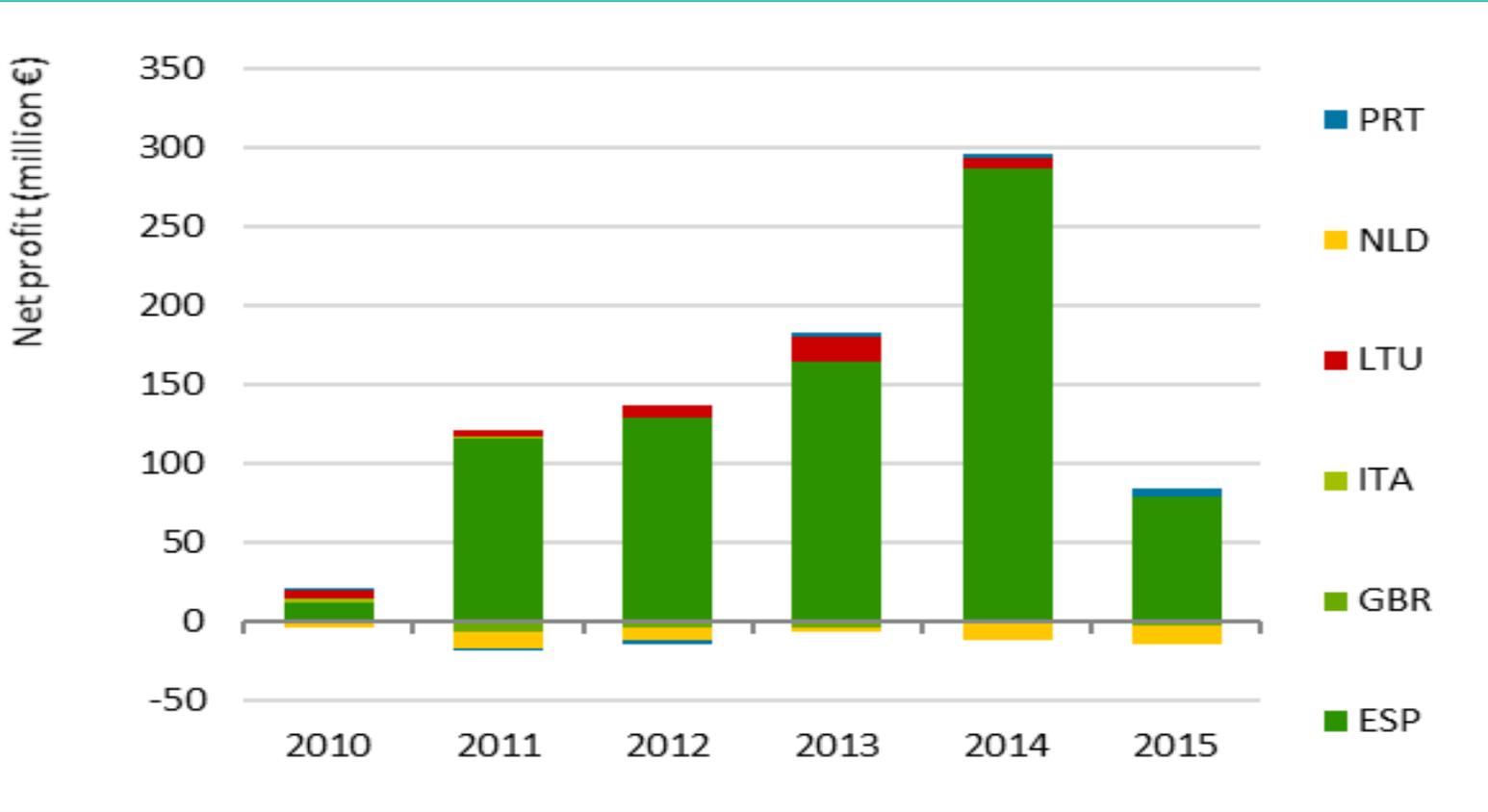
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Gross Profit	€350	€171	-50%
NET PROFIT	€279	€73	-75%

# GROSS PROFIT



# NET PROFIT



## Performance Indicators

- Revenue increased -15%
- LABOUR +4%
- FUEL -18%
- 19% drop in cost of Fuel major factor
- **Gross Profit down 15% to €171 million**
- **Gross Value down 30% to €363 million**
- **Net Profit down 75% to €73 million**

